

**COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST**

**YISRAYL BILL HAWKINS**

**08/28/1934**

**BIGAMY**

**SECOND DEGREE FELONY**

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**IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,**

I, Tee Barton, do solemnly swear that I have good reason to believe and do believe that one Yisrayl Bill Hawkins on or about the 25th day of September, 2007, in the County of Callahan, and State of Texas did then and there, with intent to promote or assist the commission of the offense of bigamy, solicit, encourage, direct, aid, or attempt to aid Yedidiyah Hawkins in committing the offense of bigamy.

**MY BELIEF IN THE AFORESAID IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:**

John Doe #1, a former member of a religious sect to which the defendant belongs, has given information regarding the sect to the County Attorney's Office which has consistently proven to be true and accurate. Doe #1 has provided details about Kepha Arcemont Hawkins, regarding his multiple marriages. Doe #1 has stated that the Kepha Arcemont Hawkins was married to Shandra Arcemont Hawkins and is to this day married to Shandra Arcemont Hawkins. Doe #1 has stated that Kepha Arcemont Hawkins took a second wife, Karena Metcalf, now known as Karena Arcemont Hawkins. Doe #1 states that Kepha Arcemont Hawkins and Karena Arcemont Hawkins had a ceremony many years ago, which was attended by Yisrayl Hawkins, and that this and many other multiple marriages were encouraged and approved of by Yisrayl Hawkins. Kepha Arcemont Hawkins and Shandra Arcemont Hawkins and Karena Arcemont Hawkins live together on a compound owned or controlled by the sect. The County Attorney's Office has verified the living situation and conditions of Kepha Arcemont Hawkins and Karena Arcemont Hawkins through documents obtained from the Callahan County Clerk, Taylor County Clerk, Taylor County Registrar, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the City of Abilene, Vital Statistics Office. Kepha Arcemont Hawkins' second marriage has also been confirmed by John Doe #22, John Doe #31, and John Doe #17. The encouragement of such practice by Yisrayl Hawkins has been confirmed by John Doe #22, John Doe #31, John Doe #73, John Doe #17, and John Doe

#63, among many other ex-members of the sect. Yisrayl Hawkins has been present at a ceremony between Kepha Arcemont Hawkins and Karena Arcemont Hawkins and has given his blessings to such arrangements as leader of the sect. John Doe #73 and John Doe #1 have also stated that Yisrayl Hawkins was present at a ceremony involving Yedidiyah Hawkins and Riyanah Hawkins and encouraged this marriage even though Yedidiyah Hawkins was already known to be married to Autumn Thornton and Yisrayl Hawkins was aware of that previous marriage. According to Riyanah Hawkins, she and Yedidiyah Hawkins are still considered to be married and have a residence in Callahan County, Texas near the sect compound on FM 603. Yedidiyah Hawkins and Kepha Hawkins are both widely known as elders of the sect. Yisrayl Hawkins is the leader of the sect and has frequently preached of the apocalypse and pending end of the world. Yisrayl Hawkins has made many false predictions of the date of such ending and nuclear wars. All of the confidential sources noted within this affidavit have stated that Yisrayl Hawkins has a great deal of control and influence over his followers. There is concern that Yisrayl Hawkins could be a danger to his followers if placed in a desperate situation such as facing a possible prison sentence. Yisrayl Hawkins is also known to leave the country periodically and it is a concern that he might flee from justice once arrested.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Tee Barton, Affiant

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 by Tee Barton, a credible person.

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Shane Deel, Callahan County Attorney

Recommended Bond: \$2,500,000