

C4-017794

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT  
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF

Snapchat, Inc.

Custodian of Records

2772 Donald Douglas Loop North

Santa Monica, CA 90405

SANTA MONICA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CR24-1

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

LANCASTER COUNTY

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DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

County of Lancaster )

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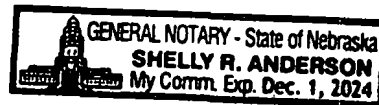
The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, by seizing the property described in the Inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the Search Warrant for the said property at the place from which the property is taken.

[Signature] #1700  
Inv. Joseph Villamonte #1700

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of

June, 2024.

[Signature]  
Notary Public



Warrant Return & Inventory



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INVENTORY

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

Joseph Villamonte, 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 here in.

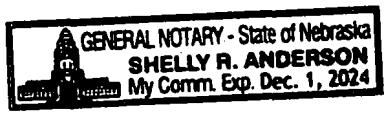
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Inventory made in the presence of Inv. Cole Jennings #1650

*[Signature]* #1700  
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Inv. Joseph Villamonte #1700

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of

June, 2024.



*[Signature]*  
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Notary Public


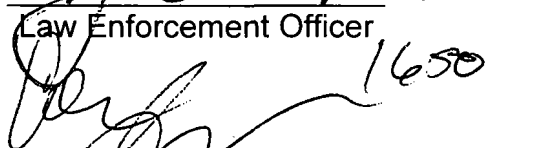
RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from Snapchat, Inc. Custodian of Records, 2772 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, California 90405 :

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DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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Law Enforcement Officer #1700  
  
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WITNESS 1650

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CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss. **SEARCH WARRANT**  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

TO: Joseph Villamonte , a Investigator with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Joseph Villamonte 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. 86-2,108, the Court finds that the records which are the subject of this search warrant are material and relevant to a legitimate law enforcement ongoing investigation. Snap Inc. is ordered NOT to notify any other person of the existence of this search warrant, including the user of the account, or release any information related to this search warrant, as there is reason to believe that notification or other disclosure would impede this ongoing investigation or otherwise cause an adverse result, as defined by law. This notice or disclosure restriction shall be for a period not to exceed 90 days.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search the places(s) listed in **Attachment A** to seize the listed property, as well as search the property for the digital evidence listed in **Attachment B**.

Service Provider shall send the information electronically via email at **LPD1700@LINCOLN.NE.GOV** or to **JOSEPH VILLAMONTE** at the Lincoln Police Department, 575 S 10th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

This search warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to a Clerk of the Lancaster District Court, Nebraska. In the event records are not received from the Service Provider within ten (10) days, your Affiant requests authorization to returned the search warrant within ten (10) days of receipt of the records.

Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>r</sup> day of May, 2024.

*Handwritten signature*  


Judge of the County Court

Laure J Tardak  
Printed Name of Judge

## ATTACHMENT A

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### **Property to Be Searched**

This warrant is directed to Snap Inc. – 2772 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Service via (Snap Inc.) Law Enforcement Request System (LERS) on-line via:  
<https://less.snapchat.com/login>

This warrant applies to records associated with specific Snapchat accounts associated with: Username: **pugre3x**

with preserved data associated to Snap Inc. case number/preservation ID **3f5692f522**.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Particular Things to be Seized**

To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of Snap Inc. regardless of whether such information is located within or outside of the United States, including any messages, records, files, logs, or information that have been deleted but are still available, or have been preserved.

Snap Inc. is requested to disclose the following records for each identifier listed in Attachment A for the time frame of February 1st, 2024 at 0001 hours CDT to February 29th, 2024 at 2359 hours CDT, specifically for the following items:

1. Contact information showing names, telephone numbers, addresses, or any other personal information relating to contacts stored within the Snapchat Account/ Snapchat Messenger, as well as similar data that has been deleted from the Snapchat Account but may still be extracted from the Snapchat servers;
2. Records reflecting outgoing, incoming, and missed calls/messages showing Snapchat video/voice/text communications, as well as similar data that has been deleted from the Snapchat Account but may still be extracted from the Snapchat servers;
3. Incoming, outgoing, and “draft” messages, picture messages, video messages, and incoming and outgoing e-mails detailing Snapchat Account data communications, as well as similar data that has been deleted from the Snapchat Account but may still be extracted from the Snapchat server;
4. Still photographs, video clips, and audio clips from Snapchat or Snapchat Messenger, as well as similar data that has been deleted from Snapchat or Snapchat Messenger but may still be extracted from the Snapchat server;
5. All information held by Snap, Inc. to include, but is not limited to, Basic Subscriber Information collected when a user creates a new Snapchat account, alters information at a later date, or otherwise interacts with the Service, Basic subscriber information that may include Snapchat username, Email address, Phone number, Snapchat user vanity name, Snapchat account creation date and IP address, Timestamp and IP address of account logins and logouts and any Logs of Previous Snaps, Stories, and Chats Snapchat for Snaps, Story content, and Memories content, the IP address when the account was established, associated user name(s), associated e-mail address(es), verification telephone number(s), device identification numbers such as Unique Device Identification (UDID), International Mobile Equipment Identifier (IMEI), Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID), Google Play Store and/or Apple App Store account information and all other account information that may be associated with this account after it has been identified.

