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AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, PERSONALLY APPEARED THE AFFIANT HEREIN, A PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS, WHO, BEING DULY SWORN, ON OATH MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

My name is **Patrick O'Connor**, and I am commissioned as a peace officer by **Texas Rangers Company "D", Department of Public Safety**. I hereby state upon my oath that I have reason to believe and do believe and hereby charge and accuse the suspected party, identified below, of having committed the offense of **Solicitation of Prostitution**, in violation of Texas Penal Code 43.021 (a), a State Jail Felony.

SUSPECTED PARTY



DENNIS STAHL

DATE OF BIRTH: 12/07/1951

On 10/03/2025 at approximately 1:00 pm, I, Company "D" Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor, met with South Padre Island Police Department (SPI PD) Chief of Police Claudine O'Carroll and Detective Albert Dominguez at the SPI PD. Chief O'Carroll and Detective Dominguez advised me of the following information:

On 10/01/2025 at approximately 2:47 pm, the SPI PD received a call for Solicitation of Prostitution at the [REDACTED] restaurant at [REDACTED] Hwy 100 South Padre Island, Texas 78597. SPI PD Officer Daniel Villanueva responded to the scene and met with the

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complainant, [REDACTED] (22 year old female). [REDACTED] provided a written and a video-recorded statement. [REDACTED] advised that an older white male known only as "Dennis" approached her at the front counter of the restaurant and began talking about things of a very sexual nature. The conversation made [REDACTED] very upset and uncomfortable. [REDACTED] knew the older man as "Dennis" as he had been to the restaurant before. "Dennis" asked [REDACTED] if she was a virgin and if she shaved her vaginal area. "Dennis" asked [REDACTED] if she would like him as a sugar daddy and asked if she would have sex with him twice a month for \$500. "Dennis" picked up a large potato on the counter and advised that his penis was not as large as the potato, but "It still works." [REDACTED] became very upset and went into the back of the restaurant. [REDACTED] told other employees what happened. The employees confronted "Dennis", later identified as Dennis Stahl, H/M, DOB: 12/07/1951. [REDACTED] reported that Stahl and his family finished eating and left the premises before law enforcement was contacted to respond. [REDACTED] advised that Stahl entered a gray passenger car bearing Texas license plates VDD4711 after leaving the restaurant. I later ran a check on the license plates through the Texas Department of Public Safety police communications and learned that Dennis Stahl was the registered owner. Chief O'Carroll requested that the Texas Rangers investigate the incident. Detective Dominguez provided me with all the materials that SPI PD had collected up to that date.

On 10/03/2025 at approximately 4:30 pm, I drove to [REDACTED] and met with the front manager, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised me that she was not at the restaurant when the incident occurred on 10/01/2025. [REDACTED] later spoke to [REDACTED], who recited the story to her. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was a sweet girl and a good employee. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] would never lie about something like this and that [REDACTED] fully believed her story. [REDACTED] advised that a video captured the incident, but the audio was too far away to hear.

I met with [REDACTED], who was working. [REDACTED] spoke with me about the incident and told me what happened. [REDACTED] provided me with a list of individuals she spoke with immediately after the incident. I observed a large potato sitting on the front counter as I talked to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised me she had access to the video surveillance footage and emailed me a copy. I observed the two videos and learned the following:

On 10/01/2025 at approximately 12:40 pm, Stahl walked up to the front counter where [REDACTED] was working. Stahl was wearing a maroon-colored shirt. Stahl reached onto the counter and touched something, but the item was not clearly visible. Stahl leaned

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across the counter as if getting closer to speak with [REDACTED]. A man in a white t-shirt and a female (reportedly Stahl's son-in-law and granddaughter) walked behind Stahl to the counter to read the menu on the wall. The man in the white shirt walked to Stahl, who stood upright and appeared to stop talking to [REDACTED]. When the man in the white shirt returned to his seat, Stahl leaned forward and seemed to continue talking to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] later confirmed that the man in the white shirt and the woman in the dress sat at the same table as Stahl. As Stahl continued talking to [REDACTED], an unidentified female wearing a white shirt and shorts walked to the counter behind Stahl. The unnamed female moved closer to Stahl as if she could hear the conversation. Stahl then noticed that she was standing right next to him. Stahl stood up and walked away toward the dining area. The man in the white shirt and the female in the dress were later identified as James Ward (son-in-law to Dennis Stahl), and Alyssa Ward (Granddaughter to Dennis Stahl).

On 10/03/2025 at approximately 4:55 pm, [REDACTED] told me that she currently worked at [REDACTED] on South Padre Island. [REDACTED] works in the front taking orders and sometimes serves food. [REDACTED] was on duty and working on 10/01/2025 when the incident occurred at the restaurant. [REDACTED] did not personally hear Stahl's statements but listened to what happened through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that James Ward was initially thought to have made the comments to [REDACTED] but quickly got clarification that the older male in the red shirt (Stahl) was the one who made the comments.

At approximately 5:31 pm, [REDACTED] told me he worked at [REDACTED] on South Padre Island beside [REDACTED]. On 10/01/2025, [REDACTED] received a call from the manager at [REDACTED] who asked if he could handle a management problem for her while she was away. [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED], who was very upset about something that was said to her by a customer. [REDACTED] advised that the older man wearing a red shirt said that he wanted to be her sugar daddy and that he made a sexual reference to a potato that was on the front counter. Pizana approached the older man in the red shirt and asked him to meet with him privately. Pizana asked the older man if he had said anything sexual to the girl at the front counter. The man said, "Yes, I did say it." The male did not seem remorseful, nor did he appear intoxicated. The old man asked, "Do you know who I am? The older male commented that he knew [REDACTED] boss, as if attempting to threaten [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told the older man not to approach the front counter anymore and not to speak with [REDACTED] again. The family finished eating and left.

