

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

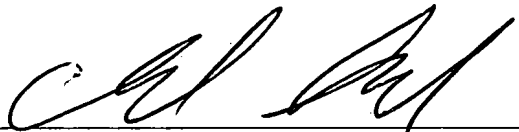
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF
101 CHARLESTON STREET
LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

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

The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 20th day of February, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 23rd day of February, 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.



CHAD BAEHR #1288

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 2024.



Notary Public

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INVENTORY

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ss.

**INVENTORY OF PROPERTY
SEIZED BY VIRTUE OF THE
SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED HEREIN**


Chad Baehr #1288, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says the following is an inventory of the property seized by virtue of the Search Warrant issued herein:

The following is a list of the items seized and removed as evidence during the execution of a search warrant of a black 2010 Dodge Caliber, VIN 1B3CB3HA3AD647963 at 101 Charleston Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

- Blue surgical masks
- White Sunglasses
- Green full face stocking cap
- Douglas County Court documents
- Walmart gift card
- Target vanilla mastercard gift card
- Black stocking cap
- Visa vanilla gift card
- Walmart gift card

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Inventory made in the presence of Donald Fosler #1348.



 Chad Baehr #1288

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 2024.

Brisa Lara Gonzalez
Notary Public



RECEIPT OF SEIZED ITEMS

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Date 2-23-24

Chad Baehr #1288
Law Enforcement Officer

Witness  #13418

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

TO: Investigator Chad Baehr #1288, a Police Officer with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Chad Baehr, 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.

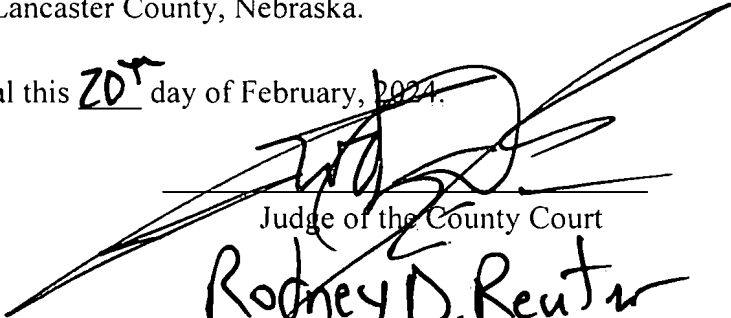
THEREFORE, you are commanded to search a Black 2010 Dodge Caliber, No Plate, VIN: 1B3CB3HA3AD647963 located at Capital Towing, 101 Charleston St., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

- Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Receipts, Gift Cards, Nebraska Drivers Licenses, Financial Devices, wigs, Proof of Ownership, Miscellaneous Cards, Black Glove, Clothing and Masks observed on video.

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 20th day of February, 2024.



Judge of the County Court
Rodney D. Reuter

Printed Name of Judge

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

Chad Baehr #1288, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is a Choose an item. for the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of Theft by Unlawful Taking 28-511 (M2), Take Control of Merchandise (9.24.150) (M), Attempted Unauthorized Use of a Financial Transaction Device 28-620 (M3), 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:

Facts:

Affiant has investigated and assisted in the investigation of a shoplift theft from autos and credit card frauds all occurring in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska from December 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

On January 18, 2024, at approximately 2:41 PM., Lincoln Police Officer Eveland #1933 investigated a shoplift that occurred at the Casey's Store located at 4115 W. Adams St., in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Video surveillance was obtained of the shoplift which showed a black female, taller, 20-30 years of age, arrive in an unknown make black SUV. The vehicle had in-transit papers on the front and back windows and an unknown yellow dealer tag in the license plate holder. Once inside the store, the female walked to the alcohol shelf and put 4 bottles of Hennessey Whiskey inside her jacket and exited the store without

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paying for them. She left the lot in the same vehicle she arrived in. Total loss \$107.96.

On January 19, 2024, at approximately 3:52 PM, Lincoln Police Officer Grinstead #1936 with the Lincoln Police Department investigated two larceny from auto reports at Parkview Animal Hospital located at 1300 Infinity Court in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The owners of each vehicle received an alert from their bank making them aware their credit cards were being used for purchases at Walmart located at 8700 Andermatt Drive, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The owner of each vehicle stated they left their vehicles unlocked and their credit cards had been removed from it. There was no video available from the Parkview Animal Hospital lot. Video surveillance was obtained from Walmart where the stolen credit cards were fraudulently being used. Video showed a taller black female, wearing green ski mask with only the eyes visible, a bright pink jacket, and jeans with rips/tears in them attempting to use the stolen cards. She left the Walmart lot in a dark colored SUV with an in-transit in the front and rear windows and a yellow dealer tag in the front and rear license plate holder.

