

IN THE **North Mesa JP** COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MARICOPA

RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE

DEFENDANT'S NAME Cassandra Pearl Yusko-Jones **DOB** [REDACTED] **BOOKING NO.** _____
ALIAS (ES) Cassie Jones

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Charges:

ARS 13-1302.A3	Custodial Interference	C6F
ARS 13-2907.01.A	False Reporting	C1M

Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1750 ten-print fingerprints were taken of the arrested person? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, PCN = _____

Pursuant to A.R.S. §13-610 one or more of the above charges requires the arresting agency to secure a DNA Sample from the arrested person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, does the defendant have a valid DNA sample on file with AZDPS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, Arresting Agency has taken required sample? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Offense Location: [REDACTED]
Offense Date: 06/16/17 Offense Time: 1232 hours

Arrest Location: _____
Arrest Date: _____ Arrest Time: _____

B. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

1. Summarize and include the facts which establish probable cause for the arrest for the crimes charged:

On 06/16/17, Roland Alexander Jones called police to report his daughter, S/Madeline Frieda Jones (19 years old, DR #20161670371) and Madeline's son, William Jones-Gouchenour (nine months, DR #20171670452) missing from [REDACTED] at approximately 1232 hours. Roland made this call from his personal cell phone [REDACTED] from the area of Mesa Drive/Baseline, Mesa, AZ, according to cell detail records. It should be noted this is the area of Madeline's divorce attorney (and other attorney later called by Cassandra from her cell phone records) as well as Superior Court. Before Roland begins speaking to the call taker, there is an unintelligible whisper and what sounds like a baby fussing in the background and a whisper is again heard when Roland is asked for Madeline's age, height and weight. Roland indicated his wife, Cassandra Pearl (Yusko) Jones was currently at the listed residence and Madeline and William had last been seen on 06/15/17 around 1730 hours. Madeline has said she was going to retain an appellate attorney then then visit a friend prior to last being seen. Madeline had \$2500 cash in her pocket when she left according to Cassandra. Roland indicated Madeline had been stressed about her divorce recently where 50/50 custody was granted to Madeline and V2/Samuel Jacob "Jake" Gouchenour Jr. Roland stated Madeline has made no indications of hurting herself or William. Roland stated he did "not know what to do" and also stated all of

Madeline's personal belongings were left behind to include wallet, phone, car seat, diaper bag, etc.

On 06/16/17 police arrived at the incident location at approximately 1328 hours and Roland and Cassandra stated Madeline did not leave in a vehicle as all were accounted for. Additionally, all of Madeline's personal items were still in her bedroom. Roland and Cassandra then stated they thought Madeline's ex-husband, "Jake" had something to do with Madeline and William going missing but would not provide any further details (CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE: ARS 13-1302.A3 and FALSE REPORTING: ARS 13-2907.01.A). Roland and Cassandra then referenced historical occurrences about harassment (drones and suspicious vehicles on their street) and Jake's past to include a Title IX violation (BYU-Utah); however, it should be noted, there were no criminal charges resulting from that investigation. Roland and Cassandra also brought up a case filed in December 2016 where Jake met William for the first time and allegedly molested William in the court house cafeteria and Roland had been supervising. There were no charges filed regarding that investigation. Jake later filed a counter-report against Madeline for making a false abuse report.

Roland and Cassandra also brought up an alleged kidnapping incident from Montana in May 2016 involving Madeline and Jake. It was later learned there were three different law enforcement jurisdictions involved in that incident and a copy of that report indicated the call cleared as a welfare check where Madeline never mentioned anything criminal occurring and only wanted to go back to Arizona.

Cassandra further stated Jake had bottle-fed William some formula on 06/15/17 during the two-hour, morning session of the second day of Jake's supervised visitation. Cassandra stated the formula caused William to immediately vomit when Cassandra took custody of William. Cassandra took William to the pediatrician as a result. While at the pediatrician, the pediatrician took a video of William vomiting and sent it to the divorce judge right then. It should be noted William was fed the formula one-hour into the supervised visitation and another hour transpired before the end of the supervised visitation. William never vomited during that time and had fallen asleep by the end of the visitation at 1145 hours (according to supervised visitation records). Also, according to cell phone records, Cassandra had Google searched "ipecac" on her cell phone at 1245 hours then immediately made a call to CVS. CVS was contacted and indicated they do not carry ipecac as it is a vomit-inducing substance. The pediatrician was later contacted and made no mention of William ever vomiting in their presence and stated they had not taken a video of William or sent it to any judge. The pediatrician was seen on 06/15/17 around 1442 hours.

