

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH)
WARRANT OBTAINED FROM)
2722 W STREET, LINCOLN,)
LANCASTER COUNTY, NE)

CR24-1

SEARCH RETURN

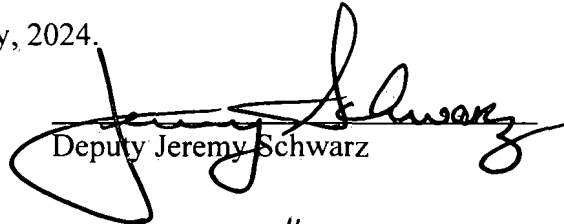
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

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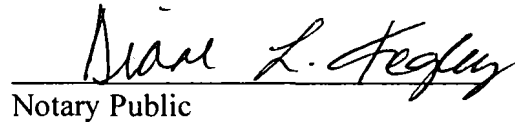
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The undersigned states that he/she received the search warrant issued herein on the 6th day of February, 2024 and that he/she executed the same on the 6th day of February, 2024 seized the property/person described in the inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the said order for said property/person at the place from which the property/person was taken.

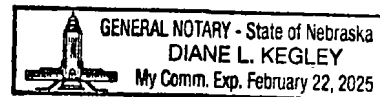
DATE this 13th day of February, 2024.


Deputy Jeremy Schwarz

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of February, 2024.


Notary Public

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2722 W STREET, LINCOLN,) INVENTORY
LANCASTER COUNTY, NE)

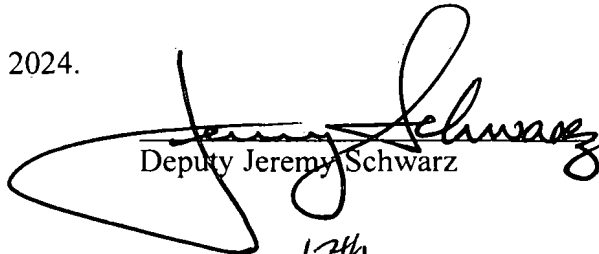
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
County of Lancaster)

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

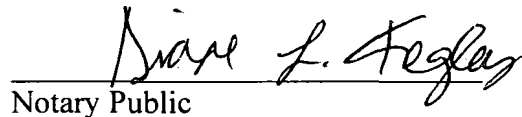
- Proof of Occupancy
- Outdoor Solution receipts
- Brett Romshek IDs
- Bills for 2722 W Street
- Checks for three businesses
- Black leather wallet with IA license Leonard Nelson
- Meth
- Drug Paraphernalia

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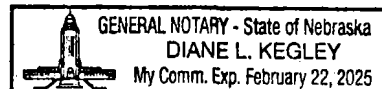
DATED this 13th day of February, 2024.


Deputy Jeremy Schwarz

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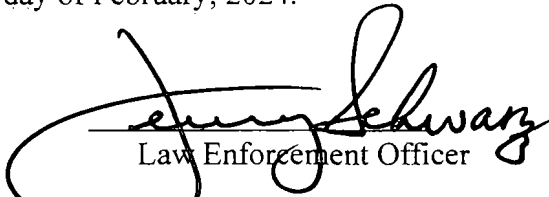



RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

Proof of occupancy
Outdoor Solution Receipts
Brett Romshetk IDs.
Bills for 2722 W. St.
4 folders for \$ THREE BUSINESS
Bik leather wallet w/ IA license Leonard
NELSON
METH
DRUG Paraphernalia

DATED this 8th day of February, 2024.


Law Enforcement Officer

WITNESS

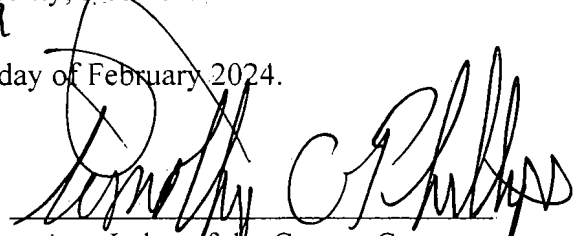
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- Any receipts from Jiffy Lube or O'Reilly's.
- Any check stock or check writing software
- Proof of occupancy
- Any notes, documents, or ledgers containing information related to fraud activity.

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 6th day of February 2024.



Judge of the County Court



Printed Name of Judge



IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Jeremy Schwarz, 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 by deception N.R.S. 28-512, occurring at Outdoor Solution located at 10901 S. 14th Street, Roca, 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 Wednesday, January 31, 2024, your AFFAINT spoke with Brent VanWinkle, part-owner of Outdoor Solution located at 10901 S. 14th Street, Roca, Lancaster County, Nebraska regarding three (3) fraudulent checks written to his business for landscape materials.

According to Brent VanWinkle, Jeremy Sanford, owner of Sanford Landscaping made three separate transactions during the month of December 2023 for four (4) tons of 1" limestone rock, flagstone pavers, two Encore, model number BL-01-B, landscapes lights and wiring. Brent VanWinkle stated all three transactions totaled \$1,083.76, and were delivered separately to 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Brent VanWinkle told your AFFIANT, employee Randy Hess delivered all of the material during two separate deliveries and received a check from an unknown person at 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

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During the interview of Brent VanWinkle, your AFFIANT photographed the flagstone pavers and the Encore, model number BL-01-B landscapes, light that were purchased and on display in the showroom.

