

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CR24-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH)
WARRANT OBTAINED FROM)
VERIZON WIRELESS, 180)
WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD,)
BEDMINSTER, NJ (VIA FAX:)
888-667-0026) FOR (402)802-4595)

SEARCH WARRANT'
RETURN

CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

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LANCASTER COUNTY

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER) ss.

The undersigned states that he/she received the search warrant issued herein on the 21st day of December, 2023 and that he/she executed the same on the 1st day of February, 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.

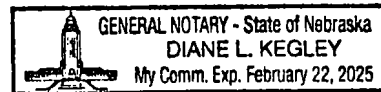
DATE this 6 day of February, 2024.

Inv. Nick Heitman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of February, 2024.

Notary Public

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INVENTORY

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) ss.
County of Lancaster)

Inv. Nick Heitman being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states the following is an inventory of property seized by virtue of the warrant issued herein:

The following items:

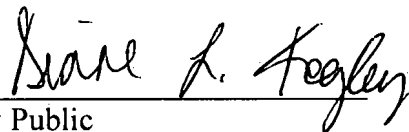
Verizon cell phone records for 402-802-4594 from 12-03-2023 at 0001 CDT to 12-21-2023 at 0001 CDT.

DATED this 6 day of February, 2024.



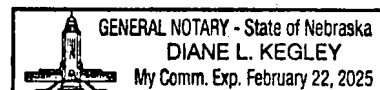
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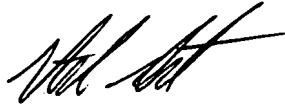
RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from Verizon Wireless, 180 Washington Valley Road, Bedminster, NJ, 07921:

Verizon cell phone records for 402-802-459⁵~~4~~^{NH} from 12-03-2023 at 0001 CDT to 12-21-2023 at 0001 CDT.

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DATED this 1 day of February, 2024.



Law Enforcement Officer

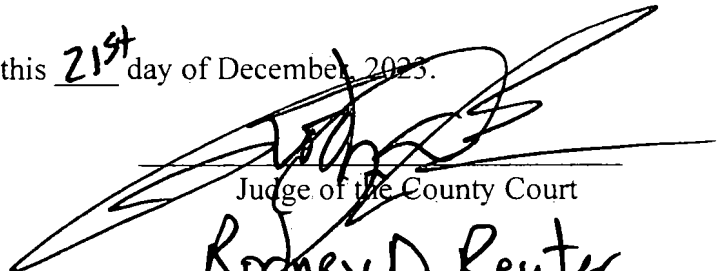


WITNESS

Your AFFIANT is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, test, 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. In the event results are not received from Verizon Wireless within 10 days, the warrant will be returned as soon as records are received.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of December, 2023.



Judge of the County Court
Rodney D. Reuter
Printed Name of Judge



IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Nick Heitman, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is a Investigator for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of Theft (NRS 28-511), occurring at 1900 Saltillo Road, 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 12-04-2023, Jorge Andazola reported that a 1996 United double axle trailer was stolen from Jax Properties storage facility at 1900 Saltillo Road. The trailer belongs to Andazola's company J and J Roofing. It contained a Jobsite gutter machine, rolls of aluminum gutter material and miscellaneous tools. The total loss for the theft was \$15,000.

A witness in the area reported seeing an early 2000's Dodge Ram pickup with Nebraska 63 county license plates pull into the parking lot at 1900 Saltillo Road at 2045 hours on 12-03-2023. The witness knows the owner of the storage facility and notified them of the suspicious vehicle. The witness also described the pickup as having rear end damage.

Surveillance in the area was checked and the suspect vehicle could be verified to be a red crew cab pickup with black fender flares and a large toolbox in the bed. The suspect vehicle is seen entering the area of the theft southbound on 14th Street, going through the roundabout at Saltillo then heading east on Saltillo Road without a trailer at 2030 hours. It is seen leaving the theft site with the Andazola's trailer at around 2047 hours and heading east on Saltillo Road.