Cassandra also states she drove Madeline to the Mesa Arizona (LDS) temple on 06/15/17 around 1630 hours and picked Madeline up approximately one hour later. Cassandra stated Madeline never goes anywhere alone and did not feel safe because of the impending divorce. It was later learned Madeline had attended the temple, alone, from 1059 hours to 1203 hours

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(verified by temple surveillance and temple attendance records). During this same timeframe, Cassandra's cell phone (cell detail records) shows in the area of Stapley/Main, Mesa, AZ, at 1059 hours. Cassandra is seen on bank surveillance making a cash withdrawal in the lobby in the amount of \$2900. At 1107 hours Madeline texts Cassandra and says, "Don't tell Matt what the other lawyer recommended." Madeline calls a family friend, a cosmetologist, at 1144 hours but receives no answer. Madeline then texts the same person at 1224 hours, "Can you give me a call?"

Cassandra stated there was a family friend, [REDACTED] who had been staying with them as well for a few days surrounding the time Madeline and William went missing. According to cell phone records, [REDACTED] received several text messages from Cassandra's phone on 06/15/17 at 1256 hours stating such things as, "Are you coming home soon? Can you dye my hair? I have dye. My roots are scary. Do you have any developer? Awesome thanks for doing my hair!!" [REDACTED] stated once she arrived at the incident location at 1304 hours (neighborhood surveillance and verbal approximate time), [REDACTED] stated she saw Madeline on her laptop looking at a website, "How to Disappear." [REDACTED] then learned she was not going to be dying Cassandra's hair but rather Madeline's. Through several contacts with [REDACTED] it was learned a discussion occurred involving Cassandra, Madeline, [REDACTED] and another family member (juvenile) where Madeline indicated she was going on "vacation" and taking William. Madeline told [REDACTED] the less she knew about it the better. [REDACTED] stated while she was dying Madeline's hair, Cassandra took William to the pediatrician and when Cassandra came back, [REDACTED] asked Cassandra if she knew Madeline's plans about going on "vacation" and Cassandra said, "do you have a better idea?" [REDACTED] stated she dyed Madeline's hair a medium brown. [REDACTED] stated she did see William vomit on 06/15/17 and it was very different than what she had ever seen in the past. [REDACTED] described the vomit that day as "greenish" and "mucousy" whereas before it was "white" and "milky." [REDACTED] also stated she saw William dressed up in a dress with a bow in his hair just prior to Madeline and William leaving as well. [REDACTED] further stated the following morning, 06/16/17, Cassandra woke [REDACTED] up early (around 0700 hours) and told her to gather her belongings and take Cassandra's teenage (juvenile) daughter out of the house because Cassandra and Roland may be going to jail and Cassandra did not want anyone there to speak with the police when they arrived. [REDACTED] stated as she was gathering her belongings, Roland's parents came over and Roland gave them a handgun, small safe and some paperwork. Roland's parents took custody of the other two juvenile children in the home at that time.

Cassandra stated on 06/16/17 she had been making dinner and heard the front door open and shut around 1630 hours. A short time later, Cassandra heard the front door open and Cassandra stated Madeline yelled out where either the keys or the car seat were then Cassandra heard the front door shut again and that is the last time Madeline and William were heard of. Cassandra stated there is an Order of Protection (OOP) in place and that was all police needed to know (this OOP has since expired). Because of the OOP, Jake had not been present for William's birth and the first time Jake met William was in December 2016 when it was alleged Jake had molested William.

