LPD Case Number: C4-031277

# IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF SEARCH WARRANT RETURN LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS **3801 WEST O STREET** LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF LANCASTER	)	

The undersigned states that she received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 17th day of April, 2024, and that she executed the same on the 17th day of April, 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.

Inv. Lynette Russell #1254

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 25th

ANCASTER COUNTY



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#### **INVENTORY**

# IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska SARA LUGN My Comm. Exp. Dec. 8, 2027

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) ss. COUNTY OF LANCASTER )	SEIZED BY VIRTUE ( SEARCH WARRANT ISSUE		
Inv. Lynette Russell #1254, being first following is an inventory of the property seize herein:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. •	
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STATE OF NEBRASKA

# RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 3801 West O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska (Lancaster County Department of Corrections):

-BK apple cell phone in case

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DATED this day of April, 2024

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## IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA	)	
	) șs.	SEARCH WARRANT
COUNTY OF LANCASTER	)	

TO: Lynette Russell, a certified law enforcement officer with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, any and all law enforcement officers, or others as needed by law enforcement.

WHEREAS, Lynette Russell has filed an Affidavit before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of 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 pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-814.04.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search and seize the items as described below.

#### Property to be Searched and Seized

Law enforcement and those assisting law enforcement is directed to search the following:

- Cell Phone in the property at the Lancaster County Department of Corrections belonging to Michael Sanders (08-11-1988), to include any digital storage device within, in the possession of the Lancaster County Department of Corrections located at 3801 West O Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.
  - Case Number: C4-031277
     Once seized from the Lancaster County Department of Corrections, it will be turned over to the Electronic Evidence Unit with the Lincoln Police Department.
- And seize the following evidence, to include any live and/or deleted data:
- 1. Device identifiers, information, and configurations.
- 2. User account information and any associated accounts on the device.
- 3. Databases and file systems.
- 4. Device activity logs and application usage logs
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- 14. Document files and associated metadata.
- 15. Internet browsing history, including bookmarks, searches, browser cookies and other associated cache files.
- 16. Location data to include cellular tower connections, GPS (Global Positioning System) fixes, waypoints, routes, tracks, maps, and associated metadata.
- 17. Wireless networks, Bluetooth, IP addresses, and synchronization connection history.
- 18. Memos and notes (typed and voice).
- 20. Calendar information.
- 21. Passwords, keychains.

This Search Warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to the Clerk of the Lancaster District Court, Nebraska. In the event the search and/or seizure is not complete within ten (10) days, law enforcement is authorized to return the search warrant within ten (10) days upon completion of the search and seizure.

Given under my hand and seal this 17 day of April 2024.

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Printed Name of Judge

## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Lynette Russell a certified law	anforcement officer for the Lincoln Police Departin	ant	f

Lynette Russell, a certified law enforcement officer for the Lincoln Police Department, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that your Affiant is currently involved in the investigation of a Strangulation [28-310.01] and Domestic Assault [28-323], occurring in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

### Affiant's Background

Your Affiant has been a law enforcement officer since 1998. Your Affiant has received basic academy training and additional training through the Lincoln Police Department. Affiant has experience in conducting criminal investigations including misdemeanor and felony offenses.

This Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant. Your Affiant has not set forth every fact known regarding this investigation. The facts contained in this Affidavit are based in part on the investigation that your Affiant has conducted, or information provided to your Affiant by other law enforcement officers.

#### **Case Facts**

On 04-13-2024 at 1228 hrs, dispatch was contacted by Angela Anwar (02-17-1988) (She will be known as A.A. throughout the duration of this report.) Officer Duncan, with the Lincoln Police Department contacted Anwar at the Casey's at 1445 S 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE, Lancaster County. A.A. advised that she and Michael Sanders (08-11-1988) had been in an intimate relationship for over two years and have a child together. A.A. said that on 04-13-2024 at approximately 0130 hrs, she picked up Sanders from the bar and when they returned to their residence, he got angry and punched her in the face multiple times with a closed fist, then slapped her with an open hand. Officer Duncan observed A.A. to have contusions underneath both of her eyes and her left eye was observed to be swollen. She also said that A.A. grabbed her by the throat with both hands and squeezed her neck and throat which potentially caused her to lose consciousness for a few seconds. Officer Duncan observed multiple contusions and scratches on the front of her neck and on both sides of her neck. A.A. attempted to leave the residence in her vehicle, which was parked in the garage and once she got inside of the vehicle, Sanders disabled the garage so she couldn't leave in the vehicle. A.A. eventually was able to leave the residence and

walked to Casey's at 1445 S 17<sup>th</sup>, where she contacted dispatch for help. Officers were unable to make contact with Sanders that night and Officer Duncan created a broadcast to cite and lodge Sanders upon contact.

