

Affidavit of Probable Cause

Agency: El Paso County Sheriff's Office		Case Number: 20-5785	
Affiant: Deputy Katherine Draper		EID:	
Location in El Paso County: 2739 East Las Vegas			
Victim Name: State of Colorado	DOB:	Sex:	Race:
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Defendant Name: Letecia Leann Stauch		DOB: 08/04/1983	
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Factual Summary:

The following Affidavit is submitted to the Court to document the Probable Cause in the support of the arrest of **Letecia Leann Stauch, DOB 08/04/1983**.

On 5/18/2020, at approximately 1900 hours, your Affiant, Deputy Katherine Draper, a sworn deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office here after referred to as I, was assigned as the primary deputy in Ward Alpha 2 in the El Paso County Jail, located as 2739 East Las Vegas Street.

Case: 2020-00005785
 Title: Solicitation to Commit Escape
 Deputy: Deputy Katherine Draper, EID 18084
 Date: 5/20/2020

This is a felony filing case.

On 5/18/2020, at approximately 1900 hours, I, Deputy Katherine Draper, a sworn deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office was assigned as the primary deputy in Ward Alpha 2 in the El Paso County Jail, located as 2739 East Las Vegas Street, County of El Paso, State of Colorado.

At approximately 1900 hours, Ms. Theresa Borchard, DOB: 6/25/1979 asked to speak with me. Ms. Borchard is an inmate at the El Paso County Jail. Ms. Borchard said she has received a couple letters from Ms. Letecia Stauch, DOB: 08/04/1983. Ms. Stauch is an inmate at the El Paso County Jail. Ms. Borchard stated the letters she received from Ms. Stauch contained written plans for Ms. Stauch's escape. I asked where these letters were, and Ms. Borchard told me they were in her cell. Ms. Borchard told me that when Ms. Stauch has her hour out, she stops by Ms. Borchard's cell, cell #4, and talks with her. Ms. Borchard also explained to me that Ms. Stauch will pass notes to her and other inmates by sliding the notes under their doors or through the door jam. Ms. Borchard told me this is how she received these notes from Ms. Stauch was, by Ms. Stauch sliding them

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through her door jam. Ms. Borchard explained to me that she is lower level lower bunk restricted and does not go upstairs where Ms. Stauch is housed in cell #10.

On 5/5/2020, Ms. Stauch was housed in Alpha 2. Ms. Stauch is classified as Segregation from All (Seg All) meaning she will not be moved around this facility with other inmates. Ms. Stauch is not to be housed with anyone else and she will not have out time with anyone else. Ms. Stauch is also classified as a full restraint escape risk, meaning she will not be transported outside of this facility without full restraints being placed on her wrists and ankles and her wrists will be secured to a belt around her waist.

At approximately 1900 hours, I went into Ms. Borchard's cell and interviewed her. This is where Ms. Borchard gave me both letters she had received from Ms. Stauch. Ms. Borchard told me that Ms. Stauch has been talking a lot lately to the other inmates in the ward. Ms. Borchard said that Ms. Stauch told her she has been making plans to escape and was looking for Ms. Borchard's help. Ms. Borchard told me that she had not read one of the letters written by Ms. Stauch because Ms. Borchard had been in court all afternoon. Ms. Borchard told me she received the letter before she went to court when Ms. Stauch was on her hour out.

During the interview, Ms. Borchard stated Ms. Stauch said she was planning on breaking out her cell window and measured herself. Ms. Stauch said that she will fit through the window. I asked Ms. Borchard why Ms. Stauch would choose her to help Ms. Stauch escape? Ms. Borchard said it was because she was "Italian and kind of the bad boy." Ms. Borchard stated Ms. Stauch thought if she offered Ms. Borchard money, she would help her escape. I asked Ms. Borchard if she was going to give Ms. Stauch any help and Ms. Borchard said, "No way, that is why I told you about the letters to begin with." Ms. Borchard said she knows about Ms. Stauch's charges and she doesn't want to be involved or have anything to do with her. Ms. Borchard said if she did anything, it would be to use her for commissary. Commissary items are food or hygiene products that inmates can purchase. In the Alpha 2 ward, the inmates are only allowed to purchase and have correspondence material and personal hygiene.

