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Amarillo-Area Woman Ordered Not to Practice Midwifery Without A License

AUSTIN – On March 8, 2023, Travis County District Court Judge Amy Clark Meachum signed a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) prohibiting Leah Hernandez from practicing midwifery without a license and from representing herself as a licensed midwife to the public.

Court documents allege that Ms. Hernandez is practicing midwifery negligently and without a license in the Amarillo area. The Randall County Sheriff's Office has an ongoing investigation into the matter.

The TRO is not a determination of guilt and will remain in place only until a hearing scheduled for March 21, 2023, in the 345th District Court of Travis County.

It is illegal for anyone to practice midwifery without being licensed as a midwife, certified nurse-midwife, or physician. If you have information that anyone, including Leah Hernandez, is practicing midwifery without a license in Texas, please file a complaint with TDLR: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/>.

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TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 37 business and occupational licensing programs with almost 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

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