

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CR24-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH )  
WARRANT OBTAINED FROM )  
421 NW 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LINCOLN, )  
LANCASTER COUNTY, NE )

SEARCH WARRANT  
RETURN

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER ) ss.

The undersigned states that he/she received the search warrant issued herein on the 10th day of June, 2024 and that he/she executed the same on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Lance Johnson  
Inv. Lance Johnson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Diane L. Kegley  
Notary Public

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH )  
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421 NW 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LINCOLN )  
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INVENTORY

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STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss.  
County of Lancaster )

Inv. Lance Johnson 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

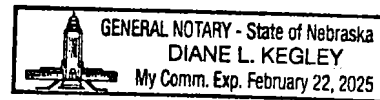
DATED this 12 day of June, 2024.

Lance Johnson  
Inv. Lance Johnson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Diane L. Kegley  
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RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 421 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

*Proof of occupancy*

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DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

*Lena Adams*

Law Enforcement Officer

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WITNESS

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

TO: Lance Johnson, an Investigator with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Lance Johnson, 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 421 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

All firearms, firearms, ammunition, containers or firearms related accessories and any documentation relating to the ownership or purchase of any firearms.

Proof of Occupancy

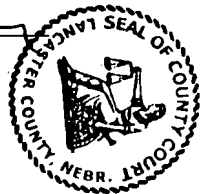
Your AFFIANT is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, and seize the aforementioned items.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

*[Signature]*  
Judge of the County Court

Laurie J. Yarbrough  
Printed Name of Judge



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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Lance Johnson, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is an Investigator for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, occurring at 421 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. As part of the investigation, AFFIANT consulted with other involved law enforcement and reviewed case reports. AFFIANT states as follows:

Facts:

Your Affiant is Investigator Lance Johnson, who is employed by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force, a multi-agency task force with the purpose of locating and arresting fugitives from justice with felony arrest warrants. Your Affiant has been with the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force since approximately April of 2021 and has located and arrested many fugitives during this time. Additionally, your Affiant has been involved in narcotics and firearms investigations while assigned to the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force.

On 06-10-2024 at approximately 0930 hours, members of the Metro Fugitive Task Force were in the area of 421 NW 18th in an attempt to locate Cleophus Collier (B/M DOB: 03-01-1990) on an active warrant federal warrant for a supervised release violation (4:12CR03041). At approximately 0933 hours, Inv. Papke and Ofc Mika observed Cleophus walk to the curb in front of his known residence to take out the trash. Investigators approached and made announcements of 'stop police'. Cleophus initially raised his hands but turned away from officers and began walking westbound towards the entrance of 421 NW 18th St., not responding to commands using his name. As additional

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investigators approached Cleophus stopped, removed a small sling bag that had been diagonal across one shoulder and his torso and dropped the bag on the ground. He then complied with commands and was placed into custody at 0934 hours.

Investigators retrieved the bag from the ground and asked if he would like it to come to jail with him. He stated the bag contained his mother's medicine. During a search incident to arrest the main compartment was opened and the pistol grip of a Springfield XDS was observed. Inv Papke removed the firearm from the bag and found it had an inserted magazine with seven rounds of .45 ACP ammunition (3 Full metal jacket and 4 hollow point). The chamber of the firearm was found to be empty. Your Affiant ran the firearm serial number and it was found to be stolen under the Omaha Police Department case AH83409

Cleophus was transported to the Lancaster County Jail where he was read and waived Miranda. Cleophus immediately made statements about how there was a recent double homicide and everyone in the area is pointing guns at each other and he had received threats as he was associated with the alleged party responsible for the homicide before he went to prison. He said he obtained the firearm four or five days prior to his arrest. When asked how he obtained it he said he picked it up from a spot in Lincoln he knew it would be. When asked specifics of who placed it there for him and how it was arranged he declined to provide that information. He denied knowing it was stolen, and said it only came with one magazine and the ammunition that was recovered in it. He said he had not committed any crimes with the firearm and that he only has it for protection. When told the next steps in the court process he stated 'I mean I don't know what there is to talk to an attorney about, I mean, I got caught with a prohibited firearm I wasn't supposed to have, all it is is pretty slam dunk.' Collier was found guilty of burglary on 07-08-2008, felony operate motor vehicle to avoid arrest on 03-27-2013 and for robbery through federal court on 11-09-2012.

Your Affiant listened to portions of a jail phone call that Collier made on his account at 1500 hours on the same day to phone number 402-805-9516. During this jail phone call, around the 18 minute mark, Collier was talking about his firearm charges. He told the female on the other line that he had a stolen firearm charge and her response was 'it is?'. Collier responds "one was, one wasn't." Collier tells the female he hasn't shown her (appears to be referencing firearms).

He also says that they (referring to the police) didn't go in his house. He said that this was luck.

As of the time of writing the Affidavit, this was the last phone call that Collier has made.

Your Affiant and other law enforcement on scene did not search 421 NW 18th St after the arrest around 0930 hours. Collier's mother was on scene but physically unable to provide legal consent due to the inability to speak from a stroke. This address was Collier's residence according to United States Probation.

Your Affiant contacted other investigators with this information. Your Affiant was informed by LPD Sgt. Petersen #1671 that LPD investigators spoke with Amber Brecks (W/F DOB: 02-28-1992). Amber came to 421 NW 18th St after Collier was in custody. Your Affiant spoke with her on scene and informed Amber about Collier's new charges. LPD investigators interviewed Amber outside her residence around 1800 hours and Amber denied removing any firearms from the residence. Amber did tell them that Elise Brase (W/F DOB: 07-29-1985) was at the residence when she was leaving. LPD investigators interviewed Elise who after approximately 30 seconds ended the interview. She did tell investigators that she did not remove a firearm from the residence.

Your Affiant believes that based upon the totality of the circumstances known to investigators at this time, that there is an additional firearm inside the residence located at 421 NW 18th St.

Your Affiant states that it is approximately 1857 hours p.m. at the time that this Affidavit for Search Warrant is being drafted. Night time is upon us and the public interest requires that the requested search warrant not be restricted to daytime service and that it may be serve any time.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for 421 NW 18<sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

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Proof of Occupancy

Your AFFIANT is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape and seize the aforementioned items.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

Lance Johnson  
Lance Johnson, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

David Ryan  
Judge of the County Court

Laurel Gardner  
Printed Name of Judge

