

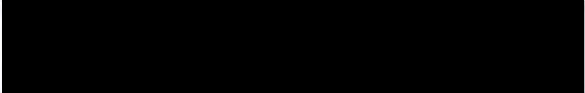
STATE OF COLORADO}
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COUNTY OF CHAFFEE}

ARREST WARRANT

Case Number **20002468** FILED: May 13, 2021 4:09 PM
CASE NUMBER: 2021CR85

BARRY LEE MORPHEW (DOB 10/17/1967)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: **White Male**
 5'10" Tall
 190 pounds
 BLN Hair
 BLU Eyes



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

VS

BARRY LEE MORPHEW

To: Any Law Enforcement Officer authorized to execute arrest warrants within the State of Colorado:

You are hereby commanded to arrest **BARRY LEE MORPHEW** and bring **him** without unnecessary delay before the County/District Court in and for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, to answer a complaint charging him with:

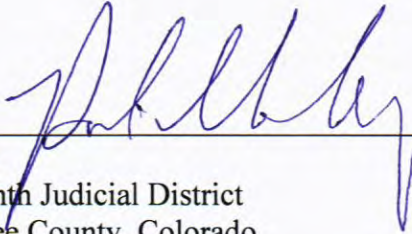
Colorado Revised Statute Title 1-13-106 Forgery (Any person who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any ballot before or after it has been cast, or who forges any name of a person as a signer or witness to a petition or nomination paper, or who forges any letter of acceptance, declination, or withdrawal, or who forges the name of a registered elector to a voter's mail-in or mail ballot commits forgery as set forth in section 18-5-102, C.R.S. a class 5 felony, and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.).

AND

Colorado Revised Statute Title 1-13-112 (an unclassified misdemeanor) Offenses relating to mail ballots. Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with such a ballot shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than eighteen months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Bail is hereby set by the Court in the amount of \$ 1,000 P.R.

Dated this 13 day of May, 2021.



Judge
Eleventh Judicial District
Chaffee County, Colorado

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FILED IN COMBINED COURTS

PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ISSUANCE OF AN ARREST WARRANT

MAY 13 2021

CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO

Comes now your affiant, being of lawful age, and first being duly sworn, deposes and states that probable cause exists for the issuance of an **ARREST WARRANT** for **BARRY LEE MORPHEW (DOB 10/17/1967)**.

The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that I, Detective Sergeant Claudette Hysjulien, am and was at all relevant times hereto employed as a Law Enforcement Officer, in and for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado. Affiant further states that all incidents described herein occurred within Chaffee County, State of Colorado.

Your Affiant says;

On Thursday, October 22, 2020 in the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado at approximately 1818 hours, Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Patrol Sergeant Jesse Cortese responded to the report of alleged voter fraud, within the County of Chaffee.

The said allegation was initially reported via telephone by the **Chaffee County Clerk Lori Mitchell (DOB 06/23/1964)** to **Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Sheriff John Spezze** then assigned to Sgt. Cortese by C.C.S.O. Undersheriff Andrew Rohrich.

At approximately 1909 hours, Sgt. Cortese met in person with County Clerk Mitchell at the Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder's Office, located at the address of 104 Crestone Avenue (within the City of Salida).

According to a narrative by Sgt. Cortese, Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell reported that the Chaffee County Clerk's Office had received a United States of America Presidential incoming election voter ballot **predesignated for a Missing Person, identified as Susanne Renee Morphey (DOB 04/30/1971) who has been missing since May of the year 2020**. The said ballot was received by the Chaffee County Clerk's Office via United States Postal Service (Salida, Colorado). After receiving the ballot, it was scanned by the Chaffee County Clerk's Office personnel on the date of October 19, 2020 at 1902 hours.

County Clerk Mitchell then provided the ballot to Sgt. Cortese for purposes of being photographed and seized as evidence. County Clerk Mitchell also provided Sgt. Cortese with a printed photograph of the said ballot being processed through their sorting machine.

