

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

**CF - 2017 - 5761**

State of Oklahoma

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

**FILED IN DISTRICT COURT  
OKLAHOMA COUNTY**

TRAVIS GOSS BRAUER

DEFENDANT.

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COMES NOW  
**DAVID W. PRATER** THE DULY ELECTED, QUALIFIED AND ACTING DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN  
AND FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTY, DISTRICT NO. 7, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AND ON HIS OFFICIAL OATH INFORMS THE  
DISTRICT COURT THAT

COUNT 1 : ON OR ABOUT THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2017, A.D., TO BETWEEN ON OR ABOUT THE  
DAY OF 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2017, A.D., THE CRIME OF OFFERING FALSE OR  
FRAUDULENT EVIDENCE WAS FELONIOUSLY COMMITTED IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY,  
OKLAHOMA BY TRAVIS BRAUER, WHO DID WILFULLY, KNOWINGLY AND  
WRONGFULLY OFFER AS GENUINE A DOCUMENT, RECORD OR OTHER INSTRUMENT IN  
WRITING DURING AN INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED BY LAW; SPECIFICALLY,  
DEFENDANT OFFERED AS GENUINE A LAPTOP COMPUTER AFTER DELIBERATELY  
DELETING DATA STORED ON SAID COMPUTER, TO THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY  
PATROL, KNOWING THAT SAID DOCUMENT OR INSTRUMENT WAS ALTERED,  
CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 451 OF TITLE 21 OF THE OKLAHOMA  
STATUTES, AND AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COUNT 2 : ON OR ABOUT THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2017, A.D., TO BETWEEN ON OR ABOUT THE  
DAY OF 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2017, A.D., THE CRIME OF DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE WAS  
FELONIOUSLY COMMITTED IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, BY TRAVIS BRAUER,  
WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY DESTROYED OR ALTERED A CELL TELEPHONE,  
KNOWING SAID EVIDENCE WAS TO BE PRODUCED IN EVIDENCE IN AN INVESTIGATION  
AUTHORIZED BY LAW, WITH THE INTENT THEREBY TO PREVENT THE SAME FROM  
BEING PRODUCED, CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 454 OF TITLE 21 OF  
THE OKLAHOMA STATUTES, AND AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF  
OKLAHOMA

**DAVID W. PRATER**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DISTRICT NO. 7  
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

BY



ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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I HAVE EXAMINED THE FACTS IN THIS CASE AND RECOMMEND THAT A WARRANT DO ISSUE, (22 O.S.: 231).

**DAVID W. PRATER**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DISTRICT NO. 7  
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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NAME OF WITNESSES

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73135

BRENT JONES  
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2480 W I-240, FRONTAGE RD  
OKLAHOMA CITY OK, 73159

GARY SCHMIDT  
NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
201 W. GRAY, BLDG. #B  
NORMAN OK, 73069

FORREST BENNETT  
424 SW 54TH STR  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73109

MARY FALLIN  
STATE CAPITAL BUILDING ROM 212  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

MATTHEW MEREDITH  
13931 W SHADY GROVE RD  
TAHLEQUAH, OK 74464

SHELLEY ZUMWALT  
204 NW 34TH STR  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73118

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA SITTING IN AND FOR Oklahoma COUNTY**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No:
	)	
Travis Goss Brauer	)	
ADDR: 1717 North Gatewood Avenue	)	
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106	)	
	)	
SSN: <del>XXXX-XX-XXXX</del> 8456	)	
OLN: G081787762	)	
ID: N/A	)	
DOB: <del>MM/DD/YYYY</del> 1988	)	
RACE: W	)	
SEX: M	)	
	)	
Defendant,	)	

**CRIME(S) ALLEGED:**

- 1. Destruction of Evidence  
21 O.S. §, 454

**AFFIDAVIT**

COMES NOW, Lieutenant Brent Jones, YOUR AFFIANT HEREIN, AND UPON OATH DEPOSES AND STATES THE FOLLOWING:

I am a State Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and have the authority under Oklahoma Statute Title 47-2-117 to conduct investigations. I have complied with the provisions of Oklahoma Statute Title 70, Section 3311 and am entitled to such professional standings as a full time, certified law enforcement officer in the State of Oklahoma.

I am a graduate of the 48th Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy and took my oath of office and was sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

I have received numerous hours of continuing education in the field of law enforcement, criminal investigations, crime scene investigation, interviewing witnesses and suspects .

