

7th Judicial Circuit
Arrest Affidavit - Volusia (Adult)

CASE No.: VP250026327

Agency ORI Number: FL0640000		Agency: Volusia Sheriff's Office					Juvenile: No		<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence					
Court Case Number: 2025 108889 CFDL										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marsy's Law				
EVENT	Arrest Date/Time 12/30/2025 01:40:00	Arrest Type On-View Arrest (apprehension without a warrant or previous incident report)				Multiple Arrest Segments Not Applicable		Commonplace Name		Location Description				
	Arrest Location COLEMAN RD / BUNNELL RD			City Pierson			State FL	Zip Code 32180	County Volusia	Zone 21G	District D2			
DEFENDANT	Last Name COLLIER		First Name DEBORAH		Middle Name A		Suffix	Nickname/Gang Name		Sex F	Race White	Ethnicity Non-Hispanic		
	Date of Birth 5/11/1956	Place of Birth PENNSYLVANI A	City of Birth		Age 69	To Age	Height 5' 06"	Weight 90 lbs	Eye Color Brown	Hair Color Gray Or Partially Gray		Hair Length		Gang Affiliation
	Wears Glasses	Physical Feature Code					OBTS Number		Arrestee Armed With Unarmed					
	Driver's License Number [REDACTED]	State	Social Security Number [REDACTED]		Misc ID Number --		Misc ID Type --			Misc ID State --		SPN		
	- Contact information -													
Last Known Address 2155 10TH AV			City Deland			State FL	Zip Code 32724	County Volusia		Country USA		Description		
Employer/School Code/Description		Employer/School Name			Employer/School Address			City		State	Zip Code	County		
Employer/School Country		Employer/School Phone		Registered Offender Category Code			Residency Resident	US Citizen Yes	Citizen Of United States		Email Address N/A			
Arrestee Phone Number		Social Media Information						Speaks English? Yes			Deaf/Mute? No			
CHARGES	Charge No. 1													
	Felony or Misdemeanor Felony	Statute 782.04 1a1		Description 782.04 1a1 HOMICIDE - MURDER FIRST DEGREE PREMEDITATED									UCR/NIBRS Code 09A	
Warrant Number			Warrant ORI			Bond Type No Bond			Bond Amount		Citation Number			
<p>The undersigned certifies and swears that there is probable cause to believe the above-named defendant, on the <u>29th</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>2025</u>, at approximately <u>16:49</u> hours at <u>Coleman Rd / Bunnell Rd</u>, violated the law and did then and there:</p>														
NARRATIVE	<p>Narrative Title: Narrative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On December 29th, 2025, at approximately 1620 hours, deputies were requested to be on the lookout for a silver Chrysler Pacifica bearing Florida registration plate IUCN58. The vehicle was associated with a reported suicidal subject who had left her residence after leaving a note indicating self-harm. 4. Deputy Schramm verified the reported information and relayed the driver of the van, identified as Deborah Collier had been deemed suicidal and met the criteria for a Baker Act. A typed letter had been found at the residence which read: 7. 8. 9. "CREAMATION NO URN JUST BOX NO CELEBRATION MY LIFE SUCKED" with a handwritten note underneath "go 10. to Victoria where John went" 11. 12. 13. Deputy Wickham located the vehicle in the 300 block of Bunnell Road and immediately conducted a 14. traffic stop for a wellbeing check. 15. 16. 17. Deputy Wickham approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, positively identified as Deborah Collier, and the front-seat passenger, Sophia Abbott. Deputy Wickham observed Sophia sleeping in the front passenger seat. Deputy Wickham asked Deborah if Sophia was okay, and Deborah advised that Sophia was sleeping. Deputy Wickham observed Sophia's stomach expanding and contracting, indicating normal breathing, and did not observe any other apparent signs of distress at the time. Deputy Wickham requested Deborah to exit the vehicle and escorted her to his patrol vehicle. Deborah was detained and placed in the rear seat of Deputy Wickham's patrol vehicle without incident. 24. 25. 26. Deputy Wickham inquired further about Sophia, and Deborah stated that Sophia was her grandchild and was sleeping. Deborah advised that Sophia is non-verbal, autistic, and unable to move on her own. 28. Deborah further stated that if Sophia were awakened, she could become aggressive toward law enforcement. 29. 30. 31. Deputy Wickham was instructed to remain on scene with the vehicle and Sophia until another deputy arrived to transport Deborah to Stewart-Marchman. Michael Collier, Deborah's husband and the initial reporting party, was enroute to retrieve the vehicle and transport Sophia home. While awaiting responding units and family members, Deputy Wickham periodically checked on Sophia, who remained asleep and was observed to be breathing normally each time he checked on her. 36. 													

