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> IN THE SECOND JUDICAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

THE STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

Case No. CV23-00566

VS.

Dept. No. 8

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

MOTION TO QUASH FOREIGN SUBPOENA

Comes now, KELLI ANNE VILORIA, counsel for BETHANY GRACE FUNKE, and respectfully moves to quash the Foreign Subpoena - Out of State Commission obtained by Evelyn Grosenick, Interim Washoe County Public Defender on behalf of Defendant, BRYAN C. KOHBERGER for preliminary hearing in this case.

This motion is made and based upon the attached Points and Authorities, all papers and pleadings on file herein, and any evidence and argument to be heard on the matter.

DATED this day of April, 2023.

KELLI ANNE VILORIA, Esq.

Attorney For

BETHANY GRACE FUNKE

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. FACTS

On April 3, 2023, Evelyn Grosenick, Interim Washoe County Public Defender sought and obtained an ex-parte Foreign Subpoena, which was issued April 11, 2023 that purports to require Bethany Grace Funke to appear in the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Idaho, County of Latah on "Jue 28, 2023 (sic) at 8:00am and for the duration of the trial or when released by the court to testify in the above named case." The items provided in support of this subpoena were an ex parte: Request For Foreign Subpoena — Out Of State Commission which contained the following: Certificate of an Idaho Judge To Secure The Attendance Of An Out Of State Witness; Ex Parte Motion For Certificate To Secure The Attendance Of An Out Of State Witness; and Affidavit In Support Of Motion For Out Of State Service.

The Affidavit In Support Of Motion For Out Of State Service further claims that Ms. Funke (who name is repeatedly misspelled) has "information material to the charges against Mr. Kohburger (sic); portions of information Ms. Funke has is exculpatory to the defendant." These statements are conclusory, without support and there is no further information or detail pertaining to the substance of the testimony, its materiality or the alleged exculpatory information of Ms. Funke or why it would be entertained at preliminary hearing. Moreover, the subpoena was issued by the Clerk of the Court without hearing. No hearing has been set for Ms. Funke to address these concerns. This motion follows.

II. ARGUMENT

THE COURT SHOULD QUASH THE FOREIGN SUBPOENA ISSUED PURPORTING TO COMPEL MS. FUNKE'S ATTENDANCE AT THE IDAHO
PRELIMINARY HEARING IN THIS CASE

NRS 174.305 through NRS 174.385 governs the issues of a subpoena in criminal court. NRS 174.395 through NRS 174.445 governs the procedure for securing the attendance of a witness for testimony outside of this State. NRS 174.415 in particular addresses the process for summoning of a Nevada witness to testify in another state.

Specifically, NRS 174.415(10) requires the Court to "fix a time and place for a hearing" before it can issue any order directing testimony in another state. This hearing is necessary to provide a venue where "<u>the judge</u> determines that the witness is material and necessary, that it

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VILORIA, OLIPHANT, OSTER & AMANI P will not cause undue hardship to the witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the prosecution or a grand jury investigation in the other state, and that the laws of the state in which the prosecution is pending, or grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence (and of any other state through which the witness may be required to pass by ordinary course of travel)...." (emphasis added).

Once that procedure is followed and that burden is met, then and only then shall the judge "issue a summons, with a copy of the certificate attached, directing the witness to attend and testify in the court where the prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence at a time and place specified in the summons. In any such hearing the certificate shall be prima facie evidence of all the facts stated therein." <u>Id.</u>

Moreover, there is no authority for an **Idaho criminal defendant** to summon a Nevada witness to Idaho **for preliminary hearing**. There is also no authority for an Idaho criminal defendant to summon a Nevada witness to an Idaho matter without a hearing and there is no authority to summon a Nevada witness to an Idaho matter without a Nevada Judge making a finding of materiality, necessity and the lack of undue hardship. NRS 174.315 does contemplate a Nevada criminal defendant's ability to subpoena a witness to appear before a court in Nevada. However, there is also a requirement for a hearing requirement there. Thus, even if that law applied by analysis, no hearing occurred and that important procedural requirement was not met.

