

CR 24-1

RETURN AND INVENTORY

STATE OF NEBRASKA, LANCASTER COUNTY:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, upon oath, says that on April 29, 2024, at approximately 1040 hours, I executed the within warrant as directed, and seized from the vehicle, place, or person, described in said warrant the following described property which law enforcement officers now possess. These items are in the possession of Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh at the Nebraska Department of Revenue/Nebraska Lottery Office, located at 137 NW 17<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

- 1. One Cashier's Check #2964541 in the amount of \$128,769.31 from the First National Bank Accounts of Jeremiah J. Ehlers (SSN: [REDACTED] 3584, D.O.B. 05/14/1975).

Lancaster County, NE  
 FILED  
 APR 30 2024  
 Clerk of the District Court

*Bradley L. Burleigh*  
 Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me on April 29, 2024



*Mecca Sanley*  
 Notary Public



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*SR*



1620 Dodge Street • Omaha NE 68107

CASHIER'S CHECK

27-1  
1040

REMITTER:

FNBO ACCOUNTS

CHECK NUMBER: 2964541

DATE:

04/29/2024

PAY EXACTLY \*\*128,769 DOLLARS AND 31 CENTS\*\*

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:

NEBRASKA LOTTERY

128,769.31

*Nick Parson* 348907  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

*[Signature]* 326694  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK PAPER - HOLD TO LIGHT TO VIEW

HEAT SENSITIVE RED IMAGE DISAPPEARS WITH HEAT

⑈ 2964541 ⑈ [REDACTED] 0300 ⑈

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Clerk of the District Court

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**STATE OF NEBRASKA)  
)  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)**

**SEARCH WARRANT**

**TO:** Nebraska Department of Revenue, Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh

This matter came on for hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 upon the sworn application and affidavit for issuance of a search warrant of Deputy Bradley Burleigh, and the Court, being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:

That the Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to the Sections 29-812, Nebraska Revised Statutes, 1943, as amended.

That based upon the sworn affidavit and application of issuance of a search warrant of Deputy Bradley Burleigh dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, that there is probable cause to believe that concealed on the premises located at the First National Bank of Omaha, 601 R St Ste 150, Lincoln, NE 68508, which is further described as banking institution, on the first floor, designated Suite 150, in a building sharing walls with other multiple businesses on the northeast corner of R and Canopy Streets in Lincoln, NE, following described property, to-wit:

Money from all bank accounts involving Jeremiah J. Elhers (SSN: ██████████ 3584, D.O.B. 05/14/1975), totalling in the amount up to, but not exceeding \$213,000.

AND, if found, to seize and deal with the same as provided by law, and to make return of this warrant to me within ten days after the date hereof.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED, with the necessary and proper assistance, to search the afore described location and/or person(s), for the purpose of seizing the before described property, and if found, to seize and deal with the same as provided by law, and to make return of this warrant to me within ten days after the date hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that execution of the Search Warrant be forthwith during the daytime hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Nebraska Department of Revenue, State Deputy Sheriff Bradley Burleigh, make return of this Search Warrant to me within ten days after the date hereof.

**Given under my hand this 29th day of April, 2024.**

*David J. You*  
JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT



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**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION  
FOR ISSUANCE OF A  
SEARCH WARRANT**

The complaint and affidavit of Nebraska Department of Revenue Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh #104, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, who, being first duly sworn, upon oath says:

That the affiant has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that there is concealed or kept as hereinafter described, the following property, to wit:

\$213,000 in multiple bank accounts held in the signatory of Jeremiah J. Ehlers (SSN [REDACTED] 3584, D.O.B. 05/14/1975).

That said property is under the control or custody of:

First National Bank of Omaha, 601 R St Ste 150, Lincoln, NE 68508, which is further described as banking institution, on the first floor, designated Suite 150, in a building sharing walls with other multiple businesses on the northeast corner of R and Canopy Streets in Lincoln, NE.

