

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SEQUOYAH COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
DEBRA J. DISCH,)
DOB: 09/59)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. CF-2019- 515

SEQUOYAH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FILED
IN DISTRICT COURT

SEP 13 2019

VICKI BEATY, COURT CLERK

BY _____ DEPUTY

INFORMATION

In the name and by the authority of the State of Oklahoma, MIKE HUNTER, Attorney General of Oklahoma, in and for the State and County aforesaid, and gives the court to know and be informed as follows:

DEBRA DISCH, in Sequoyah County, State of Oklahoma, on or about May 27, 2019, did willfully, intentionally, knowingly, and feloniously commit the crime of Practicing Medicine and Performing Surgery Without a Valid License, in violation of Title 59 O.S. § 491(A)(2), by willfully performing the surgical procedure of an episiotomy by cutting Elizabeth S. Bigler's vagina and dispensing the prescription medication of Pitocin to Elizabeth S. Bigler without a valid medical license all of which is contrary to the law and the statutes, and the peace and dignity of the State of Oklahoma.

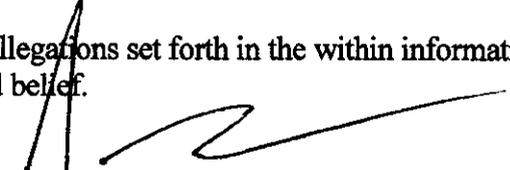
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
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COUNTY OF TULSA) ss.

I do solemnly swear that the statements and allegations set forth in the within information are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

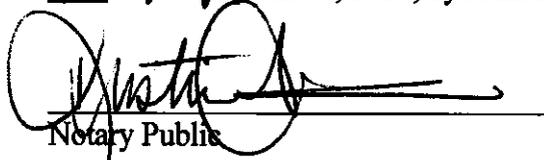


John Brasher
Assistant Attorney General

Signed and sworn to before me on the 24th day of September, 2019, by John Brasher

(SEAL)





Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/13/23

Punishment: Any person practicing in such manner within this state, who is not in the legal possession of a license or certificate, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony, punishable by a fine in an amount not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than one (1) year or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not more than four (4) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Debra J Disch)
AKA: Debbie Disch)
(Defendant))
Arkansas DL#: (924584470)
DOB: (09/24/1959)

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State of Oklahoma)
County of Sequoyah) ss:

I, Investigator Travis Saulsberry, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon an oath, depose and say:

SEE ATTACHED

Based on this information, the undersigned prays that this Honorable Court issue a finding of fact that probable cause exists to believe that a crime has been committed and that there is probable cause to believe the defendant(s) above named committed that crime.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

[Signature]
AFFIANT SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of September, 2019

My Commission Expires: 3/22/22
My Commission Number: 18003061

Brandy Stites
Notary Public



FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The undersigned judge of this court, upon sworn testimony and/or affidavit hereby determines there to be probable cause to detain the defendant(s).

DATED this 13 day of September, 2019

[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

On December 10, 2018 Elizabeth Bigler, Corley Bigler, and Debbie Disch signed a Client Informed Consent and Acknowledgment of Responsibility. The top of the form showed the heading as Babies Choice Childbirth- Debbie Disch, RN, CPM.

On Saturday May 25, 2019, at approximately 1130 pm, Elizabeth "Suzie" Bigler arrived at the Babies Choice Childbirth Center, located at 113 E Ray Fine Blvd. in the Town of Roland, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, after being in labor for approximately thirty-two (32) hours at home.

Suzie labored throughout the rest of the night and all day Sunday with Disch having her do exercises and giving her vitamin drinks and herbs to help with the labor. The labor and activities went through the day with Suzie's water breaking at approximately 2:33 pm on Sunday.

Through the evening and night Disch had Bigler doing different birthing techniques and in and out of the birthing pool at different times.

Samantha Green, the maternal grandmother, who is a licensed Registered Nurse, at one point asked Disch to take Suzie's vitals and Disch got in Mrs. Greene's face yelling at her that she had 36 years of experience.

The Grandparents, Terry and Lisa Bigler and Tim and Samantha Green, stated that they all talked several times Sunday about the trouble that Suzie was having and the extended amount of time and tried to get Suzie to go to the hospital. The grand parents also observed scissors in a pot on a stove at the birthing center.

Corley and Suzie stated that after talking to Suzie about going to the hospital that Disch tried to get them to make the family leave and did not believe that Suzie needed hospital care.