According to neighborhood surveillance there is a lot of vehicular traffic at the incident location between approximately 1300 hours and 2030 hours on 06/15/17. It should be noted the surveillance is from a distance and does not cover the incident location's driveway, just the front door area. Foot traffic is seen between the incident location and a next-door neighbor between 1850 hours and 1946 hours. The neighbor stated Cassandra and her two

youngest children came over to swim during that time. Roland's cell phone shows him arriving at the incident location around 1632 hours, and surveillance shows the vehicle Roland was driving never stops and turns around in the cul-de-sac, leaves then arrives back at the incident location at 1641 hours. At 1643 hours another family vehicle leaves and at 1645 another vehicle arrives and multiple people are seen going in/out of the residence. The vehicle which arrived at 1645 hours is seen leaving at 1658 hours.

On 06/16/17, prior to Roland calling police, Cassandra made two bank withdrawals totaling \$2640. The first withdrawal was from an ATM at 0916 hours and the second withdrawal from the inside lobby at 0921 hours. Cassandra is seen smiling and laughing with the employees at the bank.

On 06/17/17 a missing person's investigator and detective contacted Roland and Cassandra at the incident location where Madeline's cell phone was looked at then ultimately retained by police. As the cell phone was being looked at, Cassandra stated she knows there "is not much there" and smiles as police leave. Telephonic contact is made with Cassandra on 06/18/17 to ask if Madeline and William by chance had come back yet. Madeline and William had not.

On 06/19/17 the missing person's investigator briefed detectives about the circumstances of these cases. Immediately following the brief, the missing person's investigator contacted Cassandra and asked that the entire family respond to the Mesa Family Advocacy Center for interviews because Madeline and William had not returned and Roland and Cassandra had mentioned on 06/16/17 they thought Jake may have been involved but had not provided any further details of why they believed this. Cassandra stated she would call the missing person's investigator back. Jake filed an emergency motion for full custody of William which was granted through the courts on 06/19/17. Several hours later the missing person's investigator received an email from an attorney stating they had been retained to represent Roland and Cassandra's family and all questions would need to be in writing. Three separate letters were sent to this attorney (dated 06/20/17, 06/26/17 and 06/03/17) asking for individual interviews with each family member (declined) then requesting individual written statements from each family member (nothing heard back until an hour after a search warrant on the incident address and family vehicles was executed on 07/05/17). The written statements were extremely vague and of no value to the investigation.

During the execution of the search warrant at the incident location on 07/05/17, Cassandra stated (after being advised several times she did not need to talk with police because she had an attorney) she believed Jake was not involved, just that his family was. Cassandra stated she believes Madeline and William are in Montana and also stated she had contacted several private investigators but had not retained/paid any of them yet; however, had given one of them (unknown name or business name) several cigarette butts found near a wall on the property which was missing several blocks from the top portion. Cassandra does not know how to re-contact the private investigator she gave the cigarette butts to. Cassandra stated she thinks Madeline and William were dragged over the wall but has no evidence to support this. Cassandra then mentions the well-known abduction case of Elizabeth Smart. Cassandra then stated she had even received a phone call from Elizabeth Smart's mother recently. It should be noted one cigarette butt was located during the execution of the search warrant and it was immediately requested for processing. Results are pending.

Cassandra called the Mesa PD Chief's Office on 07/06/17 and indicated she wanted particular electronic items back immediately

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(cell phone and juvenile child's laptop) as well as that an expensive garage door had been damaged during the execution of the search warrant. Cassandra was advised the electronic items could be released as soon as they had been processed and if nothing of evidentiary value was found. Nothing was found on the laptop; however, the ipecac search was found on Cassandra's phone and the phone was kept as evidence. On Madeline's laptop a search was found for "Fleeing an Abuser with your Child." Electronics collected during the search warrant were found to have a TOR (The Onion Router) application downloaded. Cassandra was provided information as to how to file a claim for the garage door with the City of Mesa. On 06/07/17, Roland and Cassandra retained a new attorney and police were notified via email.

Because Madeline's family has not been in communication with police, it was necessary to obtain several search warrants for phones, social media accounts and surveillance records. Detectives have spoken to numerous family, friends and neighbors of Roland and Cassandra for any possible leads to follow up with. Everyone spoken to were surprised to hear Roland and Cassandra had not had an in-depth interview with police regarding Madeline and William going missing. Ultimately, nobody has had any information regarding the whereabouts of Madeline and William. Furthermore, Cassandra has always said nothing but bad things about Jake to anyone during the course of this investigation. Cassandra also accepted a friend setting up a "You Care" account (online donations) to pay for private investigators (although none were ever retained per Cassandra) as well as has accepted monetary donations at fundraisers (according to the same friend).