Additionally, NRS 174.415(1) provides that "if a judge of a court of record in any state which by its laws has made provision for commanding persons within that state to attend and testify in this State certifies under the seal of such court that there is a criminal prosecution pending in such court, or that a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence, that a person being within this State *is a material witness in such prosecution, or grand jury investigation*, and that the person's presence will be required for a specified number of days, upon presentation of such certificate to any judge of a court of record in the county in which such person is such judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing, and shall make an order directing the witness to appear at a time and place certain for the hearing." (emphasis added)

Importantly here, there is no certification by any judge of any a court of record in any state (Nevada or Idaho) that clearly states Bethany Grace Funke is a material witness in such prosecution, or grand jury investigation. A close reading of the certification purported to be

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VILORIA, OLIPHANT, OSTER & from a judge, merely states Ms. Funke "may" be a material witness. This insufficient under the law for this foreign subpoena to stand.

Lastly, as this Court is well aware, a preliminary hearing is limited to a finding of probable cause, rather than reasonable doubt, which is the evidentiary burden at trial. This is the same standard in both Idaho and Nevada. *See* State v. Mantz, 148 Idaho 303, 307, 222 P.3d 471, 475 (Ct. App. 2009); *see also* Marcum v. Sheriff 85 Nev. 175, 451 P.2d 845 (1969) (which specifically holds that a preliminary is not a substitute for trial and the purpose of a preliminary hearing is to determine whether a public offense has been committed and whether there is sufficient cause to believe that the accused committed it.) A preliminary hearing is not meant to become a mini-trial due to its limited purpose in deciding of probable cause. Id.

Arguably then, even if Ms. Funke possesses exculpatory evidence, which remains unknown, there is no place or reason to present that evidence at a preliminary hearing. A preliminary hearing requires the state to offer competent evidence to support probable cause and convince the magistrate that a trial should be held not the issue of innocence or guilt of the defendant. Exculpatory evidence is an issue for trial, which the documents presented misleadingly suggest the preliminary hearing to be.

For all of these reasons, the subpoena served upon Ms. Funke is improper. Accordingly, the Court should quash the subpoena issued purporting to compel Ms. Funke's attendance at preliminary hearing in this case.

III. CONCLUSION

The Foreign Subpoena was improperly issued. There was no component of the statutes followed in issuing it and the Court should quash the subpoena issued to Ms. Funke now.

AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this Agril, 2023.

VILORIA, OLIPHANT CSTER & AMAN L.L.P.

Ву:

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DECLARATION OF KELLI ANNE VILORIA

KELLI ANNE VILORIA, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

- 1. That I am the attorney of record for BETHANY GRACE FUNKE, a witness served with a foreign subpoena to testify in Idaho in the above-captioned action;
- 2. That I am licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and that I am rendering this Declaration on behalf of my client, BETHANY GRACE FUNKE;
- 3. That I have read the attached motion and know the contents; that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believes them to be true.
- 4. I swear under penalty of perjury that the assertions of this Declaration are true.

Executed in Reno, Nevada, this day of 2023

KELLI ANNE VILORIA, Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the law firm of VILORIA, OLIPHANT, OSTER & AMAN L.L.P., and that on the date shown below, I caused service of a true and correct copy of the attached:

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to be completed by electronic service upon electronically filing the within document with the Second Judicial District Court addressed to:

EVELYN GROSENICK, INTERIM WASHOE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

ANNE TAYLOR
THE LAW OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF KOOTENAI COUNTY
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DATED this _____ day of April, 2023.

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THE STATE OF IDAHO

Plaintiff,

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

CASE NO.

DEPT. NO.

Defendant.

REQUEST FOR FOREIGN SUBPOENA - OUT OF STATE COMMISSION

WITNESS:

BETHANY GRACE FUNKE



AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 4TH day of April, 2023.

/s/ Evelyn Grosenick EVELYN GROSENICK Interim Washoe County Public Defender

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

- Certificate of an Idaho Judge to Secure the Attendance of an Out-Of-State Witness
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH

STATE OF IDAHO

CASE NUMBER CR29-22-2805

Plaintiff,

V.

CERTIFICATE OF AN IDAHO JUDGE TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF AN OUT-OF-STATE WITNESS

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

Having considered the Defendant's Ex-Parte Motion for Certificate to Secure the Attendance of an Out-of-State Witness and the Affidavit of Richard Bitonti in support of said motion, and the Court being otherwise fully advised herein,

