

AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA OWENS

1. My name is Laura Owens. If called to testify in court, I could and would testify to the following under penalty of perjury based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I am 33 years old. My date of birth is May 14, 1990. I am not married and I do not have any children. I am 5'5" tall and currently weigh around 91 pounds.

3. I am aware that I have been accused of wearing a fake "moon bump" or "moon belly" at a court appearance in Arizona on October 24, 2023. This allegation is totally and completely false.

4. On May 20, 2023, I had a sexual encounter with a man named Clayton Echard. I have already spoken about this at length in a sworn deposition taken on March 1, 2024. As I explained in that deposition, Mr. Echard and I were involved in various sexual activities including oral sex (which occurred with my consent). At the same time, Mr. Echard also inserted his penis into my vagina without my consent after I told him that I did not want to have sex with him.

5. After the events of May 20, 2023, I believed that I became pregnant with Mr. Echard's child. I was not sexually active with anyone else around this time period, so if I became pregnant, the only person who could be the father was Mr. Echard.

6. On May 31, 2023, I took a home pregnancy test which showed a faint positive result. To confirm this, I went to a local Banner Urgent Care facility the next day on June 1, 2023 and told them I might be pregnant and I needed to confirm this. The nurse gave me a test, and then informed me the test result was positive for pregnancy.

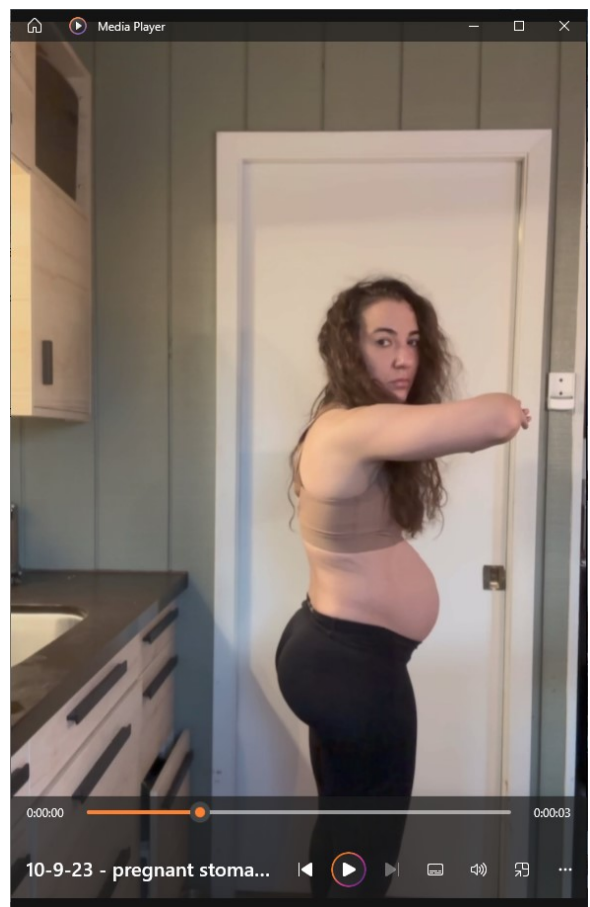
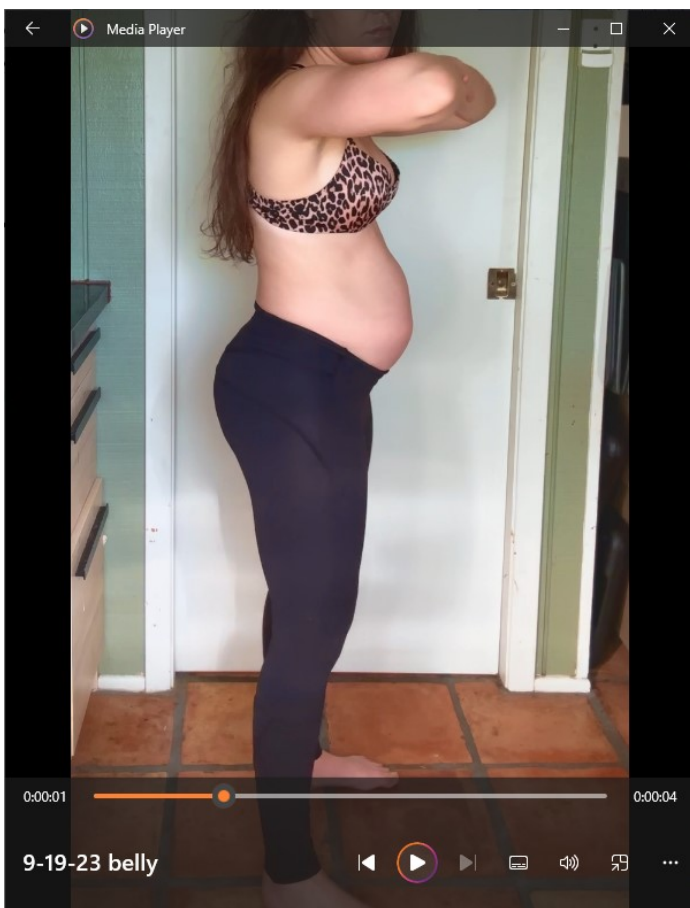
7. I later told Mr. Echard I was pregnant, and he immediately became hostile and angry. He denied that he could be the father.