On 4-14-2024 at approximately 1425 hrs, Officer Duncan went to 1537 S 19<sup>th</sup> Street Apartment 3 and was able to contact Sanders while he was on the balcony. Sanders said that he had surveillance cameras inside the apartment and had video of A.A. leaving the apartment. Sanders looked at his videos on his cell phone and after looking said he didn't have video; however, Sanders said that he did have video of A.A sitting in her vehicle. This video from Sanders' phone was sent to Officer Orth's Lincoln Police Department phone. Michael told Officer Duncan that he had video of A.A. leaving the house with no injuries but would not provide it. On 4-15-2024 at approximately 1903 hrs, Officer Ramsey, with the Lincoln Police Department, was dispatched to 1537 S 19<sup>th</sup> Street apartment 3, Lincoln, NE, Lancaster County, in regard to follow-up for this case. Sanders was placed into custody at 2040 hrs on 04-15-2024 and was transported to the Lancaster County Department of Corrections, where he was lodged for strangulation, domestic assault, and child abuse.

On 4-16-2024 at approximately 1230 hrs, Investigator Lynette Russell, with the Lincoln Police Department, contacted A. A. A.A. advised that there was a camera in the living room (that she thought was facing upward to the ceiling) and another camera that was in the entryway of the garage/door to the apartment area. A.A. thought that the security system that Sanders used was through Wyze. A.A. did not have access to the system and said that Sanders is the one who could obtain recordings.

On 4-16-2024 at approximately 1245 hrs, Investigator Lynette Russell contacted the Department of Lancaster County Corrections and contacted a Correctional Officer, who advised that Sanders had a cell phone with a case in his property at the Department of Lancaster County Corrections, 3801 West O Street, Lincoln, NE, Lancaster County.

#### **Background on Digital Devices**

Through your Affiant's training and past experience, and from information provided by Electronic Evidence Unit forensic examiners, your Affiant is aware that:

Digital devices are often used to communicate via voice, text messaging, social media or other communication applications; and share data with other users and that such digital data can be transferred between various digital devices. Information associated with such data may show evidence of past, current, and future criminal activity. The information also assists law enforcement in determining the identity and culpability of participants,

and the identity of victims and/or witnesses. As such, digital devices can serve both as an instrument for committing crime, as well as a storage medium for evidence of the crime.

There have been numerous instances where criminal participants utilized digital devices to photograph themselves, associates and/or co-conspirators, and victims; instances in which digital devices were used by criminal participants to create videos of their criminal activity; instances where criminals participants have used digital devices' internet applications to research crimes they have or intend to participate in; instances in which criminal participants have maintained notes within digital devices; and instances in which criminal participants used global positioning, mapping and other location services to facilitate in-person meetings with co-conspirators and/or a victim. Affiant also states that is common for users of digital devices to communicate using a variety of methods including text messages, audio files, videos and images. It is also common for users to utilize all of these methods in a single conversation. For example, a user may send an image, video and/or audio clip in a text message conversation. Failing to extract this data may seriously jeopardize law enforcement's ability to understand the context of the conversation, which may be inculpatory or exculpatory.

On a digital device, data can be created in a matter of moments because most operations can be performed almost instantly, which would be relevant to the incident being investigated. The data can be created intentionally or accidentally by the user, or automatically by the device itself as a part of its regular functioning. Through the normal operation of a device, it logs location data, user interactions, location data, passwords, keychains, notifications, wireless connections and stores this information in databases and/or file systems.

Electronic evidence can remain on the digital devices for indefinite periods of time after the data was created, even if deleted by the user. Data generally is stored on the physical memory of the digital device, but also can be stored on removable storage devices such as Secure Digital (SD) and Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) cards. A forensic examiner may be able to recover information deleted by the user throughout the working life span of the device.

As explained herein, information stored in digital devices may provide crucial evidence of the "who, what, why, when, where, and how" of the criminal conduct under investigation, In your Affiant's training and experience, digital device data can indicate who has used or controlled the digital device. This "user attribution" evidence is analogous to the search for "indicia of occupancy" while executing a search warrant at a residence.

To obtain and search the data from the aforementioned digital device, your Affiant requests the ability to enlist the aid of non-law enforcement who are trained in conducting forensic analysis of the data in retrieving and analyzing the data. In order to successfully complete an examination, it may be necessary to repair or replace components, or utilize potentially destructive methods. Your Affiant requests authorization to utilize the least destructive means to analyze the device before using more potentially destructive methods.

It may be required to examine every file and scan its contents briefly to determine whether it falls within the scope of the warrant. This is necessary as it is difficult to know prior to the search the level of technical ability of the device's user and data can be hidden, moved, encoded or mislabeled to evade detection. This would be relevant to not including a time frame restriction to this search.

Your Affiant also knows that if these items are not isolated and seized from network connectivity in a timely manner, evidence may be destroyed, transferred, encrypted, modified, or otherwise lost forever. Your Affiant knows that data recovered from digital devices could be used to refute or corroborate data recovered from other mobile devices or obtained from service providers.

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The search of digital devices is a lengthy process requiring special steps to ensure the integrity of the digital devices. In the event the search and/or seizure of evidence is not completed within ten (10) days, your Affiant is requesting authorization to return the search warrant within ten (10) days upon completion of the search and seizure.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 17 day of April 2024.

Lynetie Russell AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 17 day of April

Judge of the County Court

Printed Name of Judge