

AFFIDAVIT OF SAM BROWER

I, Sam Brower, being first duly sworn, state the following:

"I am 55 years old and competent to make this affidavit. The following is true and correct and within my personal knowledge:

"I am an private investigator licensed in the state of Utah. I live in Cedar City, Utah. I have been actively involved in the investigation of the FLDS cult for five years and my services have been retained by various attorneys and law enforcement officials. On May 13, 2009, I was in San Angelo attending the hearing on the Motion to Suppress in the FLDS criminal cases. While in the courtroom, I was served with a Subpoena and Notice of Deposition in Merrienne Jessop's CPS case and scheduled for June 22 , 2009 in Amy Hennington's office. The Subpoena and Notice of Deposition were served at the instance of Barbara Jessop.

"It would cost approximately \$1,000.00 for me to purchase an airline ticket to travel to Texas, as well as incidental costs such as food and lodging to attend the deposition as scheduled. Taking into consideration travel time and time spent in a deposition, I would lose at least three days' wages and my business would suffer significantly. The expense and lost business opportunities and wages from attending the noticed deposition would create a substantial financial burden that I could not recover.

"I feel that my safety is at risk if I travel to San Angelo at a time that is known to FLDS members. I have been pursued and harassed by FLDS members regularly in the past, and the most recent incident during the week of May 12 gives me particular concern for my safety.

"On the evening of 05-12-2009, I arrived by plane into San Angelo at about 10:00pm and upon leaving the plane I was unsure what hotel I was staying at so I had to look at my reservations to see what Hotel I would be staying at. Nobody knew where I would be staying during my stay in San Angelo, because I didn't know myself until the plane had landed in San Angelo.

"Upon arriving at the Hotel where my reservation for the next three nights had been made the desk clerk took my personal information and then checked me into the Hotel. Upon giving me the key to my room, the clerk remarked that she had put me in the room adjoining my friend. I had not anticipated any friends joining me on this trip and was taken back by the remark, especially given the sensitive nature of my work, so asked the clerk what friend she was talking about. She responded that the person's last name was Jessop. I then inquired what the persons first name was and she said that it was Dee Jessop. I recognized Jessop's name as someone who is an active member of the FLDS church and is currently facing charges in AZ for harassment against former members of the FLDS Church in Colorado City, AZ. I also recognized him as being the brother of FLDS spokesman and church bodyguard and security Willie Jessop. Dee Jessop is also the first cousin to Merrienne Jessop, the 12 year old bride of church prophet Warren Jeffs. Barbara Jessop is an Aunt to Dee Jessop and Dee Jessop is also a

second cousin to Merrienne Jessop on her father's side.

”The desk clerk then informed me that she had spoken to me several times throughout the day and that I had told her to expect some friends and that we wanted to be in adjoining rooms. I informed the clerk that I had not called her that day or ever. She insisted that someone had called their hotel 3 or 4 times throughout the day claiming to be Sam Brower and that the person posing as me had let them know that there would be a group of us staying there, so he wanted to know what room I would be staying in so they could all get rooms next to each other. After several phone calls the clerk assigned a room to the person posing as Sam Brower and let that individual know that room 233 had been assigned.

”At approximately 09:00pm an individual arrived at the hotel and asked for a room for the night. He specifically requested room 232. The desk clerk checked her computer and the room that this individual requested showed that it was not available. Upon informing the individual the room was not available, he claimed that he was a friend of Sam Brower and he had been told by Sam Brower that Sam would be staying in room 233 and asked if there was an adjoining room that he could stay in. The desk clerk informed him that room 234 was available and the individual then identified himself as Dee Jessop to the clerk by giving him a drivers license and his credit card and rented room 234.

”Upon hearing from the desk clerk that Dee Jessop had knowledge that someone had called the hotel and had been impersonating myself and the fact that Dee Jessop had asked specifically for an adjoining room next to the one that had been assigned to me and the fact that Dee Jessop had positively identified himself with a drivers license and credit card, it became a cause for great concern for me. The clerk also gave the description of Dee Jessop. I have been working on civil cases involving the FLDS Church and its prophet Warren Steed Jeffs. Because of my involvement in those cases and because of the knowledge and information that I have been able to amass over the past five years I am considered a threat to the prophet, church and the individual members way of life. It has been reported by former members that Dee Jessop is capable of violence and he has been the subject of law enforcement security warnings in the past. It has also been reported by former church members that Dee Jessop has been the presenter of a demonstration on how to be able to survive in the last days, wherein he takes a steer, and while still alive, cuts the steers throat in a shocking demonstration of what it may take if the need should arise, to end an animal’s life in that manner. This demonstration was among many put on before elementary school age children and the children are required to watch the animal suffer and bleed out until it is dead and then it is butchered, also in front of the children. Because of Dee Jessop's propensity and reputation for violent shock value, and the fact that he had been part of a hoax call attempting to locate me and get a room next to mine, the information that I received caused me a great deal of consternation.

”Upon determining that Dee Jessop had been stalking me and had been part of an organized plan to impersonate me, locate me and plant himself in the room next to me, I made contact with local law enforcement. The San Angelo Police arrived on the scene and because of the interstate

implications the FBI was called in as well.

“Law enforcement secured the room that had been assigned to myself and found no evidence that anyone had been in the room. Law enforcement also made attempts to locate Dee Jessop in the room that he had rented but were unable to make contact with Jessop. The room was monitored but Dee Jessop was never located.

”The FBI accompanied me to another hotel and a room was secured for me under an assumed name where I stayed for the remainder of my visit. The purpose for the visit to San Angelo was to attend the suppression hearing that was taking place over the following three days. During the length of my stay, I was monitored by the FBI and the room at the hotel that Dee Jessop had stayed in was monitored. Dee Jessop never returned to the hotel and he never appeared during the suppression hearing that I was attending. Apparently, Dee Jessop was scared off by the authorities and left the area.

”I have been the subject of attempts by other FLDS attorney's to gain access to information that is considered attorney client work product in various civil cases throughout the past several years. I have been a part of the legal teams as an investigator in many civil cases against the FLDS Church and assorted leaders. In order to be deposed it would be necessary to have attorney representatives present for the clients whose legal interests may come into play as a part of any deposition.

”Because of the fact that I have been currently stalked by Dee Jessop and there is an ongoing federal and local investigation currently being conducted to determine the reasons surrounding attempts by agents of the FLDS church to locate and stalk me and commit some undetermined harm to me it would be unsafe for me to travel to Texas while members of the FLDS church are aware of my location, date and time of deposition. The fact that agents of the FLDS church have tried on other occasions in the past to bring physical harm to me exacerbates the problems in traveling to Texas and safety concerns that exist because of the FLDS church’s perception that I am an enemy of the church. “

Further the affiant sayeth not.


Sam Brower, Affiant

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Sworn before me this 19 day of May, 2009


Notary, State of Utah

