

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CR 24-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH)
WARRANT OBTAINED FROM)
630 MAPLE STREET, A ONE STORY)
BROWN HOUSE WITH A BROWN)
ROOF AND TWO STALL GARAGE)
AND FARM UTILITY BUILDING)
HICKMAN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NE)

SEARCH RETURN

LANCASTER COUNTY
2024 JAN 26 PM 4:24
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

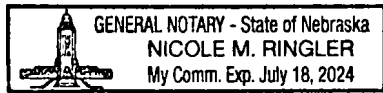
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER) ss.

The undersigned states that he/she received the search warrant issued herein on the 23rd day of January, 2024 and that he/she executed the same on the 23rd day of January, 2024 seized the property/person described in the inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the said order for said property/person at the place from which the property/person was taken.

DATE this 25 day of January, 2024.

Joanna Dimas
Deputy Joanna Dimas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of January, 2024.



Nicole M. Ringle
Notary Public

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INVENTORY

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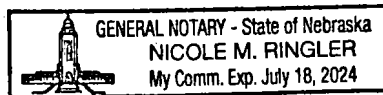
Deputy Joanna Dimas being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states the following is an inventory of property seized by virtue of the warrant issued herein:

- 7 – cellular phones
- Laptop (Dell)
- Blanket
- Couch cushion cover

DATED this 25 day of January, 2024.

Joanna Dimas
Deputy Joanna Dimas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of January, 2024.



Nicole M. Ringler
Notary Public

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RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 630 Maple St, Hickman, Lancaster County, Nebraska, a one story, brown house with a brown roof and two stall garage and farm utility building, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

7X1 cellular phones
Laptop (Dell)
Blanket
Couch cushion cover

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DATED this 23 day of January, 2024.


Law Enforcement Officer


WITNESS

LANCASTER COUNTY

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CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)
County of Lancaster)

ss.

SEARCH WARRANT

TO: Joanna Dimas, a Deputy Sheriff with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Joanna Dimas, has filed an Affidavit before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and said written Affidavit, having been duly considered, the court finds that the facts set forth in said Affidavit are true, and that those facts do constitute grounds and probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search the house and surrounding outbuildings at 630 Maple St, Hickman, Lancaster County, Nebraska, a one story, brown house with a brown roof and two stall garage and farm utility building for the following items:

- Any and all electronic devices capable of connecting to the internet
- Blankets, sheets, bedding and couch cushions
- Photographs and video documentation
- Proof of occupancy

Your AFFIANT is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, and seize the aforementioned items.

This search warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to a Judge of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of January, 2024.



[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of the County Court

Holly J. Parsley

Printed Name of Judge

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

Joanna Dimas, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that she is an Investigator for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of 1st degree sexual assault of a child, witness tampering and incest with a child under the age of 18 occurring at 630 Maple St, Hickman, Lancaster County, Nebraska. As part of the investigation, AFFIANT has consulted with other involved law enforcement and reviewed case reports. AFFIANT states as follows:

Facts:

On January 19th, 2024, the Sheriff's Office received DHHS intake #0104404. Joshua Brokering was self-reporting that he was engaging in an inappropriate physical relationship with his adopted daughter, a 12-year-old female furthermore known by her initials of B.A.

Your Affiant knows that Health and Human Services employee Katherine Lantis and Deputy Uzzell, an employee of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned to the Patrol Division, arrived at 630 Maple St, Hickman, Lancaster County, Nebraska. and spoke with Joshua's wife, Dorothy Brokering. Your Affiant knows that Dorothy told Deputy Uzzell on the night of January 18th, 2024, Joshua took her to that he had inappropriately touched B.A. Dorothy told Katherine Lantis that Josh had taken her out to his office, a outbuilding behind the residence, and stated he was having an inappropriate relationship with B.A. for approximately a week and a half. Dorothy said that Joshua did not provide her further details. Dorothy said that she had warned Joshua to be careful with Braely, due to her history of sexual abuse as well as ADHD and attachment issues. Dorothy had witnessed Joshua snuggling on the couch with B.A. and would have to remind him to give her more space. Dorothy said that Joshua had a hard time with this due to his naivety and having been sheltered.

B.A. has an 11-year-old brother, furthermore, known by his initials of P.A. On January 15th, 2024, P.A. had been playing at a neighbor's home and returned to his residence with an friend to play 'Fortnite'. P.A. could not find B.A. or Joshua. P.A. was looking for Joshua to get permission to play and heard the downstairs shower on. P.A. said that he could hear a "moaning sound" coming from the bathroom. P.A. described the moaning as someone not being hurt and knew it was sexual. P.A. thought it was B.A. and then believed Joshua and B.A. were in the shower having sex. P.A. felt uncomfortable and flustered. B.A. then came out of the bathroom with wet hair and Joshua exited the bathroom behind her. P.A. ran to his grandmother, Cheryl Brokering's, home several houses down and told her what he had witnessed. Cheryl then called Joshua and Joshua said that he had been sleeping. Joshua then arrived at Cheryl's home and said that he had actually been in the furnace room. P.A. told Joshua that he knew he was lying as he had seen them standing by the bathroom together and told Joshua that he had heard moaning. Cheryl and Joshua then decided they would not tell Dorothy because it was best for the family, and they needed to keep the family together. Cheryl and Joshua told the children this was what they must do.

