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SUPERIOR COURT FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In Re: DECKER, TRAVIS C

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DOB: 8/15/1992

County of CHELAN

The undersigned on oath states: That affiant believes that:  
The crime(s) of MURDER 1ST DEGREE RCW 9A.32.030 X3, AND  
KIDNAPPING 1ST DEGREE RCW 9A.40.020 X3 has (have) been committed by  
the defendant.

Today's date is: 6/3/2025 The time is now: 0900

The affiant's belief is based on the following facts and circumstances:

On May 30, 2025, at around 2134 hours, Whitney D Decker (DOB 1/22/90) arrived in lobby at the WPD to report a civil complaint. She advised patrol that her ex-husband, Travis C Decker (DOB 08/15/92), had failed to return their three children at 2000 hours in violation of their agreed upon and court ordered parenting plan.

Corporal Gonzalez noted Whitney appeared distraught and looked like she had recently been crying. She advised that her and Decker were previously married, but have been divorced for several years and have three children together. Along with the divorce the two have had a parenting plan in place with the most current one issued by a judge on September 27, 2024. The current parenting plan limits Decker's visitation to every other weekend with specific hours of Fridays from 0500 to 2000 hours, Saturdays from 1100 to 1900 hours and Sundays from 0900 to 1700 hours. The order also specifies no overnight visits and the visits will only occur in the Wenatchee Valley.

Whitney reported that Decker picked up their daughters from her residence at 1024 Rosewood Ave around the scheduled time of 1700 hours, but did not return around 2000 hours. She stated she attempted to call Decker multiple times, but his cellphone goes straight to voicemail which typical means the cellphone is off or out of service. Whitney expressed concern because Decker reportedly has never done this before and further noted he is currently experiencing some mental health issues.

At the time of the initial report, Whitney explained that Decker does not currently have a stable residence and is considered homeless. He is known to often stay in hotels/motels or he camps at local campgrounds, but Whitney did not know where to find him. Corporal Gonzalez stated he attempted Decker's cellphone

number, 620-314-7170, but it went straight to a voicemail identifying the cellphone as Decker's.

Whitney knows Decker drives a white truck, but was unsure what kind. She however noted that he had recently been cited for driving without insurance. Corporal Gonzalez conducted a records search and identified Decker's truck as a white 2017 GMC Sierra D20165C/WA. He had been in a collision on May 27, 2025, and was in-fact cited for some infractions following the investigation by WPD patrol (25W08130). It also appears he was in another collision on May 4, 2025, but left the scene. Call notes say there was no damage to the other vehicle when patrol arrived and the other driver declined a need for follow up (25W08011)

Corporal Gonzalez checked Decker's vehicle registration through Flock Safety and found the truck last registered by automatic license plate readers northbound on the Wenatchee Bridge (camera F#002 N Wenatchee Ave @ Horse Lake Rd NB) at 1741 hours. He noted this was likely after Decker picked up his daughters and suspected he may be headed to a hotel or campground in the north end.

After the contact with Whitney, Corporal Gonzalez checked all hotels/motels in the city limits as well as Confluence State Park. While at confluence he spoke to a park ranger and was able to check their camping roster. Decker was not listed as staying at any campsite. East Wenatchee PD Officer Conley was contacted and asked to check East Wenatchee hotels/motels for Decker's vehicle. After a search of the area, Decker's vehicle was not located.

Given the circumstances an Attempt to Locate (ATL) was initiated for all valley agencies to be on the lookout for Decker, his vehicle, and the children.

Corporal Gonzalez investigated further and consulted with the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Missing and Endangered Person Unit. He provided the facts of the case to screen for an Amber Alert, but based on the fact there was no current evidence to believe the children were at risk of serious bodily injury or death it did not qualify.

Whitney was advised of the updates and inability to locate the children, Decker, or his vehicle. She was advised to call RiverCom immediately if and when she hears from Decker.

On May 31, 2025, there was a large social media presence looking for information into the whereabouts of Decker and the children. By the time I saw the social media posts it was clear that Whitney had not been able to contact Decker for over twelve hours and from WPD's pass down it was noted that one of the children had an event planned at a local park the morning of that Decker and the children never showed up for.

With a continued concern about the lack of communication from Decker I met with Whitney at her parents' residence in Wenatchee to get further details. Whitney explained that she and Decker were married for about seven years but have since been divorced for a few years. She explained the divorce was civil and initially Decker had housing and was allowed overnight visits. However, when he lost housing the parenting plan was readdressed to accommodate accordingly. Whitney denied any domestic violence during their marriage, but did mention moments of power or control he used. She provided the examples of randomly leaving or waking her up by screaming at her in the middle of the night. She also said near the end of the marriage he was diagnosed with borderline personality disorder that she believes he currently does not take medications for.

While married Whitney and Decker had three children in common. She identified them as nine year old **P.D.** (DOB 04/26/16), eight year old **E.D.** (DOB 05/03/17), and five year old **O.D.** (DOB 7/12/19). They reportedly have a good relationship with Decker and enjoy their time with him. The overall relationship was reported to be good and the children enjoy their time with Decker. Whitney also reported no issues with recent visitations and stated her and Decker are communicative with issues surrounding them and if either will be late for any reason. She reiterated that Decker has never failed to return the kids.

The parenting plan provided by Whitney specifies the visitation hours and discusses holiday and birthday considerations. Notable concerns are reasons putting limitations of parenting show Decker has neglected his parental duties and has a long term emotional or physical problem that gets in the way of his/her ability to parent. The plan also notes details about access to the children and ability to talk with them via cellphone when needed. Whitney said they agreed to the plan, but the signature line states Decker refused to sign. Decker is also supposed to seek mental health treatment and DV anger management counseling under the parenting plan, but has not.

The exchange on Friday night occurred without issues. However, Whitney noted Decker was quieter than usually which was out of character. She mentioned the recent ticket being a financial burden for him along with garnished wages due to back child support. She then added that he has been talking about getting rid of his dog due to housing and further financial concerns. Whitney stated his children and his dog are the two big positives in his life.

Whitney also stated when overnight camping trips have been allowed, they have been planned in advance with clear details of the plans. The children also leave with a bag of clothing and appropriate attire to spend the night outdoors. When they left the home, they had the clothes on their back.

As of June 2, 2025 at 0900 there has been no contact with Decker and his cellphone continues to go straight voicemail when called. He has failed to return

the children on Friday May 30, 2025, at 2000 hours. He failed to return the children on Saturday May 31, 2025 at 1900 hours. He failed to return the children Sunday June 1, 2025 at 1700 hours. Decker then failed to show up to work this morning and his boss noted some recent mental health concerns.

Given that Decker has failed to return the children when directed and with no open communication with Whitney, it is believed there is an intent to withhold the children permanently from Whitney. And, given that he has superposed three different schedule times for return of the children is believed that he is well past a protracted period of time. And, given that the children left home with no supplies for the extended time it is believed there is a substantial risk of illness or physical injury.

Therefore, there was probable cause to arrest Travis C Decker (DOB 08/15/92) for three counts of Custodial Interference in the First Degree RCW 9A.40.060 and on June 2, 2025 a warrant for his arrest was requested and later granted by Chelan County Superior Court Judge Robert E. Jourdan.

In an active attempt to locate Decker and the children, law enforcement utilized a variety of resources and known tools to include cellphone records and timing advance, automatic license plate readers, canvassing of the area for security, search of possible locations in the region, and social media. On Monday June 2, 2025, a larger and more intensive search was conducted across Chelan County with the help of CCSO and eventually family, friends, and volunteers as people began to learn about the children's disappearance.

At around 1556 hours on June 2, 2025, CCSO Deputy McCleod, located Decker's vehicle, unoccupied, in the area of Rock Island Campground NF-7609 Leavenworth, WA off Icicle Rd with the nearest city/town of Leavenworth. The camp ground is located in unincorporated Chelan County in the State of Washington.

Law enforcement personnel from Chelan County Sheriff's Office and Wenatchee Police Department along helicopter support from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) converged into the area. Approximately seventy-five to one hundred yards past where the vehicle was located, and down a small embankment, CCSO deputies located the bodies of three school-aged children. Due to current safety concerns and scene preservation the bodies have yet to be approached, but there are some clear signs of lividity each has a plastic bag over the head. Based on the totality of the circumstances, including the proximity to the vehicle, and visible attire of the bodies which is consistent with the clothing the children were wearing when they were transferred to Decker for visitation, they are presumed to be PD, ED, and OD.

Decker's location is currently unknown and there is currently a coordinated effort to search the immediate area, if not further, for him so the scene we have can be searched.

Around the vehicle and along the way to where the children are located, officers/deputies located zip ties and plastic bags strewn throughout the area. The tail gate of the pickup truck also has what appears to be two hand prints of blood. The truck has personal items to include blankets, car seats, food, miscellaneous items, and a wallet on the center console.

During the search of the area an abandoned camp was located at nearby in the approximate area of 47.61080 N -120.93641 W with signs of recent activity. The camp consists of a fire pit, tent, and cooler and within a short walk from where the vehicle and bodies were located.

Cellphone records Decker's cellphone acquired Saturday under exigency show that Decker likely traveled to the area on Thursday May 29, 2025 evening and returned Wenatchee Friday morning. Under the totality of the situation, it appears that Decker drove through the area the night prior and returned the next day with the children.

Preliminary examination suggests the likely cause of death was asphyxiation. Their wrists were also zip tied or showed signs of being zip tied. They were also positively identified at PD, ED, and OD by the Chelan County Coroner.

There is probable cause to arrest Travis C Decker (DOB 08/15/92) for three counts of Murder in the First Degree and three counts of Kidnapping First Degree.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Affiant

Wenatchee PD, Detective, 1K41  
Agency, Title and Personnel No.

Brian Henitt  
Print Affiant's Name

Wenatchee, WA  
City and State

\*\*\*\*\*ORDER\*\*\*\*\*

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

I reviewed the foregoing affidavit and hereby (find) (do not find) that probable cause exists for the arrest of the defendant on the enumerated charges.

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