- I, Megan E. Marshall, do hereby certify as follows:
- I am a Magistrate Judge for the Second Judicial District of the State of Idaho, which is a constitutionally and statutorily proscribed court of record in the State of Idaho.
- 2. In this case, Bryan Kohberger is charged with four (4) counts of first degree murder under Idaho Code §18-4003, which is punishable by death or by imprisonment for life, and one (1) count of burglary under Idaho Code §18-1401, which is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one (1) nor more than ten (10) years.
- I am the judge assigned to preside over the preliminary hearing that scheduled to occur on June
 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. through June 30, 2023.
 - Bethany Funke may be a material witness for the Defendant in this case.
- For the reasons stated in the Affidavit of Richard Bitonti, the presence of Bethany Funke is required at the Latah County Courthouse located at 522 S. Adams St., Moscow, Idaho, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on June 28, 2023.
- 6. Under the laws of the State of Idaho, if Bethany Funke comes into this State in obedience of a summons requiring her presence at this hearing, she will not be subject to arrest or service of any process relating to matters that arose before she entered the state under the Summons.

7. This Certificate is made for the express purpose of being presented to a Judge of a Court of record in the State of Nevada in support of an order to compel the attendance of Bethany Funke at the time and place and for the reasons stated above.

WITNESS my hand on this 24 Today of MARCH. 2023.

MEGAN MARSHALL MAGISTRATE JUDGE

STATE OF IDAHO County of Latah

I, Julie Fry, Clerk of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Latah, do hereby certify that the Honorable Megan E. Marshall, who signed the foregoing Certificate, is a duly commissioned and qualified Magistrate Judge of the Second Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Latah.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of the said court of the State of Idaho on 3/24/23.

JULIE FRY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT



EX-PARTE MOTION FOR CERTIFICATE TO SECUPE THE ATTENDANCE OF AN OUT-OP. STATE WITNESS

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STATE OF IDAHO

Plaintiff,

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

CASE NUMBER CR29-22-0002805

EX-PARTE MOTION FOR CERTIFICATE TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF AN OUT-OF-STATE WITNESS

COMES NOW, Bryan C. Kohberger, by and through his attorney, Anne C. Taylor, Public Defender, hereby moves this Court for a certificate to assist in securing the attendance of Bethany Funke as a witness on behalf of the defendant in this case. This Motion is based on Idaho Code Section 19-3004, 19-3005, 19-852 and the attached Affidavit in Support of Motion for Out-of-State Service (Exhibit A).

24 day of March, 2023. DATED this

> ANNE C. TAYLOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER KOOTENAI COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

BY:

ANNE C. TAYLOR PUBLIC DEFENDER

EX-PARTE MOTION FOR CERTIFICATE TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF AN OUT-OF-STATE WITNESS

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EXHIBIT 3

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH

CASE NUMBER CR29-22-0002805

FOR OUT-OF-STATE SERVICE

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

STATE OF IDAHO

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

STATE OF IDAHO)

V.

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

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County of Latal	h)
Richard	Bitonti, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says: I am a criminal investigator hired by the defense to assist in the representation of Bryan
2.	Kohberger. I was asked by appointed counsel, Anne C. Taylor, to investigate the alleged incident
	which lead to the arrest of Bryan Kohberger. Bryan is charged with four (4) counts of First Degree Murder and one (1) count of
3.	Burglary. The deaths took place in a 3-story home. There are 2 bedrooms on each floor; bathrooms
4.	on each floor and a kitchen, dining and living room on the middle floor. Mr. Kohberger is alleged to have entered the house around 4:00 a.m. while six (6) people
5.	tilling four (4) people in two (2) separate rooms.
6.	The people killed were located in two bedrooms; one on the second floor and the other on the third floor.
7.	Bethany Funke's bedroom was on the first floor. The other surviving roommate's bedroom was on the second floor. The other surviving roommate's bedroom was on the second floor.
9.	Bethany Funk was interviewed by police on several occasions.
10.	heard and things she saw. Bethany Funk was present at the home eight (8) hours later when police were called, arrived on scene and discovered the homicides.
AFFIDAVIT MOTION FO	IN SUPPORT OF OR OUT-OF-STATE SERVICE Page -1 DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT NO. A IDENTIFICATION REVIDENCE CASE NO. 02.21-22-2800

- During the course of my investigation, it became known to me that Bethany Funke has 11. information material to the charges against Mr. Kohburger; portions of information Ms. Funke has is exculpatory to the defendant. Ms. Funke's information is unique to her experiences and cannot be provided by another witness.
- Bethany Funk resides in the State of Nevada and it is necessary to subpoena this witness 12. because the witness' testimony is material and necessary to this case.

DATED this 22 ND day of March

RICHARD BITONTI CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR

N to before . SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this & day of Mand

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho
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