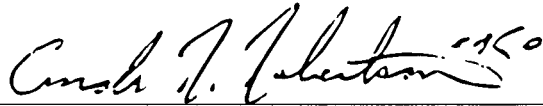


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I, Commander Richard Robertson, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedures, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, certify that the statements set forth in this affidavit are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and, as to such matters, I certify, as aforesaid, that I verily believe the same to be true. Having so sworn, I state as follows:

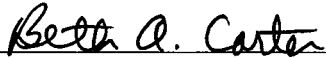
1. That this affiant is an adult of legal age, with no impediment, either physical, mental or legal, which would affect her competency to testify.
2. I am employed as a Commander of the Patrol Services Bureau of the Aurora Police Department for the City of Aurora and was so employed at all relevant dates.
3. That on the date of March 13, 2021, I was working a weekend duty shift and as such assisted with calls at Northern Illinois Academy, 998 Corporate Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois (hereinafter "NIA").
4. That on that date, a little before 6 p.m., I became aware that two male minors that reside at NIA had eloped and were walking towards Farnsworth.
5. The police department received calls from passerby's stating that one of the minors was trying to jump in front of a car.
6. A few minutes after that call was made to 911, another passerby called to state that someone was pinning a female down in front of the building entrance of NIA.
7. I reported to the scene and observed two female minors, standing outside, nude, in cold weather.
8. At one time, four minors were located outside of the building leaving the area.
9. Due to the appearance of the staff being overwhelmed and the juveniles I had opportunity to speak with advising they were mistreated by staff; at the conclusion of the call, I left my business card to have staff from NIA contact me.
10. I did not receive a call from staff regarding the situation on March 13, 2021.
11. As the Commander of the Patrol Services Bureau, I have also had Sergeants gather the calls for service to NIA and observed that the calls for service increased during 2021 compared to years prior.
12. In reviewing our records system for "missing juvenile" there have been about 54 reports of missing juveniles since 2019. In 2019, there were 8 reports; in 2020, 22 reports of missing juveniles; and for the first six months of 2021, there were 24 reports for missing juveniles.

13. Many of the calls were elopements of juveniles on major roadways such as Farnsworth and I-88.
14. From my observation and review of the calls for service, staff was not adequately monitoring the minors, which led to minors in traffic and an increase in police calls to escort minors to staff, the facility or assist medics.
15. Further affiant sayeth not.



Richard Robertson
Commander of Patrol Services Bureau
Aurora Police Department
City of Aurora

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23rd day of August, 2021.



Notary Public