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I interviewed other employees and witnesses who provided an audio-recorded statement about what they saw and heard. I noted that every statement taken further corroborated [REDACTED] original statement.

On 10/17/2025 at approximately 10:24 am, I knocked on the door and went to Dennis Stahl's house. Anna Stahl, his wife, answered the door and invited me into their living room. I requested to speak with Dennis Stahl, but Dennis Stahl later arrived in the room, and I introduced myself. I advised Stahl that an accusation was made against him and that I would like to ask him a few questions about an incident on 10/01/2025 at [REDACTED]. Stahl acknowledged that he was at [REDACTED] that day. I advised Stahl that he was not under arrest and did not have to make a statement. Stahl advised that he understood. I advised Stahl of the accusation against him and asked if he remembered what I was talking about. Stahl stated, "Yeah, huh," and nodded his head up and down, indicating yes. I asked Stahl if he could tell me what happened that day. Stahl said he would rather not talk about it, but stated, "She was a sweet little girl." Stahl advised that he had hearing problems but no mental issues.

At approximately 10:35 am, Anna Stahl advised me she remembered going to [REDACTED] on 10/01/2025 with her family. Anna Stahl remembered a lady walking to their table and telling Dennis Stahl he was no longer welcome to return. Anna Stahl did not know why the lady said that, and did not hear anything Dennis told the girl at the front counter. Natalie Ward and James "Jim" Ward, Anna's granddaughter and great-grandson, were at the restaurant with Anna Stahl and Dennis Stahl. I later learned that Anna Stahl was diagnosed with dementia and that Natalie Ward was not present that day.

At approximately 11:10 am, Natalie Ward gave me a statement and told me that her father is Dennis Stahl. Natalie Ward knew that the family went to [REDACTED], but she did not go with them that day. James Ward and Natalie's daughter, Alyssa Ward, went to [REDACTED] with the Stahls. Anna Stahl has severe dementia. Dennis Stahl doesn't have dementia, but has been diagnosed with a mental issue that causes him to have self-control issues. Occasionally, Stahl behaves impulsively like a child and acts on things he usually would not have.

At approximately 11:30 am, James Ward advised that on 10/01/2025, he went to [REDACTED] restaurant with Dennis Stahl, Anna Stahl, Alyssa Ward, and Alyssa's infant son. James ordered food and sat down with his family. A female came to his table and

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scolded him for inappropriately talking to the girl at the front counter. James Ward denied the accusation and asked the women to get clarification from the accuser. The lady returned and advised that it was the older man, Dennis Stahl, not James Ward. Dennis Stahl asked James what he had told the girl in the front, as if James were the one who had spoken to her. James Ward was upset with Dennis and embarrassed over the situation. James advised that Dennis had fallen a couple of times, which may have affected his brain. James later tried to smooth things over and apologize for what Dennis did, but the girl at the front didn't want to speak with them. Dennis Stahl never told James Ward what he had said to the girl at the front counter.

On 10/17/2025, I interviewed two ladies independently of one another on South Padre Island. Both ladies are believed to be credible witnesses as they are gainfully employed and well-known long-time residents in the area. The two women heard about the accusation against Stahl and wished to provide statements about something that had happened to them. Both women independently advised that they attended a party around June 2025. Both women walked up to Dennis Stahl, sitting with several other people on the edge of a booth seat. Stahl held his hand around one of them at the waist for approximately five minutes, making her uncomfortable. Stahl made a few comments about how good her body looked after childbirth and continued to hold her waist. The second lady described Stahl placing his arm around her and caressing her back for an extended period. Stahl later lowered his hand and caressed her right hip while commenting on her body. Both women reported that Stahl had never behaved like this in the past. Alcohol was being served at the party and may have played a role in the incidents.

On 10/20/2025, I contacted a lady who worked on South Padre Island. She advised me that she was friends with [REDACTED] the manager at [REDACTED], and wished to tell me something. She told me she had a Facebook conversation with Stahl on 09/30/2025. The lady advised that he had spoken to Stahl in the past in a professional setting, but never had deeply private conversations or anything that she wouldn't want another person to see. Stahl tried several times in the written conversation to get her to have sex with him. Stahl never offered money when he requested sexual services. She quickly ended the Facebook conversation by telling Stahl she was uninterested in his proposal.

She later sent me a screenshot of the Facebook conversation. I noted that the Facebook account bore the name "Dennis Stahl," and his picture was beside each message. The messages from the account in Stahl's name to the adult female stated,

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"My wife has worsening Alzheimer's and can't service my needs. Would you be interested. I'm older than you, but hung well. Can you host me weekly? If you need to see my tools, I have pics. I don't want any STDs. Just a good clean NSA roll in the hay. Do you have any girlfriends who are horny and clean?" Stahl later wrote, "Thanks for your discretion." I believed the witness was reliable and credible due to her being gainfully employed, a long-time resident in the area, and the corroborating information she provided through the Facebook screenshots. I noted that the message was similar to what Stahl reportedly told Moore on 10/01/2025.

Affiant has reason to believe that **Dennis Stahl** did then and there knowingly offer to pay a fee to another person, namely [REDACTED] for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with her, namely sexual intercourse, and the fee constituted \$500.

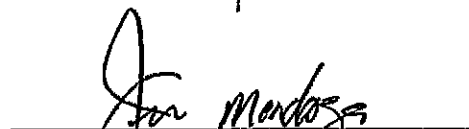
Affiant has probable cause for said belief because of the facts and circumstances listed above.

Wherefore, affiant asks for issuance of a warrant that will authorize affiant and other peace officers to arrest DENNIS STAHL DOB: 12/07/1951 wherever he may be found.



Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME BY THE SAID AFFIANT ON THIS THE
31 DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS