

**TODAY, AN EXPERIENCED ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY HAS HEARD SWORN TESTIMONY AND HAS RETURNED A 7 COUNT INDICTMENT AGAINST CASEY ANTHONY.**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE CITIZEN SEARCHERS, THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ITS LABORATORY, THE OAK RIDGE LABORATORY AND THE OTHER DEDICATED JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS. THE INVESTIGATION CONTAINS INTRICATE FORENSICS THAT ARE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF SCIENCE. REMEMBER WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BROUGHT THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL USE OF DNA IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS TO AMERICA. WE ARE USED TO COMPLEX FORENSICS AND ARE READY TO MANAGE THIS EVIDENCE AT TRIAL.**

**(READ SIGNED INDICTMENT )**

**THIS CASE WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED BY NEWS RELEASES LAYING OUT OUR CASE TO FURTHER EXCITE THE PUBLIC. WE WILL PROPERLY DO OUR WORK IN A COURTROOM SETTING WITH A CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING TO ENSURE A**

**FAIR TRIAL FOR THE DEFENDANT. REMEMBER THAT THIS INDICTMENT IS NOT PROOF OF GUILT, IT IS A GRAND JURY FINDING , AN ACCUSATION.**

**THE DEFENDANT IS CLOAKED WITH THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE AND HAS A RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. SHE DESERVES NOT TO BE TRIED BY A NEWS CONFERENCE. OUR BOUNDED DUTY AS PROSECUTORS IS TO PRODUCE THE EVIDENCE AND SEEK JUSTICE IN COURT.**

**I WILL NOT FURTHER COMMENT ON THE PROCESS AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT COMMENT ON THE EVIDENCE.**

**THIS CONCLUDES THE NEWS CONFERENCE AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SPRING TERM, 2008

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

VS.

CASEY MARIE ANTHONY

INDICTMENT  
CASE NUMBER #

DIVISION -

1. FIRST DEGREE MURDER (CAPITAL)
2. AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE (F1-L9)
3. AGGRAVATED MANSLAUGHTER OF A CHILD (F1-L10)
4. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
5. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
6. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
7. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, between the 15th day of June, 2008 and the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a)(1), from a premeditated design to effect the death of CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY, a human being, unlawfully kill CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY.

## COUNT TWO

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, between the 15th day of June, 2008 and the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did knowingly or willfully, in violation of Florida Statute 827.03(2) cause great bodily harm, permanent disfigurement or permanent disability to CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY, a child under 18 years of age, by intentionally inflicting physical injury upon CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY, or by intentionally committing an act or actively encouraging another person to commit an act which could reasonably be expected to result in physical injury to CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY.

## COUNT THREE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, between the 15th day of June, 2008 and the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did willfully or by culpable negligence, in violation of Florida Statutes 782.07(3) and 827.03(3), while a caregiver to CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY, a child under 18 years of age, fail or omit to provide CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY with the care, supervision and services necessary to maintain CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY'S physical and mental health, or fail to make a reasonable effort to protect CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY from abuse, neglect or exploitation by another person, and in so doing caused the death of CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY.

#### COUNT FOUR

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, on the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 837.055, knowingly and willfully give false information to YURI MELICH, a law enforcement officer with the ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF, who was conducting a missing person investigation, with the intent to mislead YURI MELICH or impede his investigation, to-wit: that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY was employed at Universal Studios Orlando during the year 2008.

#### COUNT FIVE

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, on the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 837.055, knowingly and willfully give false information to YURI MELICH, a law enforcement officer with the ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF, who was conducting a missing person investigation, with the intent to mislead YURI MELICH or impede his investigation, to-wit: that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY left the child CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY at the Sawgrass Apartments, 2863 South Conway Road, Apt. 210, Orlando, Florida with a person identified as ZENAIDA FERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ on June 9, 2008 or any subsequent date.

#### COUNT SIX

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, on the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 837.055, knowingly and willfully give false information to YURI MELICH, a law

enforcement officer with the ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF, who was conducting a missing person investigation, with the intent to mislead YURI MELICH or impede his investigation, to-wit: that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY informed persons identified as JEFFREY MICHAEL HOPKINS and JULIETTE LEWIS, former Universal Studios Orlando employees, of the disappearance of the child CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY between June 9, 2008 and July 16, 2008.

**COUNT SEVEN**

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY, on the 16th day of July, 2008, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 837.055, knowingly and willfully give false information to YURI MELICH, a law enforcement officer with the ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF, who was conducting a missing person investigation, with the intent to mislead YURI MELICH or impede his investigation, to-wit: that CASEY MARIE ANTHONY received a phone call from the child CAYLEE MARIE ANTHONY on July 15, 2008 at approximately 12:00 pm.

A TRUE BILL

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Foreman of the Grand Jury

As authorized and required by law, I have advised the Grand Jury returning this indictment.

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LAWSON LAMAR, STATE ATTORNEY  
Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Filed and presented in Open Court, in the presence of the Grand Jury this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008.

LYDIA GARDNER  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

**CASE NO.**

- Charge(s):
- Ct. 1. FIRST DEGREE MURDER (CAPITAL)  
Statute No.(s) 782.04(1)(a)(1)  
JIT No. 782.04(1)(A)(1)
  - Ct. 2. AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE (F1-L9)  
Statute No.(s) 827.03(2)  
JIT No. 827.03(2)-5
  - Ct. 3. AGGRAVATED MANSLAUGHTER OF A CHILD (F1-L10)  
Statute No.(s) 782.07(3), 827.03(3)  
JIT No. 782.07(3)-1
  - Ct. 4. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Statute No.(s) 837.055  
JIT No. 837.055
  - Ct. 5. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Statute No.(s) 837.055  
JIT No. 837.055
  - Ct. 6. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Statute No.(s) 837.055  
JIT No. 837.055
  - Ct. 7. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Statute No.(s) 837.055  
JIT No. 837.055

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SUMMONS                      CAPIAS                      RETURN DATE:                      IN CUSTODY:

**CASE NO:**

**DEFENDANT:**                      CASEY MARIE ANTHONY

**ADDRESS/PHONE:** 4937 Hopespring Dr., Orlando, FL 32829 (407)275-4909

**SEX:**                      Female                      **RACE:**                      White                      **DOB:** 03/19/1986

**HEIGHT:** 5' 02"                      **WEIGHT:** 105 lbs.                      **HAIR:** Black                      **EYES:** Brown

**SS#:**                      Unknown                      **DL#:**                      FL A535-113-86-599-0 **ID#:**

**BUSINESS/PHONE:** Unknown

**ADDITIONAL ID:**

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**INVESTIGATION OFFICER:**                      Yuri N. Melich, OCSO 08-074777

**Arrest Date:**

**REMARKS:**

