

Homedale Police Department  
Report Narrative

Case Number: 2012-00870

Officer: McFetridge

Offense: Murder

Date: August 18, 2012

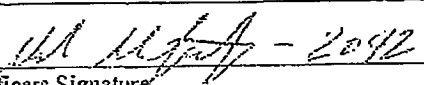
On August 18, 2012 I received a phone call from Chief Jeff Eidemiller. Chief Eidemiller informed me he was currently working a possible homicide case at 115 west Washington Ave in Homedale, Idaho. Chief Eidemiller requested I go to Nampa Police station and speak with Nampa Officer Steve Uriguen.

I arrived at Nampa Police Station in Nampa, Idaho at approximately 2030 PM, and spoke with Officer Uriguen. Officer Uriguen informed me he was outside the Nampa Police Station taking a vehicle accident report when a Hispanic female whom was later identified as Veronica T. Herrera (██████████/83) walked up to him crying and being hysterical. Officer Uriguen said that Veronica told him that she did something bad, and that her child was hurt and that she made it worse. Officer Uriguen said that Veronica told him that her daughter was dead because she hit her head on a heater. Veronica also stated to Officer Uriguen that she had made things worse and we will never find the body. Officer Uriguen said he then escorted her inside the Nampa Police Station.

At approximately 2100 I met with Nampa Detective Angela Weeks. Detective Weeks was going to be conducting the interview with Veronica. Officer Uriguen briefed Detective Weeks on the situation. Detective Weeks went into one of the interview rooms where Veronica was sitting. I remained in the observation room where there was a video screen and audio of the room Veronica was in. I remained there until the interview was over. Also in the room was Nampa Officer K. Christensen who also had contact with Veronica. I was informed by Nampa Police that Veronica was read her Miranda rights.

Interview

Detective Weeks was speaking with Veronica and asking her several questions about her daughter. Due to Veronica keeping her hands over her face and crying I was only able to hear only bits and pieces of the interview.

  
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I then heard Veronica tell Detective Weeks that she made it worse and that God will never forgive her. Detective Weeks asked Veronica how she made it worse. Veronica told Detective Weeks that she put her [REDACTED] in the burn barrel and burned her. Detective Weeks asked Veronica if she put anything on her like gas or lighter fluid and Veronica said yes. Veronica said she bought some lighter fluid after. I could not hear the rest due to Veronica crying and covering her mouth.

Veronica started to calm down and I heard her tell Detective Weeks that while [REDACTED]'s body was burning she was adding garbage to the burn barrel on top of the body. Veronica even told Detective Weeks that she was having the other children put trash into the burn barrel. Detective Weeks asked Veronica if any of the children knew or seen her put the [REDACTED] in the burn barrel. Veronica said no but [REDACTED] is a smart kid and he might have known.

Veronica informed Detective Weeks that she found [REDACTED] on Thursday August 16, 2012. Veronica then said she added more trash to the burn barrel on Friday, and Saturday. Detective Weeks asked Veronica about [REDACTED] father and where he was. Veronica said her father [REDACTED] was out of town working on wild fires. Veronica stated that [REDACTED] would call her every day and ask her how the baby was. Veronica lied and told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was staying at her parents' house [REDACTED] in Nampa, Idaho. At this time Detective Week's informed Veronica that they were going to take a break and she would be back in a few minutes to speak with her again. Detective Weeks left the interview room leaving Veronica sitting there.

I was joined in the observation room by Nampa Detectives Kari Seibel, Bryce King, Tray Hale, Angela Weeks, and myself. I then left the observation room and called Chief Eidemiller and informed him what we heard.

I returned to the observation room and observed Detective Weeks enter the interview room again where Veronica was sitting. Detective Weeks asked Veronica about [REDACTED] being in the bathroom and how did she get hurt. Veronica said she did not want to talk anymore and wanted her lawyer. Detective Weeks then left the interview room and returned to the Observation room. I was informed that Veronica's family had started to show up in the lobby. I also was informed that Veronica's mother and father had been placed in separate interview rooms and that Nampa Detectives are talking to them. I asked Detective King to find out what vehicle did Veronica take to her sister's house in Caldwell. I was informed Veronica drives a purple Ford van and that the van is located at

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Veronica stated to Detective Week's that she had the fire going for 24 hr's straight so the body would burn up.

Detective Week's asked Veronica why she not called someone when [REDACTED] hit her head or when she found her dead. Veronica said she did not want to lose her children, so she freaked out. Veronica said she then made it worse by burning the body. Detective Week's asked her why she made it worse and Veronica said so no one could find the body. Veronica then said she went out on Friday August 17, 2012 to check on the burn barrel. Veronica said she looked inside and still seen body parts of [REDACTED] inside the burn barrel. Veronica said she left her house and walked back to Pauls Market in Homedale, Idaho and bought two more bottles of lighter fluid. Veronica said she returned to the house and lit the burn barrel and the remaining body parts on fire. Veronica said she added garbage to the barrel to keep it burning. Veronica also stated she would go inside the house and add items that reminded her of [REDACTED] to the fire

Veronica then said on Saturday August 18, 2012 she added more items and garbage to the burn barrel and lit it on fire.

Detective Week's asked Veronica what happened next. Veronica said her boyfriend and the father ([REDACTED]) of [REDACTED] had gotten home from fighting wild fires. Veronica said [REDACTED] kept asking her where [REDACTED] was so she told him to driver her to her parents' house in Nampa and to take the kids to the fair. [REDACTED] drove Veronica to her parent's house in Nampa. Veronica then said she went and spoke with her mother and father [REDACTED] and told them about burning the body. Veronica then said her parents drove her to Nampa Police Station to report what happen.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

STATE OF IDAHO,  Plaintiff,  v.  VERONICA T. HERRERA,  Defendant.	Case No. 2012-  <b>CRIMINAL – COMPLAINT COUNT I DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE (F) IDAHO CODE §18-2603</b>
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STATE OF IDAHO            )  
                                          ) ss  
County of Owyhee         )

COMES NOW, Douglas D. Emery, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney, who  
being duly sworn, complains and says:

**COUNT I**

That the Defendant, **VERONICA T. HERRERA**, on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> through the  
18<sup>th</sup> days of August, 2012, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, did willfully destroy,  
alter, or conceal the deceased body of N. C., date of birth: July 1, 2010, to wit: by  
purchasing lighter fluid and/or accelerant, by placing the body in a burn barrel, spraying  
the body with the fluid and lighting the body on fire, knowing that the body was about to

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STATE OF IDAHO PLAINTIFF, VS - Veronica Herrera DEFENDANT DOB: 08-03-1983 SSN: [REDACTED] STATE OF IDAHO     ) ) ss. COUNTY OF OWYHEE )	CASE NUMBER: _____ (TO BE ASSIGNED BY CLERK) PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUBJECT IN CUSTODY
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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN UPON OATH, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

- I AM A PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE HOMEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, HOMEDALE, IDAHO;
- THE OFFENSE(S) OF: [REDACTED]
  - IDAHO CODE: [REDACTED]
  - IDAHO CODE: [REDACTED]
  - IDAHO CODE: [REDACTED]

WAS COMMITTED ON OR ABOUT: [REDACTED]

- THE OFFENSE(S) WAS/WERE COMMITTED AT [REDACTED] LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO;
- THE LISTED OFFENSE(S) WAS/WERE COMMITTED BY THE NAMED DEFENDANT,
- THE DEFENDANT WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

THE OFFENSE(S)  WAS/WERE  WAS/WERE NOT COMMITTED IN MY PRESENT;