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42. Deputy Rubin and Michael arrived on scene at approximately 1803 hours. Deputy Wickham transferred
43. custody of Deborah to Deputy Rubin. Deputy Rubin observed Sophia to be sitting in the front passenger
44. seat of the vehicle breathing but unconscious additionally, Sophia had white pill residue and purge
45. all over her and the surrounding areas of the vehicle, and Sophia also urinated on herself. Deputy
46. Rubin stood by trying to get Sophia to regain consciousness and secured the scene for medical services.
47. Deputy Wickham radioed for EMS to respond to the scene. Sophia was observed to be breathing normally
48. but was totally unresponsive to stimulus.
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51. EMS arrived on scene and transported Sophia to AdventHealth Ormond Beach for further medical evaluation.
52. Deputy Carvajal conducted a search of the vehicle in an effort to identify what Sophia may have ingested
53. and located prescription medications inside a purse positioned behind the driver's seat. Additionally,
54. a typed note was located with the medication, which stated the following:
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57. "SORRY IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE NO WAY CAN SHE GO TO A HOME MY FAMILY HAS GONE
58. TO HELL SO SORRY FOR NEVAEH PLEASE KEEP UP THE GREAT JOB PLEASE GO TO COLLEGE BE ALL U CAN PLEASE FOR
59. ME MIKE TAKE CARE OF HER MAYBE YOUR HEALTH WILL GET BETTER WITHOUT THE STRESS OF SOPHIA I LOVE YOU
60. NEVAEH NOW U DON'T HAVE TO HELP WITH SOPHIA MY LIFE HAS BEEN HELL GOTTA DO THIS."
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63. Deputy Rubin took digital photographs of van and the purse, secured the note, and immediately notified
64. Sergeant Slover of the case developments. Sergeant Slover responded to the scene and notified the Watch
65. Commander and the on-call Detective Sergeant. Deputy Rubin secured the vehicle and deemed it a crime
66. scene and held it until Detectives arrived on scene.
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69. Upon detectives' arrival to the incident location and briefed on the facts and circumstances of
70. the case, it was decided to tow the vehicle to VSO evidence for the execution of a search warrant at
71. a later time. Deborah was transported to VSO Operations, 1330 Indian Lake Rd, Daytona Beach for an
72. interview. Detective Bacon responded to the hospital to obtain updated medical information regarding
73. Sophia.
74. Detective McIntosh and Detective Sergeant Pullin conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deborah.
75. Detective McIntosh read Deborah her constitutional rights via an agency supplied Miranda Warning Card.
76. Deborah stated verbally she understood her rights. Deborah advised the following:
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79. Deborah and her husband Michael have been in a relationship since 1987 and married since 1995. They
80. reside in Daytona Park Estates with their great granddaughters 17-year-old Nevaeh and 13-year-old Sophia.
81. Neveah and Sophia's parents are not involved in their upbringing and have no parental rights. Deborah
82. and Michael have been their sole guardians since birth. Neveah is a healthy, well-adjusted 17-year-old.
83. Sophia, however, due to her mother's drug use while pregnant, was born with "Group B Streptococcus"
84. and Cerebral Palsy with brain damage. Sophia requires 24-hour care, is unable to walk, communicate
85. normally, wears diapers, and is incapable of caring for herself in any way. Sophia can "scoot" along
86. on the floor to move about the house and is able to use a tablet for watching videos and playing video
87. games. Sophia has violent outbursts of anger which has caused physical injury to Deborah and Michael
88. in the past. Sophia is also overweight, which has increased the difficulty in Deborah and Michael's
89. ability to care for her.
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92. Deborah advised Michael has a heart condition with stress related symptoms. Michael has become increasingly
93. miserable with life and blames Sophia and Deborah for his declining health. Deborah advised Michael
94. is mean to her, but she is reliant on him in order to care for Sophia. Deborah advised due to a hip
95. injury she is unable to change Sophia's diapers because she is unable to get down to the floor. Nevaeh
96. also refused to do this task, resulting in it defaulting to Michael. Because of Sophia's weight Deborah
97. is incapable of lifting or moving Sophia, and it takes everyone to hold and calm Sophia during her
98. violent outbreaks.
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101. Michael and Deborah's daughter (Sophia's grandmother) want Sophia to live in an assisted living
102. facility. Deborah advised she is opposed to this idea, since no one would care for her like family.
103. Deborah advised this has caused a great rift in the family, to the point her daughter doesn't communicate
104. with her, visits, or assists in the care for Sophia. Nevaeh, while she clearly loves Sophia, is also
105. 17 years old and just starting out in life, and Deborah advised she (Nevaeh) is incapable of meeting
106. Sophia's needs. Deborah advised she has to push Nevaeh to help with Sophia, with is usually met with