During an interview at BraveBe Child Advocacy Center, B.A. stated that Joshua had first started with just hugging her. Joshua started to come into B.A.'s room and lay on her bed and talk about her friends and church. This progressed to back rubs and then Joshua began to remove her shirt for a backrub then her bra and then eventually progressed to them both being naked together. Joshua would touch B.A.'s breasts and vagina. B.A. said this made her feel scared and that she hated it. B.A. would try to push Joshua's hands away or tell him that he needed to go away so she could go to bed. When Joshua would lay in her bed naked with her, she could feel his leg hair poking her and his chest against her. B.A. tried to scoot away but Joshua would follow and hold her against him with his hand over her stomach. Eventually Joshua began to digitally penetrate B.A.'s vagina. Joshua usually came into B.A.'s room at night to molest her. Another time B.A. went out to Joshua's office in the outbuilding to ask for chocolate. B.A. stayed in the office on the couch to use B.A.'s phone to text a friend and Joshua touched her breasts and digitally penetrated her vagina on this couch. The last time was when P.A. found Joshua and P.A. in the shower. P.A. stated that Joshua had told her to go take a shower since she hadn't. B.A. went into the laundry room and when she

turned around Joshua was there. Joshua then took B.A. into the shower and digitally penetrated her vagina. B.A. told Joshua not to and he said to be quiet because he thought P.A. might be home and he didn't want to get caught. After P.A. saw Joshua and B.A. and ran away Joshua told B.A. that they needed to come up with a plan to keep the secret. B.A. Joshua suggested that he say he was in the furnace room scooping kitty litter or was asleep. B.A. told him she did not think that would work because P.A. had heard and seen what was happening. After these things happened B.A. said that she had to wash all of her bedding since Joshua had been on them. B.A. has been sleeping on the floor because she is uncomfortable with being in her bed since Joshua began to molest her. B.A. said that Joshua digitally penetrated her vagina 5 or 6 times before he was caught by P.A. B.A. drew a layout of her home and the outbuilding and detailed her bedroom, the downstairs bathroom and the outbuilding where Joshua has his home office as the places where he molested her.

Joshua was lodged at Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility. Joshua's phone was with him and was seized by the Sheriff's Office in reference to this investigation. Joshua denied consent to download his phone. Your Affiant knows that Joshua has been making phone calls from Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility. In reviewing Joshua's jail calls, the call states that the call will be recorded and is subject to monitoring at any time. On January 22nd, 2024, at 4:53 PM Joshua contacts his wife, Dorothy. Joshua wants to know if he is able to go to his house, specifically his office, when the children are not there. On January 23rd, 2024, at 12:09 PM Joshua contacts his wife Dorothy and wants to see about asking the Judge for favors. Joshua wants to have access to his office when the children are not there and do house repairs. On January 23rd, 2024, at 3:47 PM, Joshua contacted his mother, Cheryl. Joshua is upset that he is being charged with incest since B.A. is his adopted daughter. Joshua states, 'I have a phone I bought as a replacement. It's the same exact phone. It's in my office if you want to go there at some point. Do you want to just make a mental note of where it is? Because I think I know of where exactly to tell you to get it.' Joshua asks Cheryl to ask Verizon if they can deactivate the SIM card on the device the Sheriff's office seized and if they can activate a new one on the same account. At 14:20 minutes Joshua continues, 'It is in the right set of lockers, ya know. There's two sets right? The right set, it's in the I think the middle door where all the food is. And I think it is on the middle-ish shelve on the left, I think it's like a cardboard

box roughly the size of a phone, like an inch thick. You can just pop it open and see the phone right there.' At 15:28 minutes Joshua asks Cheryl to open his laptop screen so that he can access it remotely. Cheryl says that there is a 'laptop here' and Joshua says that is the laptop he uses for 'Email and Facebook and Stuff'. Joshua then tells Cheryl to grab the laptop, computer mouse, computer mouse charger, and backpack. Cheryl asks what the 'code to get in' is and Joshua says, '8888'.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for the house and surrounding outbuildings at 630 Maple St, Hickman, Lancaster County, Nebraska, a one story, brown house with a brown roof and two stall garage and farm utility building for the following items:

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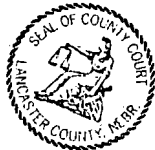
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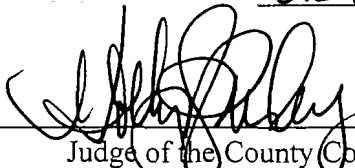
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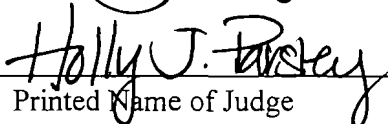
Dated this 23 day of January, 2024.


Joanna Dimas, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January, 2024.




Judge of the County Court


Printed Name of Judge