According to bank documents provided to your AFFIANT by Brent VanWinkle, all three fraudulent checks belong to Richard A. Wiedenbeck of 771 Penfield Dr, Carol Stream, IL. Check numbers 2317, 2320 and 2321 are drawn from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. account 1110017095645, and were dated December 13th and December 10th, 2023, respectively, in the amounts of 193.05 (twice) and \$697.66. A Nebraska operator licenses number H71227021 and H71255102 appear on check numbers 2317 and 2320 respectively. Your AFFIANT researched the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle database and knows H71227021 and H71255102 are fictitious and do not exist.

Your AFFIANT knows the three fraudulent checks were deposited into the Outdoor Solutions business account located at Pinnacle Bank. On December 26, 2023, Pinnacle Bank located at 18081 Burt Street, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska authored a 'Notice of Deposited Items Charged Back to Your Account' statement regarding check numbers 2317, 2320 and 2321. According to the statement, Pinnacle Bank informed Outdoor Solutions the bank could not locate the account, or the account was closed.

Your AFFIANT contacted Jeremy Sanford outside of his residence located at 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. During the approximate 12-minute conversation, your AFFIANT observed the 1" limestone rock in the driveway, the flagstone pavers between the driveway and the house, and the two Encore, model number BL-01-B landscapes, lights installed along the side of the sidewalk pathway leading up to his house.

Jeremy Sanford told your AFFIANT Outdoor Solution delivered drain tile to his house on two separate occasions in December. Jeremy Sanford stated the drain tile was for a client who he could not name without looking at his phone. Jeremy Sanford attempted to locate the name and a possible phone number in his black smartphone, however; the phone, according to Jeremy Sanford, was dead. Jeremy Sanford told your AFFIANT he was the only person home when Outdoor Solutions delivered the drain tile, and he paid each time with a check that was

given to him by the client through a friend and part-time employee known only as Mauricio. Jeremy Sanford told your AFFIANT he has no business account and only cashes the checks he receives for his business. Your AFFIANT knows through follow-up conversations with Brent VanWinkle, Outdoor Solutions does not sell drain tile.

Your AFFIANT contacted Randy Hess, an employee of Outdoor Solutions, who delivered the materials to 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Randy Hess told your AFFIANT his first delivery involved the four (4) tons of 1" limestone rock. Randy Hess stated he dumped the rock in the street. Randy Hess told your AFFIANT he spoke with and received the check from a person who he believed to be Jeremy Sanford.

Randy Hess told your AFFIANT when he returned to 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska with the flagstone pavers, two Encore, model number BL-01-B landscapes lights and wiring, he saw the 1" limestone rock had been moved and placed in the driveway. Randy Hess stated he spoke with a person purporting to be the brother of Jeremy Sanford at the door of the residence. The person told Randy Hess his brother was in the restroom, and he would go and get the check. The unknown person purporting to be Jeremy Sanford's brother returned moments later with a check.

Randy Hess described the person purporting to be Jeremy Sanford as a medium to skinny build balding white male in his 40s. Jeremy Sanford is 6'00", 220lbs, with brown balding hair.

Your AFFIANT spoke to Richard Wiedenbeck about the fraudulent check cases. Richard Wiedenbeck told your AFFIANT did have accounts with Space Coast Credit Union and JPMorgan Chase Bank and he believes the checks were disposed of in a trashcan when he moved out of his house located at 3111 S. 120th Walton, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Your AFFIANT knows Jeremy Sanford is known to the Lincoln Police Department and was interviewed on November 29, 2023, for fraudulent checks containing the name Richard Wiedenbeck. The LPD case number is C3-084185. According to investigative reports, five (5) checks belonging to Richard A. Wiedenbeck's Space Coast Credit Union Account 9990000196881 were issued between July 1st and July 20th, 2023, to two people Hattie Henderson and Skyla Leighton and one business O'Reilly. The check numbers 1026, 1027, 1051, 1077, and 1079. Total of all five checks is \$1,467.44.

Your AFFIANT knows according to investigative reports, Ofc. P. Luce #1648, an employee of the Lincoln Police Department, interviewed Skyla Leighton on November 27, 2023. According to Skyla Leighton, her friend Jeremy, owns a landscaping business and he requested his client make a check out to her. Skyla Leighton stated Jeremy Sanford told him he does not have an ID and is unable to cash the check. Skyla Leighton stated she received the check from her friend Mauricio is worked for Jeremy Sanford. Skyla Leighton stated Jeremy Sanford gave the check to Mauricio to give to her. Skyla Leighton stated when she received the check, the check was already written out to her.

On November 29, 2023, Ofc. Luce interviewed Jeremy Sanford. Jeremy Sanford told Ofc. Luce he knows Skyla Leighton and considers her an acquaintance. Jeremy Sanford stated he never did any work for Richard Wiedenbeck, he never stole any checks, and he never gave Skyla Leighton any checks to cash for him.

