LPD Case Number: C4-035447

## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT	CPJU-1 SEARCH WARRANT RETURN	
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STATE OF NEBRASKA ) ) ss. COUNTY OF LANCASTER )	ANCASTER COUNTY	
The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 3rd day of May, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 7th day of May, 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.		

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 2024.

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
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My Comm. Exp. Nov. 9, 2026



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STATE OF NEBRASKA	)	INVENTORY OF PROPERTY
	) ss.	SEIZED BY VIRTUE OF THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER	)	SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED HEREIN

Corey Weinmaster, 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:

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- Call Log 1129
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- Chats 465
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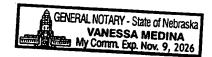
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Inventory made in the presence of Derek Dittman.

Corey Weinmaster

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Date 5/1/24

Law Enforcement Officer

Witness

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TO: Investigator Kevin Meyer #1716, a law enforcement officer with the Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, any and all law enforcement officers, and agents thereof.

WHEREAS, Investigator Kevin Meyer #1716 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.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search and seize the items as described in **Attachment A**, hereby attached and incorporated by reference, to include any specific authorization as contained in **Attachment A**.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to execute and return this Search Warrant in the manner as prescribed in **Attachment A**.

Given under my hand and seal this 2 day of May, 2024.

Printed Name of Judge

## ATTACHMENT A: Digital Device(s) to Be Searched

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

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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, law enforcement is authorized to return the search warrant within ten (10) days upon completion of the search and seizure.

### ATTACHMENT B: Technical Information Regarding the Search of 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 device data can provide valuable insight for criminal investigations. Digital devices are used by the general public for communication, access to and sharing of information, research, socialization, entertainment, mapping, shopping, note taking and other functionality. Individuals also use digital devices for the aforementioned purposes, and as a tool for facilitating criminal activity.

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 current, on-going, future, and past criminal activity as well as assist law enforcement in determining identity and culpability of participants, including identifying those with knowledge of a criminal offense or identify those who have aided a criminal participant in the commission of a criminal offense, victims and/or witnesses. As such, digital devices possessed by criminal participants can serve both as an instrument for committing crime as well as a storage medium for evidence of the crime, including communications to plan, execute, and otherwise document the commission of a crime.

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Your Affiant knows that digital devices are constantly changing system data on the device as programmed by their manufacturer. Additionally, your Affiant knows that searching the digital device itself would irreversibly alter data and/or evidence on the device. To search a device for evidence, the commonly accepted best practice of digital forensics is to utilize forensic software to obtain an extraction of the data on the device. Attempts will be made to obtain the devices data by only making unobtrusive revocable changes to the system settings to permit the extraction of the data. If necessary, the digital device may require disassembly to obtain the desired data which may render the device inoperable. These processes do not change or alter any of the user data stored on the device. The extraction is then searched using analysis software to locate, identify, and seize the evidence authorized by this warrant. The device and the image are then preserved in evidence.

The digital device has been stored in a manner in which its/their contents are, to the extent material to this investigation, substantially the same state as when it first came into the possession of law enforcement.

Kevin Meyer, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is an Investigator for the Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT states he is currently involved in the investigation of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Juvenile Offender in violation of Nebraska Revised Statue 28-1204.05 (F4) and Deliver; Manufacture; Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance, Schedule 1,2,3 in violation of Nebraska Revised Statue 28-416(1)(2)(B) (F2A) occurring on 04-26-2024, in the 6900 block of Rexford Driver, Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska. AFFIANT has reviewed case reports regarding this investigation prepared by other involved Law Enforcement Officers.

#### Attachments

Attachment A: Digital Devices to Be Searched

Attachment B: Technical Information Regarding the Search of Digital Devices.

## Affiant's Background

Your AFFIANT has been a police officer for the Lincoln Police Department since 2013. Your AFFIANT has spent 5 years as a patrol officer, 3 years as a narcotics investigator with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force and is currently assigned as an investigator for the Capital Region Safe Streets Task Force. Your AFFIANT has training and experience in investigating a wide range of crimes to include narcotics and weapon related offenses. Your AFFIANT has authored numerous search warrants pertaining to the aforementioned investigations.

This Affidavit is submitted in support of a search warrant. Since this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant, your Affiant has not set forth every fact known to me regarding this investigation. The statements contained in this Affidavit are based in part on the investigation that your Affiant has conducted, and information provided to your Affiant by other law enforcement officers verbally, and through written reports.

#### Case Facts

In 2023, investigators with the Capital Region Safe Streets Task Force began monitoring Kaeydan Gonzales' (12-16-2007) social media accounts for evidence of criminal activity due to his association with other individuals known to law enforcement. One of these accounts was his Instagram account, KG12.16. Investigators were able to determine that this account belonged to Gonzales based on selfie style photos and videos he took of himself as well as the name of his account as it references his initials and date of birth.