That the following are the grounds for issuance of a search warrant for said property and the reasons for the officer's belief to wit:

Your Affiant, Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh has been a certified law enforcement officer for over five years, is currently employed by the Nebraska Department of Revenue and is currently assigned to the investigative section specializing in the regulation of Cash Devices. Affiant Deputy State Sheriff Bradley Burleigh has worked on several Nebraska Lottery investigations since November 2022, including multiple stolen lottery ticket investigations.

The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other law enforcement officers and sources. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all my knowledge about this matter.

On April 23, 2024, Rapid Stop District Manager Marty Leidal contacted the Nebraska Lottery investigation unit stating Leidal was investigating Greeley Rapid Stop Store Manager Jeremiah Ehlers for stealing lottery tickets from Greeley Rapid Stop, 101 West O'Neill Avenue, Greeley, Greeley County NE 68842. Greeley Rapid Stop is a gas station and convenience store. Jeremiah Ehlers was the store manager for Greeley Rapid Stop, was trained in the proper procedures for selling Nebraska Lottery tickets and had the responsibility to oversee other employees on the of selling Nebraska Lottery tickets. Marty Leidal suspected Jeremiah Ehlers to have been taking lottery tickets from the business without paying for them since October 2023 and fired Jeremiah Ehlers on April 19, 2024. Marty Leidal stated Leidal's investigations led him to video on April 12, 2024, about 0958 hours of Jeremiah Ehlers taking a Diamond Dollars lottery ticket, serial number 1251-047061-003, without paying, scratching the ticket, scanning the ticket twice on a lottery terminal and then paying for the ticket. Jeremy Ehlers regularly works Monday through Friday, from 0630 hours to 1400 hours. On April 12, 2024, Jeremiah Ehlers was on duty as the store manager and was the sole employee working at the store.

CONTINUATION of AFFIDAVIT

The purchase of a lottery ticket is considered a separate transaction from cashing the lottery ticket. Cashing a lottery ticket requires scanning a lottery ticket at a terminal where the winning amount is confirmed. Lottery tickets winning more than \$500 must be claimed at a Nebraska claim center. Lottery tickets winning more than \$20,000 must be claimed at the Nebraska Lottery Headquarters, 137 NW 17<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, Lancaster County NE 68528. All lottery retailers are trained to know they cannot alter the price of a lottery ticket from that set by the Nebraska Lottery as noted in N.R.S. 9-814(5). All lottery retailers know that no credit shall be extended by the lottery game retailer for the purchase of a ticket as noted in N.R.S. 9-829 requiring payment before the customer receives the lottery ticket. The back side of a Nebraska lottery ticket states, "Tickets are void if they are irregular, misprinted, stolen, unissued, altered, counterfeit or fail any validation test," directly above where Jeremiah Ehlers signed the ticket and printed his personal information. The Nebraska Lottery master transaction report confirmed the ticket Jeremiah Ehlers scanned on the video was serial number 1251-047061-003 winning \$300,000 and directing Jeremiah Ehlers the lottery ticket must be claimed at the Nebraska Lottery Headquarters.

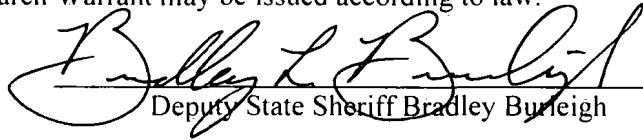
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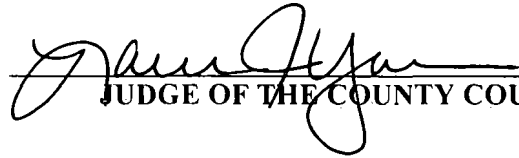
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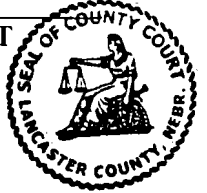
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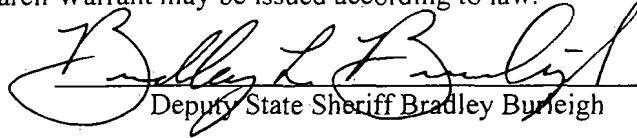
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