107. attitude from Nevaeh. Sophia is especially attached to Deborah and spends every waking moment with
108. her. Deborah advised she cannot even go outside without Sophia getting upset. The only time Deborah
109. can get away or out of the house is when Michael takes Sophia for a ride in the car.

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112. Deborah explained that Sophia loves riding in the car. In order to get in the van, Sophia is placed
113. in a wheelchair (which she is able to crawl into with assistance) next to the front passenger seat
114. in the van. A special apparatus affixed to the van lifts Sophia from the wheelchair into the van. The
115. process is reversed to remove Sophia from the van. Deborah advised Michael usually takes her on a fixed
116. route, but she and Sophia go on longer drives with no set destinations.

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119. When asked if Sophia's ailments would result in a shortened lifespan, Deborah advised she had never
120. been told that and none are deemed "terminal". Sophia is also not going to progress any further in
121. her ability to care for herself and will always require care. When asked what happens to Sophia when
122. Deborah or Micheal pass, Deborah stated "I hope she doesn't ever have to live without me." She advised
123. "nobody could handle or love her like I do".

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126. Deborah advised the day started like any other day. When Michael left for a medical appointment,
127. she loaded Sophia into the van and went for a drive. Deborah stated she "just drove around". When questioned
128. about the 1st letter found by Michael, Deborah advised it was an older letter, and she had typed it
129. while making final arrangements as a part of life planning. Deborah advised she was a planner and liked
130. to have things in order. Deborah stated she cannot write well anymore, and instead types and prints
131. notes.

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134. Detective McIntosh then asked Deborah about the contents of the second letter. Deborah admitted
135. "I wrote that yes." Deborah advised she wrote the note within the last week. Deborah advised she loves
136. Nevaeh and Sophia, and she only wants the best for them. Deborah advised she didn't "know what I was
137. planning" and that was why she rode around all day with Sophia. Detective McIntosh offered Deborah
138. wasn't trying to hurt Sophia, to which Deborah stated "no". Detective McIntosh offered Deborah was
139. instead "trying to set her free", to which Deborah nodded in agreement. Detective McIntosh offered
140. Deborah was attempting to set herself free, to which Deborah verbally acknowledged "right. I love Sophia".
141. When asked if Deborah had given Sofia any Trazodone, a bottle which was observed in the van initially,
142. Deborah advised she did not, as she didn't believe it would have been effective. Deborah stated she
143. didn't know what pills she gave Sophia, but believed it to be 4 pills. Deborah advised the pill bottle
144. may be located in the center console of the van. Detective McIntosh asked if Deborah's plan was to
145. wait for Sophia to "go to sleep" and then "join her" to which Deborah acknowledged "yes. Nobody knows
146. what its like in my house."

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149. When asked about why she wrote the note, Deborah advised she cannot recall a specific event. Rather,
150. she was tired of his (Michael's) constant complaining and being mean to her. Deborah re-iterated she
151. "liked to plan ahead". Deborah stated "if Sophia goes, I got to go because I can't leave her behind".

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155. The interview was concluded.

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158. Detective Bacon responded to Advent Health Hospital, located at 601 East Rollins Street, Orlando,
159. as an on-call detective. Upon arrival, Detective Bacon was advised by medical personnel Sophia was
160. still in the process of being medically airlifted to their location. At approximately 2345 hours, Sophia
161. arrived and was immediately transferred to the pediatric intensive care unit. Initial reports suggested
162. the presence of Amphetamines and Benzodiazepines, but further testing would be necessary to identify
163. the specific intoxicants. Detective Bacon confirmed extra blood had been drawn while Sophia was at
164. the Advent Health Hospital in Daytona Beach, which has been set aside pending the application of a
165. search warrant.