Andazola told investigators he had been in business with Edward Lankas until the summer of 2023 under the business named Red Lion Roofing. Andazola said the split was amicable, but that Lankas made a comment that Andazola owed him money and he would be justified in taking equipment Andazola was in possession of.

Andazola also reported finding a Facebook post by Blake Smith. In the post Smith was selling three of Red Lion Roofing's company pickups on behalf of

Lankas. Andazola also located pictures of a red early 2000's Dodge Ram pickup on posts by Smith on his Facebook page. Research found that Smith does have a 2004 red Dodge 2500 Ram pickup registered to him and his mother, Susan Smith.

On 12-08-2023, subpoenas were sent to Verizon Wireless for the phone records of Edward Lankas and Blake Smith. The phone records were analyzed and showed both parties were actively using their cellular phones during the timeframe leading up to, during and after the theft. Lankas engaged in three voice calls and seventeen text messages. Smith engaged in two voice calls, 24 text messages and two multimedia messaging service messages. No communication between Smith and Lankas was found.

On 12-18-2023, investigators contacted Susan and Blake Smith at their residence 8010 Cherrywood Drive, Lincoln. Smith was asked for consent to look at his 2004 Dodge Ram pickup. Smith initially agreed to meet investigators at his shop on 'West O Street' but later refused. Smith will not divulge to investigators where the pickup is. Contact with Susan Smith was also attempted but she will not return phone calls.

Using law enforcement databases, AFFIANT verified that the phone number 402-802-4595 has not been ported and is registered to Verizon Wireless.

AFFIANT knows from his training and experience that cellular companies keep data records including subscriber information, billing information, call lists, tower locations, and in some cases text messages and GPS coordinates. These records are stored for varying amounts of time, making the data volatile.

This search warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to a Judge of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska. In the event results are not received from Verizon within 10 days, the warrant will be returned as soon as records are received.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant to search Verizon Wireless, 180 Washington Valley Road, Bedminster, NJ, 07921 (via fax number 888-667-0026), for the following items from the Verizon Wireless phone number:
402-802-4595

For the following items:

Subscriber information for the number including name, date of birth, mailing address, alternate phone number, and other numbers on the same account.

All communication for the wireless number for the time period of 12-03-2023 at 0001 CST to 12-21-2023 at 0001 CST to include cellular calls, tower locations and azimuth for the sectors accessed during the communication for all Element's

accessed. Also indicate if the tower was Lucent or Nortel and provide a three sector layout. As well as possible maximum ranges.

RTT (Round Trip Time) for the time period of 12-03-2023 at 0001 CST to 12-21-2023 at 0001 CST.

All content for SMS messages for the time period of 12-03-2023 at 0001 CST to 12-21-2023 at 0001 CST.

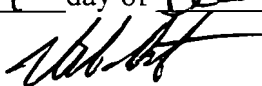
Identify the existence of any Verizon cloud services associated with the wireless number of 402-802-4595 and provide any data held within the cloud to include SMS, MMS, and emails communications.

Provide a detailed definitions page which identifies all information in the records.

Provide the information via email at nheitman@lanaster.ne.gov or on a disc mailed to Nick Heitman at the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, 575 S 10th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

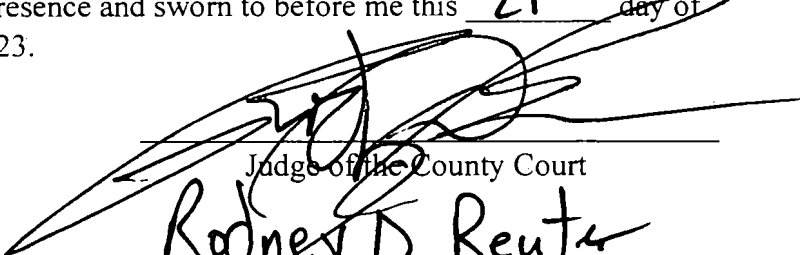
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Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 21 day of December, 2023.


Nick Heitman, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 2023.



Judge of the County Court
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