Suzie stated at one point that her husband, Corley Bigler, took her by the arm with tears in his eyes saying "babe I'm worried". Suzie said that they then approached Disch and asked "are we okay? Are you concerned at all with the way we are progressing or not?" Disch reassured the Biglers that everything was fine, that it was normal, and that she was not concerned.

Disch had family members each hold a leg, while Suzie was on the bed with Corley sitting behind her, and during a contraction had Lisa Bigler and Kelcie Greene pull on a rope that Suzie was holding as Disch would push, with both hands and her weight onto Suzie's abdomen causing a great deal of pain. It was during this position that Disch stated "we need to get him out in the next couple of contractions. After this Disch had them move to a chair.

At 5:00 am Monday March 27, 2019, the father, Corley Bigler, was sitting in a chair and Disch had Suzie sit in his lap with her back to him as the baby was being delivered. Suzie stated that Disch told her she had to do perform an episiotomy and that she has never done one before. Suzie stated that she then heard three (3) snips and the baby (S.B) was born.

Family members present, along with Suzie, stated that when the baby came out he was not breathing, was blue, and that Disch started CPR and while performing CPR, Disch dropped the infant. After CPR and after what Suzie described as what felt like a long time, the baby started breathing.

Ms. Disch did not have a clean knife or scissors to cut the umbilical cord so Tim Green had to go to his vehicle to retrieve a clean scalpel that he maintained in an emergency kit to be used to cut the umbilical cord.

Disch had Suzie stand and family members stated that blood then gushed to the floor from Suzie, who also felt very faint.

Suzie was then moved to a bed where Disch administered two (2) shots in each leg of Mrs. Bigler. When asked what she was given her Disch stated that it was Pitocin after both shots had already been administered.

EMS was then called for Suzie and (S.B.) after much encouragement from the family. Disch told the family that EMS was not needed and they could drive to the hospital. Family members and Suzie stated that after EMS was called that Disch ordered her assistant, Janette Sharp, to get things cleaned up. Disch then handed Janette a bucket full of Suzie's blood and Disch stated to Sharp "we need to get this out of here now".

Suzie stated that other than asking Disch what shot she had giving her Disch did not speak to or tend to Suzie after EMS was called stating "She was much more worried about cleaning up than she was about my life".

Cody Click, the first responder was also a paramedic, arrived in the house and stated that he observed the mother lying in the bed and asked what her vitals were. He stated that Ms. Disch did not know what Suzie's vitals were and that an IV was hooked up to the mother but that the valve was turned off so she was not getting any fluids. Click stated that he observed the placenta lying in a sink and that Disch did not seem to understand why he needed to take the placenta to the hospital with the mother and baby.

Suzie stated that arriving at the hospital she had to have surgery to repair her from the episiotomy and was anemic. She was hospitalized with S.B. for three (3) days.

During the investigation it was learned that Pitocin is used to induce labor and also for bleeding. Pitocin is not a schedule drug but is a prescription only. Ms. Disch did not have a valid prescription for this medication in Oklahoma.

It was learned that Debbie Disch does not hold any medical license issued by the State of Oklahoma. Disch previously had an Arkansas RN license that expired in 2017 and did not hold any other State license in Arkansas. Disch has an outstanding warrant in Scott County Arkansas from 2016 for Practicing without a Midwife License.

On September 4, 2019, a search warrant was executed on the business Babies Choice Childbirth that is owned and operated by Disch.

During a search of the residence five (5) vials of Pitocin was found inside the business along with other medical and surgical equipment, along with documents where Disch had previously ordered Pitocin from a company called Precious Arrows.

I spoke with an investigator from the Oklahoma Medical Board who stated that any cutting of tissue was considered to be surgery or a medical procedure in Oklahoma.

On September 6, 2019 I spoke with Disch and her husband at the Roland Police Department. Disch stated that she had delivered Mrs. Bigler's child at her birthing center and that during the labor she conducted an episiotomy to remove the infant. Disch stated that as a Certified Professional Midwife she is trained to do that. I asked how she performed the episiotomy and she stated that she cut Mrs. Bigler's vaginal opening to give room for the baby to come out. I asked about administering the Pitocin and she stated that she gave Mrs. Bigler two (2) injections of Pitocin to help with the bleeding from the delivery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Saulsberry', written over a horizontal line.

Agent Travis Saulsberry
Dist. 27 DVCTF