On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, Travis Brauer attended a Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget (JCAB) meeting. Travis Brauer entered the meeting late and sat in the floor next to Sara Bana. Sara Bana was standing, so she could live stream the meeting on Facebook Live. Travis Brauer was accused of using his cell phone to film or take a picture(s) up the dress of Sara Bana, during the meeting by Amanda Christie. Amanda Christie observed a movement near Sara Bana and noticed a phone, lying on the floor, next to Sara Bana's stiletto heel. The phone was close enough to Sara Bana's heel that she could have stepped back and broken it. Amanda Christie could not see if the phone was recording, due to the distance between her and the phone. Amanda Christie observed Travis Brauer retrieve that same phone from the floor.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, Travis Brauer was made aware that he was a suspect. Travis Brauer was told by Trooper Lateka Alexander that he could be cleared of this allegation by allowing law enforcement to perform a forensic download of his phone. Travis Brauer, on the advice of Susan Rogers, a lawyer, denied the request at that time. Travis Brauer made several searches on how to delete images from a phone, how to completely wipe a phone and websites that are used to wipe phones, after that request was denied.

On Friday, May 26, 2017, Captain Brent Sugg contacted Travis Brauer by telephone. Captain Brent Sugg inquired if Travis Brauer was willing to submit his cell phone for a forensic download. Travis Brauer agreed and told Captain Brent Sugg that he was going out of town, but would submit the phone when he returned on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

On Tuesday, May 30, 2017, Captain Brent Sugg made several attempts to contact Travis Brauer, so Travis Brauer could surrender his phone. Travis Brauer responded that he was getting a haircut and would drop the phone off later. Captain Brent Sugg called Travis Brauer and left a voice mail explaining that Captain Brent Sugg was going to get a warrant for Travis Brauer's phone. Travis Brauer called back and stated that he was on his way to drop off the phone.

Travis Brauer arrived to surrender his phone, but explained that he did not have the phone anymore. Travis Brauer explained that he had taken the phone to a store, so that the contacts could be transferred to another phone. Travis Brauer allegedly did this to safe guard the phone and the information that was contained within it. Travis Brauer went on to explain that he had then accidentally lost the phone at the lake. Travis Brauer was never able to relocate that phone.

On Monday, June 5, 2017, Travis Brauer contacted Captain Brent Sugg and explained that he had backed the phone up to his laptop computer, prior to having the contacts transferred to another phone. Travis Brauer offered to drop of his laptop computer, so it could be forensically downloaded. Captain Brent Sugg agreed to taking the laptop computer and having it downloaded. Travis Brauer dropped off the laptop computer, later that same day.

Norman Police Department Sergeant Gary Schmidt forensically downloaded the laptop computer. Sergeant Gary Schmidt recovered approximately 216 gigabytes of data from the laptop. Once the data was analyzed, it was noted that there was approximately one hour of activity missing from Tuesday, May 23, 2017, which was the day of the meeting and that one hour was the time Travis Brauer was attending the meeting.

Several witnesses stated that they observed Travis Brauer taking pictures during the meeting. Shelley Zumwalt works with Travis Brauer. They both agree that they do not have a good relationship with each other. However, Shelley Zumwalt observed Travis Brauer taking photos during the meeting and also saw one of those photos. Shelley Zumwalt could not remember if the photo was on Travis Brauer's phone or she saw it another way, but knew Travis Brauer had taken the photo. The photo was of a lady with long hair wearing Birkenstock sandals and socks that attended the meeting. Forrest Bennett observed Travis Brauer taking photos during the meeting. Forrest Bennett also confronted Travis Brauer, during the meeting, about taking photo. Matthew Meredith observed Travis Brauer's phone camera flash going off several times during the meeting. Matthew Meredith also confronted Travis Brauer, during the meeting, about taking photos.

Travis Brauer admitted he used his phone and was playing Words with Friends, Tindering and Bumbling. Travis Brauer did not recall taking photos during the meeting. However Travis Brauer did remembered taking photos at a meeting on Monday night. Travis Brauer could not explain why he had an hour gap of no activity on his phone the night in question.

Upon which I declare the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L.T. B.S. Dow #158  
Affiant

07/19/2017  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

My Commission Expires: 01/27/21  
Lindsey D. Ines  
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 and or issue an arrest warrant.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

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Judge of the District Court

Bond set at \$ \_\_\_\_\_