DECLARATION OF CARLI MICHELLE HELLER REGARDING TELEPHONE CALL FROM LIEUTENANT CHAPMAN, MENDOCINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Re: J.J.H., age 2 — Mendocino County Superior Court No. 25FL01030 (custody order of February 11, 2026); Lee County, Florida No. 26-DR-006457 (registered September 22, 2026); Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Report No. 2026-16870 (Penal Code § 278.5, taken September 7, 2026)

I, Carli Michelle Heller, declare:

1. I am the mother and sole physical custodian of J.J.H., born September 6, 2024, under the Findings and Order After Hearing of February 11, 2026 in Mendocino County Superior Court No. 25FL01030, registered in Lee County, Florida on September 22, 2026. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated here.

2. On September 28, 2026, I sent two written requests to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (records@mendocinosheriff.org), at 12:41 PM and 3:55 PM Eastern Time, asking that a deputy take my son into protective custody under Penal Code § 279.6, or conduct a welfare check on him, at 9501 Laughlin Way, Redwood Valley, or the other family residences named in the request, citing Report No. 2026-16870.

3. Shortly before 4:18 PM Eastern Time (1:18 PM Pacific Time) on September 28, 2026, I received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as Lieutenant Chapman of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

4. Lieutenant Chapman told me that he had spoken with Investigator Guzman of the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office. I told him what I already understood from Investigator Guzman: that nothing would be happening. Lieutenant Chapman told me that the Sheriff's Office would not be doing anything either, and that it was taking the same position as the District Attorney's Office.

5. I specifically asked for a welfare check on my son. Lieutenant Chapman asked on what basis. I told him: the recorded death threat; the unsurrendered firearm; the father's inability to take care of the child even when sober; and other matters from the record. Lieutenant Chapman said that those were things that happened in the past. I said that they have gone unaddressed.

6. I told him that this was what I expected and thanked him for letting me know. I told him I was surprised that this was the office's position, given that Deputy Kroh and other deputies had been to that residence and would remember it, and that my son is two years old with neurodevelopmental delays from prenatal trauma. He did not change his position.

7. At the end of the call I asked for his badge number. He asked, "For what purposes?" I said, for the purpose of knowing his badge number. He was hesitant to give it; I had to ask at least twice; he repeated several times, "I already told you my name." He then gave badge number 1302. He would not give me his first name. In my experience no officer has ever tried to refuse me a badge number before.

8. His manner throughout the call was rude.

9. As of the time I sign this declaration, no deputy has contacted me to report a welfare check on my son in response to my requests of September 28, 2026.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Under penalties of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true.

Executed on September 28, 2026, at Bonita Springs, Florida.

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