It should be noted Jake and Madeline were married on 08/15/15, William was born on 09/22/16 and the divorce was finalized on 06/09/17.

Based on the facts Cassandra provided misinformation to purposely mislead police when reporting Madeline and William missing, making bank withdrawals and providing cash to Madeline to assist in a "vacation," was present while Madeline changed her and William's appearance all the while knowing that Jake had been ordered 50/50 custody of William, I find probable cause to charge Cassandra Pearl (Yusko) Jones (01/18/71) with one count each violation: ARS 13-1302.A3, Custodial Interference, a class six felony and ARS 13-2907.A1, False Reporting, a class one misdemeanor.

C. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Defendant is presently on probation, parole, or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions.
Explain: NA
2. List any prior:
Arrests? yes
Convictions? no
Failures to Appear (FTA)? _____
Protective Orders? _____
3. Is there any indication the defendant is:
☐ An Alcoholic? ☐ An Addict?
☐ Mentally Disturbed? ☐ Physically Ill?
4. Defendant is currently employed
With Whom unk
How long: _____
5. Where does the defendant currently reside?
[REDACTED]
With Whom: family
How Long: 3 years _____ months _____ days
6. What facts indicate the defendant will flee if released? Explain: false reporting of daughter/grandson missing in violation of court order to keep biological father away from grandson
7. What facts does the State have to oppose an unsecured release? Explain: alse reporting of daughter/grandson missing in violation of court order to keep biological father away from grandson

D. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENSE

(Check if applicable)

1. ☐ Firearm or other weapon was used
Type: _____
☐ Someone was injured by the defendant
☐ Medical attention was necessary
Nature of injuries: _____
2. Someone was threatened by the defendant
Nature of threats: _____
3. If property offense value of property taken/damaged:
☐ Property was recovered
4. Names of co-defendant(s), if any: Roland Alexander Jones (03/14/73) and Madeline Frieda Jones (11/18/97)

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E. CRIME(S) AGAINST PERSONS

1. Relationship of defendant to victim: grandmother and former mother-in-law

☐ Victim(s) and defendant reside together.

2. How was the situation brought to the attention of the police?

☒ Victim ☐ Third Party ☐ Officer observed

3. There are previous incidents involving these same parties

Explain: yes, false reporting

4. Is Defendant currently the subject of:

☐ An Order of Protection ☐ Any other court order

☐ Injunction against Harassment

Explain: NA

G. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST (Check if applicable)

1. Did defendant attempt to:

☐ Avoid arrest ☐ Resist arrest ☐ Self Surrender

Explain: _____

2. ☐ Defendant was armed when arrested

Type: _____

3. ☐ Evidence of the offense was found in the defendant's possession

Explain: _____

4. Was the defendant under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the offense?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unk

F. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFENDANT ISSUES

Defendant's actions:

☐ Threats of homicide/suicide/bodily harm

☐ Control/ownership/jealousy issue ☐ Crime occurs in public

☐ Prior history of Domestic Violence ☐ Kidnapping

☐ Frequency/intensity of DV increasing ☐ Depression

☐ Access to or use of weapon ☐ Stalking behavior

☐ Violence against children, vulnerable adults or animals

☐ Multiple violations of court orders

H. DRUG OFFENSES

1. If the defendant is considered to be a drug dealer, please state the supporting facts: _____

2. What quantities and types of illegal drugs are directly involved in the offense ? _____

☐ Drug field test completed

☐ Defendant admission of drug type:

Approximate monetary value: \$ _____

3. Was any money seized?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount: \$ _____

**** If a fugitive arrest, a from IVA must also be completed ****

I certify that the information presented is true to the best of my knowledge:

J. Gallagher #15337

Arresting Officer / Serial No.

480-644-3831

Arresting Agency / Duty Phone Number.

Date

08/03/17

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Approving Supervisor Name M. Lawes ID# 12362

Supervisor Comments (if applicable): _____