8. On June 19, 2023, I went to Mr. Echard's home to discuss the situation with him. I brought the positive pregnancy test results to show him, but he refused to believe me. At that time, he gave me a home pregnancy test that he purchased, and he demanded that I take the test in front of him, which I did. That test also showed a positive result.

9. On July 23, 2023, I had some bleeding and passed some tissue which made me worry that I might have miscarried. I sent photos of the tissue to a healthcare provider who said it was not clear whether a miscarriage had occurred. A few days later, around July 25, 2023, I took another pregnancy test to try and determine if I was still pregnant. That test was positive.

10. On August 1, 2023, before I filed my paternity case against Mr. Echard, I took another pregnancy test. This test was again positive.

11. Between August 1 and early October, 2023, I experienced weight gain, especially in my abdomen as shown in the photos below taken on Sept. 19, 2023 and October 9, 2023.



12. When I appeared in court on October 24, 2023, I was not wearing a fake “moon belly” nor did I do anything, of any kind, to alter my physical appearance. In fact, I had a blood pregnancy test taken shortly before the hearing (on October 16, 2023), and that blood test confirmed, again, I was still testing positive for pregnancy.

13. On November 14, 2023, I went to seek care from a gynecologist facility called "MomDoc" after I started bleeding. I was worried I may have lost the pregnancy. Below are some excerpts from the records of that visit.

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Gynecological Visit Note

Date of Encounter: 11/14/2023 5:10 PM

Allergies

NKDA

Patient Information

Name: Laura Owens DOB: 05/14/1990
PCP: . LMP: 11/09/2023

Chief Complaint

Possible pregnancy, Annual exam

History of Presenting Illness

Laura is 33 y/o. G: 2 P: 0-0-2-0 SAB x 1, .
Possible pregnancy: Pt states she had positive hpt in June and then had pregnancy confirmed by planned parenthood. She had an initial US there which showed a twin pregnancy. She did not have subsequent care

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and started bleeding a few weeks after the US. Pt reports she passed two sacs which appeared to have a membrane but denies having much bleeding outside of that. She was worried about what that could mean and continued to take hpt to assess if she was still pregnant. She ordered her own hcg through a "labs now" type place which showed a very low HCG level. She was told this was not consistent with a viable pregnancy. She reports she had bleeding last week that was like a period and lasted 2 days. She comes to MomDoc to find out if she is still pregnant. Pregnancy was unplanned.

14. I was given TWO pregnancy tests at MomDoc, and both results showed negative. This is when I learned I was no longer pregnant.

15. When I went to the appointment at MomDoc, the nurse had me get on a scale to record my weight. At that time, I weighed 133 pounds, as shown in the excerpt from my medical records below.

Today's Physical Exam	
Vitals:	BP: 118/80 PR: 92 RR:16 T: 97.0F WT: 133 lbs HT: 65" BMI:22
<u>Appearance:</u>	Well developed. Well nourished. Well groomed. In good apparent health.
<u>Skin:</u>	Good Hydration. Normal tone/turgor. Normal to inspection. No Lesions. No actinic changes.
<u>HEENT:</u>	Symmetrical pupils. Sclera WNL. No Strabismus. Teeth & gingiva WNL.
<u>Neck:</u>	Normal ROM. No Adenopathy. Thyroid WNL. Normal to inspection. No kyph

16. I weighed myself on a scale at home a few days ago, and the scale showed 91.9 lbs., meaning I have lost over 40 lbs. since the “moon bump” court appearance less than 6 months ago.


17. I did NOT lie about being pregnant with Clayton’s child/children. From the time I first tested pregnant on May 31, 2023 until the time MomDoc told me I was no longer pregnant on November 14, 2023, I took numerous pregnancy tests – more than half a dozen – including home tests, lab tests, urine tests, and blood tests. ALL those tests, every single one, showed a positive pregnancy result.

18. I did not take any drugs, hormones, vitamins, or do anything else to tamper with the HCG tests or my HCG levels.

19. Based on every fact known to me, I believe that I was pregnant with Mr. Echard’s twins, which unfortunately ended with a miscarriage or other unknown cause in or around mid-November 2023.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United State of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 19, 2024



Laura Owens