Prior to and during these investigations there were numerous other larcenies from autos and credit card frauds that are in various stages of the investigative process. Video surveillance of the frauds from different department/grocery stores in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska has been obtained for a majority of those investigations. The video surveillance has showed the same black female with the same physical characteristics with her face covered, usually with a Covid-style mask, using stolen credit cards at numerous businesses in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Several of those

videos showed the female arrived in and/or left in a black SUV similar to what was observed on video at the Casey's and Walmart.

Lashana J. Westbrook, black female, DOB: 02-21-1998 became a suspect in these cases through the Lincoln Police Identification Unit, the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle Fraud Unit, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle seen in the video was believed to be a 2007-2012 Dodge Caliber. Video obtained from various businesses where frauds occurred showed the female having tattoos on her left hand and a large tattoo on her upper right side of her chest. The tattoos on the female observed on video were compared with tattoos from past photographs of Westbrook which showed she had similar tattoos in the same body locations.

On January 29, 2024, at approximately 12:15 PM, a black Dodge Caliber with in-transits on the front and rear windows and a yellow dealer sticker on the rear license plate holder was observed parked unoccupied in the apartment complex of 3617 Baldwin Avenue, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. At approximately 2:55 PM, Affiant observed Westbrook get into the vehicle and leave the apartment complex and go eastbound on Baldwin Avenue from N. 37th Street. Affiant was in a plain unmarked car and followed Westbrook to N. 48th and Vine Street. Affiant requested a marked police cruiser to attempt a traffic stop for an ongoing criminal investigation. Probable cause existed to stop the vehicle and arrest Westbrook on multiple offenses occurring in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

At approximately 3:02 PM, Lincoln Police Sergeant Romshek, #1662 attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle Westbrook was driving. The traffic stop was initiated near N. 49th and Vine Street as the vehicle was traveling eastbound

on Vine Street. Westbrook accelerated the vehicle instead of stopping reaching speeds up to 50 mph in a 35 mph. Westbrook continued eastbound on Vine Street and entered a school zone for Culler Middle School where students were crossing. No pursuit was initiated due to the reckless manner Westbrook was driving and entering a school zone. Westbrook was last seen traveling eastbound on Vine Street.

On the same date at approximately 3:07 PM, a call came in saying a female matching Westbrook and the vehicle she was last seen in had just pulled into a parking lot at Bethany Park located at 6500 Vine Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and had stolen a purse from a vehicle parked there. Affiant contacted the vehicle owner, Chelsea Warden, at the park. Warden said she exited her blue 2010 Hyundai Santa Fe SUV with her two children and walked to the park to play with them. Warden said she was approximately 20-30 feet away from her vehicle when she saw a darker gray or black SUV parked just to the east of her vehicle. Warden said the vehicle had a yellow dealer plate on the license plate cover. Warden said she saw a taller black female open her passenger side front door, reach into her vehicle and grab something. The female then opened the rear driver's side door of the vehicle she arrived in, threw something in the backseat and drove off. Warden said the female took her black lululemon belt bag which contained her Nebraska Driver's License, her Discover Card, her daughters' Social Security cards, her food stamp card and her WIC card. Affiant showed a photo of Westbrook to Warden who said, "I'm almost 100% positive that is the woman who took my items."

On January 31, 2024 at approximately 8:45 PM, Lincoln Police Officer Fullerton #1665 was on patrol in a marked police cruiser and observed the vehicle Westbrook had been driving in the past and was aware she was wanted on

multiple criminal violations. Officer Fullerton set up surveillance near 3617 Baldwin Ave. Officer Fullerton and other officers with the Lincoln Police Department contacted Westbrook as she exited her black 2010 Dodge Caliber SUV. Westbrook was taken into custody and lodged at the Lancaster County Jail for Flee to Avoid Arrest (Felony). Westbrook was cited and released for multiple other charges including shoplifting, theft by unlawful taking, and driving related offenses.

During the search incident to arrest, officers located numerous gift cards in the vehicle Westbrook was driving. The 2010 Dodge Caliber Westbrook exited had yellow dealer plates and was towed to Capital Towing at 101 Charleston Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, where it was placed in their secure cage.


The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for Black 2010 Dodge Caliber, VIN 1B3CB3HA3AD647963 located at Capital Towing at 101 Charleston St., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

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Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.



Chad Baehr, AFFIANT

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Judge of the County Court

Rodney D. Reuter

Printed Name of Judge