While on scene, Sgt. Cortese photographed the front and back of said ballot. The photograph of the front of said ballot envelope displays **the handwritten sender address of 19057 Puma Path Salida, Colorado 81201**. The back of said ballot envelope displays **the handwritten date of 10/15/20**. Also, on the back of said ballot envelope, (below the

Self-Affirmation) the ballot did not have a signature next to the “X” of the *Voter’s Signature Required*. However, the ballot did have a handwritten date of *10/15/20* on the designated date line and **the handwritten name of Barry Lee Morpew** on the designated signature line of the *Witness’s Legal Name*.

Sgt. Cortese seized said printed photograph and ballot/ballot envelope before concluding his contact with Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell. Sgt. Cortese then provided the evidence to C.C.S.O. Detective/Evidence Technician Robin Burgess to be processed and secured as evidence (C.C.S.O. evidence item 1JRC-Ballot of Missing Person) in the C.C.S.O. Evidence Division.

According to a narrative by Detective Robin Burgess, on March 1, 2021 he later interviewed Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell via telephone.

During that interview he requested to photograph the ballot and the ballot envelope for Barry Lee Morpew. Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell advised Det. Burgess that the ballots are held by her office for 25 months and that she would attempt to locate the requested ballot along with ballot envelope.

On March 2, 2021 Det. Burgess met with Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell and photographed Barry’s ballot. Before ending his contact with Chaffee County Clerk Mitchell, she provided Det. Burgess with a printed photograph of Barry’s voter ballot being processed through their sorting machine and a printed photograph of the voter ballot signature verification page on Barry’s voter ballot.

On April 22, 2021 the Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Jonathan Grusing and Agent Kenneth Harris met Barry Lee Morpew in person, near the Franz Lake area (located within the County of Chaffee) to conduct an audio recorded interview with Barry.

During said interview, when the F.B.I. Agents asked Barry why he submitted Suzanne’s (referring to his wife, Suzanne Renee Morpew) Presidential election voter ballot.

Barry replied “Just because I wanted Trump (referring to President Donald Trump) to win”. When discussing the ballot submission, Barry further stated “I just thought, give him (referring to President Trump) another vote”, “I figured all these other guys are cheating” and “I know she (referring to Suzanne Renee Morpew) was going to vote for Trump (referring to President Trump) anyway”.

When F.B.I. Agents asked Barry if he knew that it (referring to submitting someone else’s voter ballot) was illegal, Barry replied “I didn’t know you couldn’t do that for your spouse”.

After completing this case investigation and reviewing the presented case evidence (to include the verification of sorter signature/reference signature of the election voter ballot of Barry Lee Morpew and the printed address/date/name on the election voter ballot of Suzanne Renee Morpew, along with the audio recorded reply of Barry stating his reason for submitting Suzanne’s election voter ballot, it is presented that **BARRY LEE MORPHEW (DOB 10/17/1967)** did submit said election voter ballot of **Suzanne Renee Morpew** which is in violation of:

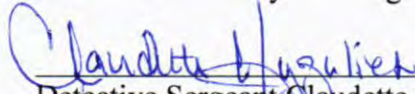
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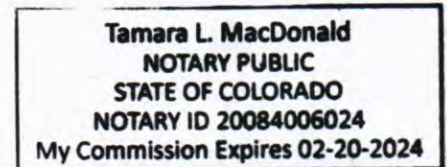
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Therefore, your Affiant respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for the **ARREST** of **BARRY LEE MORPHEW (DOB 10/17/1967)** for violation of the above C.R.S. offenses.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.



Detective Sergeant Claudette Hysjulien
Chaffee County Sheriff's Office
State of Colorado, County of Chaffee



I affirm that this affidavit and warrant has been reviewed by the following attorney with the State of Colorado 11th Judicial District Attorney's Office: Senior Deputy District Attorney Jeff Lindsey.

The foregoing affidavit for an Arrest Warrant was subscribed and sworn to me

by Detective Sergeant Claudette Hysjulien, this 13th day of May, 2021.

Notary Public  My commission expires: 02-20-2024

BY THE COURT:

Judge
State of Colorado 11th Judicial District

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