During one of his social media posts, Gonzales posted a link to his Telegram account. Telegram is a social media platform where individuals can post photographs and have conversations with other members of the group. The link that Gonzales posted took your AFFIANT to a group titled, KgGetsDough. The "owner" of the group was listed as Kaeydan Go. Based on the initials "KG" and the name "Kaeydan Go", this further led your Affiant to believe this Telegram account was run by Gonzales. On 02-08-2024, Gonzales made three separate posts to the account. The first post was a video that showed a large baggie of marijuana. The caption of this video read, "125Oz", which your Affiant took to mean that Gonzales was selling ounce quantities of marijuana for \$125 U.S. Currency. The second post showed a pink and blue box with the title "Juice Box". Additional writing on the packaging read, "1 gram each", "100 juice box carts", and ... "that gets you high" with several marijuana leaves on the box. From your Affiant's training and experience, this is believed to be commercially available THC products. The last photograph showed several similar boxes in a fridge. There were at least four different boxes of what appeared to be commercially available THC products. The caption on this photo was a mushroom emoji followed by a chocolate bar emoji.

On 02-20-2024, your Affiant observed Gonzales post a photo on his known Instagram story with the caption, "2gs in hml". Your affiant took this to mean that he had 2000mg THC products for sale.

On 02-21-2024, Investigators with the Capital Region Safe Streets Task Force along with the Lincoln Police Department SWAT team, served a residential search warrant at 1640 Washington Street #5, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. This was the known residence of Kaeydan Gonzales who lived there along with his brother, Kaeylab Gonzales (07-29-2004). During a search of the residence, Investigators located approximately 398.9 grams of marijuana, 30.2 grams of suspected Psilocybin

mushrooms, 68 commercially available chocolate mushroom bars, 122 THC vape cartridges, \$6380 U.S. Currency, 9mm ammunition and evidence of sales. The THC vape cartridges that were seized during the warrant matched the same items that Gonzales had advertised in the days prior to the warrant being served.

On 04-26-2024 at approximately 1357 hours, Investigators with the Capital Region Safe Streets Task Force conducted a field contact of a black 2009 Toyota Camry bearing Nebraska plate YYP 456 in the 6900 block of Rexford Driver, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Investigator Villamonte #1700 contacted Cindy Nguyen (08-18-2004) as the driver and Kaeydan Gonzales (12-16-2007) as the front passenger. Investigator Villamonte immediately noted an odor of marijuana emanating from within the vehicle and asked both occupants to step out of the vehicle. Your AFFIANT approached the passenger side of the vehicle and observed Gonzales remove a satchel style bag from around his body and place it next to him. Investigator Villamonte was giving Gonzales commands to exit the vehicle, but Gonzles ignored these commands and began digging between the passenger seat and passenger door area. Investigator Lind #1638 opened the front passenger door and your AFFIANT observed Gonzales attempting to conceal a baggie of marijuana next to his seat. Gonzales was removed from the vehicle and detained. A probable cause search of the vehicle was then conducted.

Your AFFIANT observed that the bag that he had removed was a black, Louis Vuitton, satchel. Upon opening the bag, your AFFIANT immediately observed two handguns. The first firearm was a Glock 43 9mm handgun with a 50 round drum magazine. The handgun had a red aftermarket trigger installed. Your AFFIANT cleared the firearm and observed it to have s/n: BZWP942. This was later run through the police information channel and was determined to have been stolen from a Gage County deputy that lived in the city limits of Lincoln. This case was documented under C4-004529. The second firearm was found to be a Polymer80 9mm handgun with an aftermarket slide. This firearm had no serial number. The firearm was loaded with 15 rounds of 9mm which were in a translucent extended magazine. This Polymer80 handgun had a laser/light combination with the laser illuminating a blue light. During a further search of the satchel, 4 rounds of loose 9mm ammunition were also located in a side pocket.

The baggie of marijuana that Gonzales was attempting to conceal was found to have a total weight of 20.1 grams. During a further search of the vehicle, Investigator Villamonte located a backpack in the back seat. Within this backpack, Investigator Villamonte located an additional baggie of marijuana with a total weight of 23.3 grams along with two commercially available THC cartridges. These THC cartridges appeared similar to what Gonzales had been advertising for sale in February.

Upon contact with Gonzales, he was found to be in possession of two cellular telephones. The first phone was a black Apple iPhone in a clear case and the second was a red Apple iPhone in a clear case.

Investigator Villamonte conducted a criminal history check on Kaeydan Gonzales. Investigators with the Capital Region Safe Streets Task Force had contacted Gonzales in 2022 and arrested him for possession of a defaced firearm. This arrest resulted in a juvenile felony adjudication on 03-08-2023, where a Judge advised that Gonzales cannot possess firearms.

Your AFFIANT knows from training and experience that individuals often use cellular telephones in order to facilitate the sale of narcotics. Based on the numerous narcotic advertisements on social media along with the collection of physical evidence on two separate occasions, your AFFIANT believes that there will be evidence of narcotics sales on one or both of Gonzales' cellular telephones.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant to search and seize the evidence specifically identified in Attachment A, to include any specific authorization requested authorization to be ordered by the court.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 3<sup>Po</sup> day of May, 2024.

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