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## NEWS RELEASE

## SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES WORK TO RETRIEVE BALDWIN CELL PHONE

Santa Fe, NM, January 13, 2022 – On Tuesday, December 16, 2021, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office applied for a search warrant in reference to the Rust Investigation. This search warrant was specifically for the cell phone and its contents belonging to Mr. Alec Baldwin. On the same date (12/16/2021) the search warrant was approved by a Santa Fe County Magistrate Judge.

The lead detective served the approved warrant via email to Mr. Alec Baldwin via his legal representative. Mr. Baldwin's attorney acknowledged receipt of the warrant and over the next day or two the lead detective was in contact with Mr. Baldwin's attorney regarding compliance with the search warrant.

When Mr. Baldwin had not immediately provided his phone pursuant to the initial search warrant, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office also reached out for assistance from the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office began working with Mr. Baldwin's attorney to retrieve the phone. The Sheriff's Office was advised that, due to jurisdictional concerns, the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office would be facilitating the retrieval of the phone on a consent basis.

On December 20, 2021, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office was advised that the Santa Fe District Attorney was in negotiations with Mr. Baldwin's attorney to obtain consent to retrieve the phone and its contents. To date, the cell phone has not been turned over to authorities.

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