

LPD Case Number: C4-017794

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

01224-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF
1730 G STREET #10
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 28th day of February, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 28th 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.

[Signature]
Inv. Meyer #1716

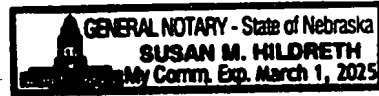
SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 2024.

Susan M. Hildreth
Notary Public

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LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 1730 G Street #10, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

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DATED this 28TH day of February, 2024.

PC. Z #1716
Law Enforcement Officer

Inv. [Signature] #1821
WITNESS

enforcement may access any safe or lockable storage container by any means necessary.

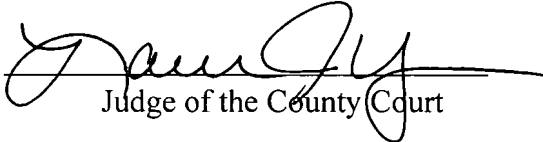
Law enforcement is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, and seize the aforementioned items.

The court finds that the public interest requires that the requested search warrant not be restricted to daytime service and that it may be served at any time as firearms are accessible to the occupants and other evidence can be destroyed.

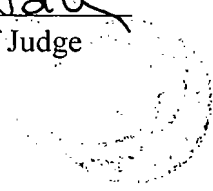
Law enforcement are not required to knock and announce their presence prior to entry.

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 28th day of February, 2024.


Judge of the County Court

Laurie J Hardy
Printed Name of Judge



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

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Joseph Villamonte, 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 **MANU/DELV/POSS CONTR SUBST W/INTENT TO DELVR - 28-416(1)(A)** and **POSS FIREARM WITH FEL 1D DRUG VIOLATION - 28-416(16)**, occurring at 1730 G Street #10, 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:

Beginning in March 2023, Lincoln Police Investigator Lind #1638 obtained the social media Snapchat account of Riley Thomas (DOB 11-30-2009). In April 2023, Investigator Lind observed Thomas post a photograph holding a handgun.

On 02-15-2024, Thomas posted a photograph to his social media account in possession of AR style pistol (attachment 1). The photograph is taken in the parking lot of 1730 G Street. Investigators know Thomas to live at 1730 G Street #10 with his mother and siblings based on prior contacts and information provided from juvenile probation.

On 02-22-2024, Thomas posted a photograph to his social media account in possession of a handgun (attachment 2). Thomas is observed to be in a 3rd story bedroom of 1730 G Street #10 based on the background of the photograph.

On 02-23-2024, Thomas posted a photograph to his social media account with the caption of 'tapn' and multiple cart emoji's. Your Affiant knows through extensive past investigative experience involving controlled substance sold over social media, that 'tapn' means to contact the person creating the post, and for cart emoji's to show the person is selling THC cartridges.

On 02-23-2024, Thomas posted a photograph of THC cartridges for sale with a cell phone emoji on his social media account. This post indicates Thomas wants people viewing the post to contact him via cell phone to purchase the THC cartridges.

On 02-27-2024, Thomas had four juvenile court warrants issued for his arrest.

On 02-28-2024, Lincoln Police Gang Investigators were conducting surveillance on 1730 G Street in an attempt to locate Thomas. At approximately 1635 hours, your Affiant observed Thomas arrive at the apartment complex and enter the building. Investigators contacted apartment #10 announcing police presence, and three people came to the door, including Thomas. Thomas was detained and transported to the Youth Attention Center. During the incident, investigators noted a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from within the residence.

Your Affiant knows through investigative experience that it is common for persons to display and possess firearms on social media when they are involved in the sale of controlled substances to show they are armed to protect the product they are selling and the proceeds they may have from sales. Your Affiant also knows through training and investigative experience that in some cases persons involved in the sale of controlled substances will use a motor vehicle to transport controlled substances during the sales or to purchase controlled substances. Your Affiant knows through training and investigative experience that persons involved in the sale of controlled substances use their primary residences and/or places they commonly frequent to store their controlled substances for safekeeping.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for 1730 G Street #10, a multi-unit apartment complex with #10 being on the third floor in the northeast corner of the complex in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

Any and all controlled substance, including but not limited to Marijuana; drug paraphernalia item commonly used for the ingestion of controlled substances; drug paraphernalia items commonly used for the preparation and distribution of controlled substances including, but not limited to scales, plastic

bags, film canisters, tin foil, or other packaging containers such as vials and plastic wrap; Equipment used in the production of controlled substance including, but not limited to grow lights, exhaust fans, fertilizers, pots, and potting soil; Any documentary evidence relating to the source of the controlled substance including, but not limited to customer lists, account sheets, ledgers, notes, or diaries; receipts; maps; cellular telephones and any other electronic storage device that could be used in the communication and storage of information of the sale of controlled substances; any proceeds directly attributable to the sale of controlled substances including, but not limited to United States currency, bank accounts, property, or other financial records, permission to photograph the same; any evidence of occupancy or ownership; and authorizing and directing seizure of the same; All firearms, ammunition, containers, or firearms related accessories and any documentation relating to the ownership or purchase of any firearms. Your AFFIANT requests permission from the court to access any safe or lockable storage container by any means necessary.

Law enforcement requests to measure, photograph, video tape and seize the aforementioned items.

Law enforcement is requesting that the search warrant not be restricted to daytime service and that it may be served at any time for the following reasons: Based on previously mentioned social media posts that Thomas is in possession of firearms. For the safety of all involved, including the community and occupants of 1730 G Street #10, law enforcement is asking for the flexibility to serve the warrant anytime of the day or night in order to safely serve the warrant.

Your Affiant further states that Officers are not required to knock and announce their presence prior to entry. If the Officers announce their presence and knock prior to their entry into 1730 G Street #10 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, the property sought poses danger to life or limb of the officers or others as well as. Specifically, your Affiant states that: The aforementioned firearms could be accessed and readied by individuals inside the residence if announcements are given.



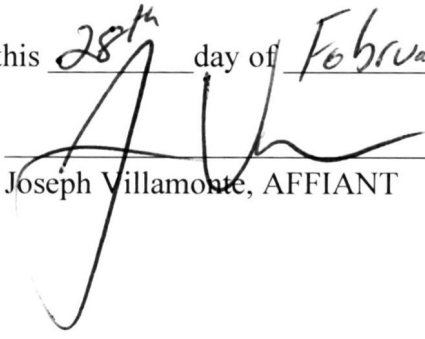
Attachment 1



Attachment 2

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 28th day of February, 2024.



Joseph Villamonte, AFFIANT

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Judge of the County Court

Laurie J Gardley

Printed Name of Judge