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168. During Sophia's initial processing in Orlando, medical staff discovered the presence of suspected
169. crushed pill debris within the folds of Sophia's neck. The suspected pill debris appeared to have a
170. white center and a possible red-like exterior. Digital photographs were collected by Detective Bacon,
171. but the pill debris were unable to be collected due to Sophia's emergency medical care being unable
172. to pause for the collection of evidence. After a short while, Sophia was stabilized and was expected
173. to remain within the pediatric intensive care unit for further testing and evaluation.

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176. Detective Bacon spoke with hospital administration, who were made aware of the nature of Sophia's
177. injury. For this reason, her emergency contact information was updated to only reflect her great-grandfather

178. (Michael) and not the defendant moving forward. Detective Bacon provided his contact information and
179. requested to be contacted should anything change with Sophia's condition, to which they agreed.

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182. Based on the above facts and circumstances, Detective McIntosh determined Deborah premeditated
183. the attempted murder of Sophia. Days prior to the event, Deborah wrote a note stating her intentions.
184. Deborah, who is suicidal due to years of hardships and an unsupportive spouse, believed she is the
185. only viable caretaker for Sophia. Deborah intentionally provided Sophia with an unknown medication
186. that contained Amphetamines and Benzodiazepines, in an effort to cause Sophia to die, and intended
187. on killing herself thereafter. The administration of the medications caused Sophia to become unresponsive
188. and requires treatment at a pediatric intensive care unit. Detective McIntosh determined probable cause
189. to charge Deborah in violation of FSS 782.04(1)(a)(1) – Murder (attempted).

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Officer No. 1

I swear/affirm the above statements are correct and true

Officer Signature



Officer Name
McIntosh, David 8554

Involvement Type
Arresting Officer

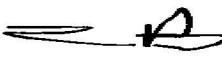
Involvement Date
12/30/2025 03:54:00

Signature Type
A Digital Signature

Notarizing Officer No. 1

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of (X) physical presence or () online notarization, this 30 day of December, 2025

Officer Signature



Officer Name
Bacon, Zakariah 9251

Involvement Date
12/30/2025 03:54:00

Signature Type
A Digital Signature

Notary Public

Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer

Personally Known

Produced Identification

Type of Identification

OFFICER

NOTARIZING OFFICER

Others Involved/Evidence

Court Case Number:

DEFENDANT	Last Name COLLIER		First Name DEBORAH			Middle Name A		Suffix			
	Person No. 1 - VICTIM										
Last Name ABBOTT		First Name SOPHIA	Middle Name M		Suffix	Sex	Race	Ethnicity			
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Age	To Age	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length		
Wears Glasses	Physical Feature Code					OBTS Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Affiliation			
Driver's License Number / State / Class -- / -- / --			Social Security Number --		Misc ID Number / Type / State -- / -- / --			SPN			
- Contact information -											
Last Known Address			City	State	Zip Code	County	Country				
Employer/School Code/D description		Employer/School Name		Employer/School Address			City	State	Zip Code	County	
Employer/School Country		Employer/School Phone		Residency		Email Address			Home Phone	Cell Phone	Secondary Phone
Social Media Information											
Person No. 2 - GUARDIAN OF VICTIM											
Last Name COLLIER		First Name MICHAEL	Middle Name R		Suffix	Sex M	Race White	Ethnicity Non-Hispanic			
Date of Birth 10/24/1956		Place of Birth	Age 69	To Age "	Height "	Weight lbs	Eye Color	Hair Color	Hair Length		
Wears Glasses	Physical Feature Code					OBTS Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Affiliation			
Driver's License Number / State / Class -- / -- / --			Social Security Number --		Misc ID Number / Type / State -- / -- / --			SPN			
- Contact information -											
Last Known Address			City	State	Zip Code	County	Country				
Employer/School Code/D description		Employer/School Name		Employer/School Address			City	State	Zip Code	County	
Employer/School Country		Employer/School Phone		Residency		Email Address N/A			Home Phone	Cell Phone	Secondary Phone
Social Media Information											
Officer No. 1											
I swear/affirm the above statements are correct and true											
Officer Signature											
Officer Name McIntosh, David 8554			Involvement Type Arresting Officer		Involvement Date 12/30/2025 03:54:00		Signature Type A Digital Signature				