

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	
	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 PENNSYLVANIA	City of Birth A	Age 69	To Age	Height 5' 06"	Weight 90 lbs	Eye Color Brown	Hair Color Gray Or Partially Gray	Hair Length		Gang Affiliation	
DEFENDANT	Wears Glasses		Physical Feature Code			OBTS Number		Arrestee Armed With Unarmed					
	Driver's License Number		State	Social Security Number		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
CHARGES	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		
	Charge No. 1												
CHARGES	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			
NARRATIVE	The undersigned certifies and swears that there is probable cause to believe the above-named defendant, on the 29th day of December, 2025, at approximately 16:49 hours at Coleman Rd / Bunnell Rd, violated the law and did then and there:												
	Narrative Title: Narrative												
	1. On December 29th, 2025, at approximately 1620 hours, deputies were requested to be on the lookout												
	2. for a silver Chrysler Pacifica bearing Florida registration plate IUCN58. The vehicle was associated												
	3. 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												
	5. Collier had been deemed suicidal and met the criteria for a Baker Act. A typed letter had been found												
	6. at the residence which read:												
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	9. "CREAMATION NO URN JUST BOX NO CELEBRATION MY LIFE SUCKED" with a handwritten note underneath "go												
	10. to Victoria where John went"												
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	13. Deputy Wickham located the vehicle in the 300 block of Bunnell Road and immediately conducted a												
	14. traffic stop for a wellbeing check.												
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17. Deputy Wickham approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, positively identified as													
18. Deborah Collier, and the front-seat passenger, Sophia Abbott. Deputy Wickham observed Sophia sleeping													
19. in the front passenger seat. Deputy Wickham asked Deborah if Sophia was okay, and Deborah advised that													
20. Sophia was sleeping. Deputy Wickham observed Sophia's stomach expanding and contracting, indicating													
21. normal breathing, and did not observe any other apparent signs of distress at the time. Deputy Wickham													
22. requested Deborah to exit the vehicle and escorted her to his patrol vehicle. Deborah was detained													
23. and placed in the rear seat of Deputy Wickham's patrol vehicle without incident.													
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26. Deputy Wickham inquired further about Sophia, and Deborah stated that Sophia was her grandchild													
27. 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.													
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31. Deputy Wickham was instructed to remain on scene with the vehicle and Sophia until another deputy													
32. arrived to transport Deborah to Stewart-Marchman. Michael Collier, Deborah's husband and the initial													
33. reporting party, was enroute to retrieve the vehicle and transport Sophia home. While awaiting responding													
34. units and family members, Deputy Wickham periodically checked on Sophia, who remained asleep and was													
35. observed to be breathing normally each time he checked on her.													
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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. Nevaeh 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. Nevaeh 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 Michaels  
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 Deborahs 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



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 [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Ethnicity [REDACTED]			
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Place of Birth [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	To Age [REDACTED]	Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	Eye Color [REDACTED]	Hair Color [REDACTED]	Hair Length [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Wears Glasses [REDACTED]	Physical Feature Code [REDACTED]	OBTS Number [REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Affiliation				
Driver's License Number / State / Class -- / -- / --		Social Security Number --		Misc ID Number / Type / State -- / -- / --			SPN [REDACTED]		
- Contact information -									
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Employer/School Country [REDACTED]	Employer/School Phone [REDACTED]	Residency [REDACTED]	Email Address [REDACTED]			Home Phone [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	Secondary Phone [REDACTED]	
Social Media Information [REDACTED]									

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 [REDACTED]	Age 69	To Age [REDACTED]	Height ' "	Weight lbs	Eye Color [REDACTED]	Hair Color [REDACTED]	Hair Length [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Wears Glasses [REDACTED]	Physical Feature Code [REDACTED]	OBTS Number [REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Affiliation				
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