

LPD Case Number: C4-001741

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

*CR24-1*

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT  
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF  
MICHAEL DONNER  
BRYAN WEST LGH  
2300 S 16TH STREET  
LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

STATE OF NEBRASKA     )  
  )  
  )     ss.  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 11th day of January, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 11th day of January, 2024, by seizing the property described in the Inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the Search Warrant for the said property at the place from which the property is taken.

*[Signature]*  
Inv. Brian Gruber #1856

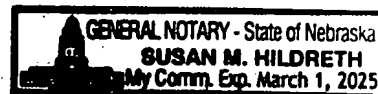
SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this *30th* day of *January*, 20*24*.

*Susan M. Hildreth*  
Notary Public

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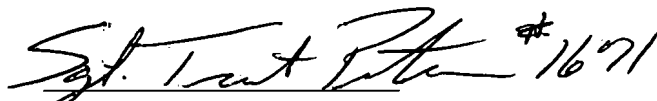
The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from Michael Donner at Bryan West LGH, 2300 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

X-Ray Exam  
Documents from Exam

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DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of 2024.

  
Law Enforcement Officer

  
WITNESS

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss. SEARCH WARRANT  
County of Lancaster )

TO: Brian Gruber, an Investigator with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

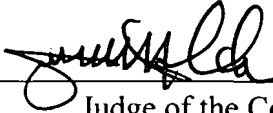
WHEREAS, Brian Gruber, has filed an Affidavit before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and said written Affidavit, having been duly considered, the court finds that the facts set forth in said Affidavit are true, and that those facts do constitute grounds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

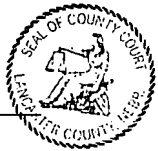
THEREFORE, you are commanded to remove Michael Donner from the Lancaster County Jail, 3801 W O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and have him transported by uniformed Police Officers with the Lincoln Police Department to Bryan West LGH, 2300 S 16th Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Thereafter Michael Donner shall be subjected to an X-ray of his left hand by medical staff and evaluated by a physician. Following the X-ray, uniformed officers with the Lincoln Police Department shall return Donner to the custody of the Lancaster County Jail, 3801 W O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

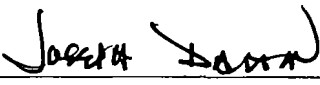
Law enforcement is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, and seize evidence related to the above-mentioned procedure.

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 11 day of January 2024.

  
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Judge of the County Court



  
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Printed Name of Judge

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

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

Brian Gruber, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is a Investigator for the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Domestic Assault 28-323 (3) (7) ( F2A), occurring in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. As part of the investigation, AFFIANT has consulted with other involved law enforcement and reviewed case reports. AFFIANT states as follows:

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**Facts:**

On 01-07-2024 at 1258 hours, Officers with the Lincoln Police Department were detailed to Bryan West Medical Center, 2300 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska for a report of a serious assault. Officers arrived and identified the victim as Deidre Ehrlich. Ehrlich was found to have a significant head injury which required emergency surgery to relieve pressure on her brain. Ehrlich was confirmed to have three brain bleeds and a 7 mm right-to-left midline shift of the brain. Nursing staff advised that when Ehrlich was brought to the hospital that she was awake and alert. Ehrlich informed nursing staff that her boyfriend, 'Michael Donner' punched her in the head 8 times. Ehrlich then lost consciousness and was brought to surgery in critical condition.

Your Affiant is aware that Michael Donner (09-27-1984) was contacted in the waiting room at Bryan West where he was ultimately taken into custody. Donner was transported to LPD Headquarters, 575 S 10 Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska to be interviewed. Your Affiant conducted the interview, during which, Donner waived his rights and agreed to the interview. Donner stated he has been in a dating relationship with Ehrlich for a year and a half, and stated they are currently engaged. Donner stated himself and Ehrlich are both currently homeless and live together in a tent which is located at the St. Paul

Methodist Church, 1144 M Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Donner stated himself and Ehrlich are the only individuals who live inside of the tent and described the tent as yellow and grey. Donner ultimately denied assaulting Ehrlich, but placed himself with Ehrlich the night before this incident inside of the tent and until she was brought to the hospital. During the interview, your Affiant observed that a knuckle on Donner's left hand had swelling and redness to it. When questioned about his injury, Donner provided conflicting recollections of how he was injured and stated he punched a window a month ago, then stated he punched another individual not being Ehrlich a month ago. Through your Affiant's prior training and experience, this injury appeared consistent with an injury from striking an object with a closed fist.

Your Affiant is aware that contact was made with the neurologist surgeon who performed lifesaving brain surgery on Ehrlich. During an interview with the neurologist, he stated Ehrlich's head injury is acute and that the injury likely occurred on 01-07-2024.

Your Affiant observed that Michael has previously been convicted of 3rd Degree Domestic Assault on 09-30-2023. In the previous domestic assault case, Ehrlich was the victim of the physical assault. Ehrlich 's family was contacted in this investigation and described Ehrlich 's relationship with Donner as abusive and described previous unreported assaults with Ehrlich as the victim.

Following the 01-07-2024 contact, Donner was ultimately transported to the Lancaster County Jail and lodged for 1st Degree Domestic Assault. As of the time of your Affiant writing this Affidavit, Donner remains held at the Lancaster County Jail, 3801 W O Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. This is after a finding of probable cause by a judge of the county court of Lancaster County who ordered him held until the posting of a \$500,000 10% bond.

Your Affiant is aware from a return on a subpoena that Michael Donner was medically evaluated by medical staff at the Lancaster County Jail as he was being held on this case. During that evaluation, Michael Donner was found to have mild swelling to L 4th and 5th metacarpal and stated he punched a window causing the injury. Your Affiant is aware that Michael Donner was not evaluated further, and X-rays were not performed to confirm if there were any broken bones

in his hand. Your Affiant states that he has contacted nursing staff at Bryan West LGH, 2300 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and they have the ability to perform an X-ray of Donner's hand. Nursing staff estimate that the process to obtain an X-ray will take less than one hour.

Your Affiant believes based on the information above that probable cause exists to subject Michael Donner's left hand to an X-Ray to confirm the injuries to his hand. Your Affiant is aware from speaking with other investigators and from prior experiences that an X-ray of an injured hand may reflect the date range of the break and could confirm that the injury to Michael Donner's left hand occurred more recent and will conflict with Michael Donner's statement of injuring his hand a month prior to his interview on 01-07-2024.

Your Affiant states that probable cause exists to remove Michael Donner from the Lancaster County Jail, 3801 W O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and have him transported by uniformed Police Officers with the Lincoln Police Department to Bryan West LGH, 2300 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Thereafter Donner would be subjected to an X-ray of his left hand by medical staff and evaluated by a physician. Following the X-ray, uniformed officers with the Lincoln Police Department would return Donner to the custody of the Lancaster County Jail, 3801 W O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

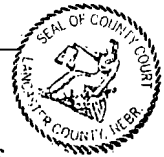
The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant to obtain an X-Ray of Michael Donner's left hand which will occur at Bryan West LGH, 2300 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Your AFFIANT requests authorization to measure, photograph, video tape and seize the aforementioned items.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 11th day of January, 2024.

[Signature]  
Investigator Brian Gruber, AFFIANT



SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 11 day of January, 2024.

[Signature]  
Judge of the County Court

Josiah [Signature]  
Printed Name of Judge