I asked Ms. Borchard if she was planning on helping Ms. Stauch escape? Ms. Borchard said no that she is looking at her own time now and wouldn't do something stupid like that to make her own situation worse. Ms. Borchard told me her and Ms. Stauch had a conversation the morning of May 18, 2020 and Ms. Stauch spoke about using the broom handle to bust out the window in her cell. Ms. Borchard said that Ms. Stauch told her she would fit through the window because she had already measured herself.

I received two letters from Ms. Borchard she claimed were from Ms. Stauch. Both letters had similar handwriting. In the first letter I opened it was written that the writers "G-pa" was putting \$75,000 in an account for a private attorney. It was written that the account was opened for the authors daughter to use as well. The author wrote to Ms. Borchard saying she would, "much rather use the money to survive if you know what I mean." In the letter was written, "You have my word to make sure we are MIA. I got us covered!"

The letter written stated they, "Just need to set up some access points." The letter written said that once her and Ms. Borchard get access to the State bank and funds, they will be

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"good". It was added in the letter that the letter was written partially in code because her letters get opened. It was written in the letter about a visit she was having tonight at 8pm. Ms. Stauch did have a professional visit at 2000 hours, on May 18, 2020 with a Social Worker, for an hour and a half. This shows that Ms. Stauch is the author of this letter.

In a second letter, the author wrote she had been looking for days at her window. The author stated she already measured and drew something that resembled the window in her cell. This drawing can be found at the bottom of this letter she wrote. The letter stated that "it's perfect" next to the window that was drawn. The author wrote in the letter asking Ms. Borchard to check the broom piece since Ms. Borchard gets to use that item on her time out. The author added in her letter she was "dead serious" and asked Ms. Borchard to "just think hard".

This letter has similar handwriting to the first letter that spoke about Ms. Stauch's professional visit she had in the ward. At the bottom of the letter, the author asked Ms. Borchard to "throw the note away in the toilet".

At approximately 2300 hours, Deputy Jennifer Jago, EID 19048, and I went into Ms. Stauch's cell. I told Ms. Stauch to put her shoes on because she was being moved. During this interaction, I did not ask Ms. Stauch any questions. Ms. Stauch was placed in full restraints and escorted to a cell in the medical section. Once Ms. Stauch was removed from the cell, Deputy Jago and I were the only people inside of her cell. No other Inmates have access in Ms. Stauch's cell. Ms. Stauch comes out by herself for her hour out.

During a shake down of Ms. Stauch's cell, I found another letter addressed to "Sweetie". This letter had similar handwriting to the first two letters I received from Ms. Borchard. In this letter, the author makes the comment that if "something comes up on the news like she is no longer in the jail or is missing to not be afraid." On the back of one of the pages was the name Harley which is the name of Ms. Stauch's daughter. Ms. Stauch has her daughter named as her next of kin in her booking information. The author wrote for this person to just keep normal and focused underlining these comments. She wrote for this person to trust her on this and underlined it.

At approximately 0010 hours, May 19, 2020 I placed three letters I recovered in evidence locker #71 and locked with a Master Pad lock. This was to preserve the evidence. The letters were temporarily placed into the evidence locker until they could be scanned and permanently entered into evidence.

I have nothing further at this time.

Case status: Active

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I am respectfully requesting **Letecia Leann Stauch, DOB 08/04/1983**, who is currently incarcerated at the El Paso County Jail, be charged with the following charges:

Solicitation to commit Escape (F5)

Affiant's Signature: Kathy Deaper Date: 06/21/2020

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of June, 2020.

Notary's Signature: Kenneth D. Cross

Commission Expires: 11/19/2023