On Monday, February 5, 2024, Deputy Chris Chance, an employee of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office informed your AFFIANT, Steven Poulsen, a resident of 801 N. 190th Street, Eagle, Cass County, Nebraska, reported he had been the victim of a theft involving fraudulent checks. Your AFFIANT knows, Steven Poulsen's residence is on the county line between Lancaster and Cass County and is located on the Lancaster County side of the road.

Steven Poulsen stated on or about September 2023, he ordered two books of checks (1071 – 1110) from his Ally bank account, however; he never received them. On or about January 9, 2024, Steven Poulsen discovered check number 1104 was written to Jeremy Sanford. Steven Poulsen reviewed his account and

discovered four (4) additional checks 1093, 1095, 1100, and 1104 that he did not write. Steven Poulsen subsequently closed the account and stated his total loss is \$591.28.

Investigative follow-up by Dep. Chance revealed Jeremy Sanford also attempted to write check number 1106 on January 19, 2024, for \$300 to the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center. This check was returned unprocessed due to the closed account s status. Additionally, Dep. Chance discovered Ally Bank check 1093 was written to Jiffy Lube located at 3520 O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska in the amount of \$311.90. Dep. Chance obtained invoice number #33 and discovered the service was for Jeremy Sanford's 2008 Acura, Nebraska license YEA695. Dep. Chance discovered check number 1100 was written to O'Reilly Auto Parts located at 1201 N. 48th Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska on October 18, 2023. A fictitious Nebraska operator license H13196498 was written on the check. Lastly, your AFFIANT knows check number 1104 in the amount of \$140.00 written to Jeremy Sanford was cashed at Lobo City Mex located at 340 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

On February 5, 2024, your AFFIANT drove by 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and knows Jeremy Sanford's black 2008 Acura TL Nebraska license YEA695 was parked facing north toward the garage. Your AFFIANT knows on January 31, 2024, when your AFFIANT interviewed Jeremy Sanford outside the residence the vehicle was backed in and facing south.

On Friday, February 2, 2024, your AFFIANT authored a search warrant for 2722 W. Street Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The search warrant was signed by Lancaster County Court Judge Timothy Phillips. Your AFFIANT knows the warrant was pending service when Dep. Chance received the information from Steven Paulson. Your AFFIANT is asking the Court to consider the additional amended information.

Your AFFIANT knows 2722 W. Street is owned by James W. and Donna R. Sowell who reside at 950 S. Cotner Blvd, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. 2722 W. Street is described as a white single-family Bungalow type residence built in 1900. The legal description is Subdivision of LOTS 1-7, Block 3, Orchard Subdivision, Lot 13, Remaining S135.



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The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for 2722 W. Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, including any detached structures and vehicles to include the 2008 Acura, Nebraska license YEA695 located on the property for the following items:

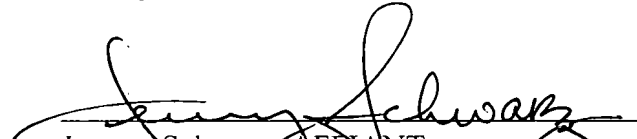
- Any receipts, withdrawal or deposit slips, or financial instruments from any bank or financial institution bearing the name Jeremy Sanford.
- Any receipts, withdrawal or deposit slips, or financial instruments from any bank or financial institution bearing the name Richard Wiedenbeck.
- Any receipts, withdrawal or deposit slips, or financial instruments from any bank or financial institution bearing the name Steven Paulson.
- Any receipts, withdrawal or deposit slips, or financial instruments from any bank or financial institution bearing a name other than Jeremy Sanford to include Skyla Leighton and Hattie Andreson.
- Any computers, cell phones, or electronic devices that are capable of connecting to a cellular network or the internet.
- Any form of government IDs bearing the name other than Jeremy Sanford.
- Any computers, cell phones, or electronic devices that are capable of containing or storing business records.

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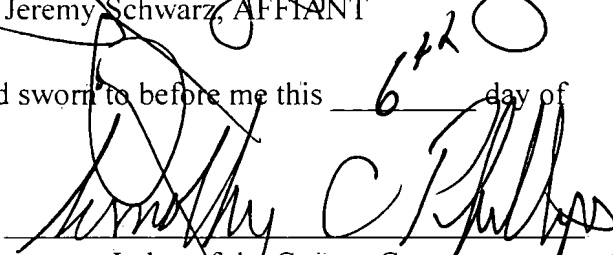
Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 6th day of February 2024.

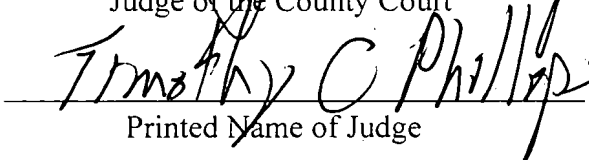


Jeremy Schwarz, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 6th day of February 2024.



Judge of the County Court



Printed Name of Judge