6. Evidence of who used, owned, or controlled the Snapchat Account at the time the things described in this warrant were created, edited, or deleted, to include account numbers, account login names/identities, and passwords associated with the Snapchat Account
7. Waypoints saved GPS locations, or any electronic information stored on the Snapchat Account that may relate to recent trips or points of interest.
8. All precision location information associated with users account to include GPS, wireless networks, cell towers, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi access points, and other sensors, such as gyroscopes, accelerometers, and compasses.
9. Any other items that are contraband and are fruits of, have been used in the commission of, or may constitute evidence of this crime;
10. Records of any Snapchat accounts that are linked to the Account by machine cookies (meaning all Snapchat user IDs that logged into Snapchat by the same machine as the Account);
11. "My AI" chat box communications content, including recorded interactions with the AI, actions taken by the AI on behalf of the Target accounts, and stored conversations with the "My AI" service and User location information shared with "My AI" chatbot.



IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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LANCASTER COUNTY

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

Joseph Villamonte, 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 an DELIV;MANUF;INTENT TO DELV C/S,SCHED 1,2,3 - 28-416, occurring on 02-28-2024, at 1730 G Street #10, Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska. AFFIANT has reviewed case reports regarding this investigation prepared by other involved Law Enforcement Officers.

Affiant's Background

Your affiant has been a police officer for the Lincoln Police Department since 2012. Since 2012 Affiant has been investigating misdemeanor and felony crimes with the Lincoln Police Department to include homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, weapon offences, narcotics, sexual assault, human trafficking, child enticement, and pornography. Your Affiant has training and experience in conducting criminal 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 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

Beginning in March 2023, Lincoln Police Investigator Lind #1638 obtained the social media Snapchat account of Riley Thomas (DOB 11-30-2009). The account username was found to be 'pugre3x', and Thomas was depicted in videos and photographs posted to the account verifying it as his account.

In April 2023, Lincoln Police 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. 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. Thomas is observed to be in a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 authored a search warrant for Thomas's apartment which was signed by a Lancaster County Judge. Investigators contacted Misty Thomas, Riley's Mother, as she pulled into the complex and informed her of the search warrant. Investigators had obtained probable cause to search Misty's vehicle, and Investigator Salcedo located the black satchel. Investigator Salcedo located 10 THC vape cartridges and two bags of marijuana weighing 16.7 and 1.6 grams. A digital scale and a live round of ammo was in the apartment during the search. Investigators noted that the THC cartridges located in the satchel were the same cartridges Thomas had been advertising for sale.

Investigator Villamonte interviewed Misty about the satchel in her vehicle. Misty stated as soon as Thomas was placed at the YAC, he called her and told her to get the satchel out of her residence. Misty confirmed the satchel was Thomas's. Thomas was referred for DELIV;MANUF;INTENT TO DELV C/S,SCHED 1,2,3 - 28-416.

#### Account Preservation

A Preservation Request was served on 02-28-2024 via email to Snapchat, Inc. Snapchat responded with a confirmation email and assigned the preserved data with Snapchat case number **3f5692f522**

Snapchat will preserve the data for a period of 90 days and will extend the preservation upon request.

### Snapchat Specific Facts

Your AFFIANT knows through their own experiences and those of other Law Enforcement Officers that Snap, Inc. owns and operates a free-access social networking, electronic commerce, and cloud services application(s) of the same name that can be accessed using the Snapchat mobile application(s). Snapchat allows its users to establish accounts with Snapchat, and users can then use their accounts to post “Snaps”, “Stories”, “Memories”, and send and receive “Chats”.

“Snaps” are when a user takes a photo or video using their camera phone in real-time and then selects which of their friends to send the message to. Unless the sender or recipient opts to save the photo or video, the message will be deleted from their devices (after the content is sent in the case of the sender and after it’s opened in the case of the recipient). Users are able to save a photo or video they’ve taken locally to their device or to Memories, which is Snapchat’s cloud-storage service.

“Stories” are when a user adds photo or video Snaps to their “Story.” Depending on the user’s privacy settings, the photos and videos added to a Story can be viewed by either all “Snapchatters” or just the user’s friends for up to 24 hours. Stories can also be saved in “Memories”.

“Memories” is Snapchat’s cloud-storage service. Users can save their sent or unsent Snaps, posted Stories, and photos and videos from their phone’s photo gallery in Memories. A user can also edit and send Snaps and create Stories from these Memories. Snaps, Stories, and other photos and videos saved in Memories are backed up by us and may remain in Memories until deleted by the user.

Using “Chat” a user can type messages, send photos, videos, audio notes, and video notes to friends within the Snapchat app using the Chat feature. A user sends a Chat message to a friend, and once it is viewed by both parties – and both parties swipe away from the Chat screen – the message will be cleared. Within the Snapchat app itself, a user can opt to save part of the Chat by tapping on the message that they want to keep. The user can clear the message by tapping it again.

“Voice” A user can also make voice and video chats using the Snapchat platform. Video chats can be one-on-one or with a group. Snap chat retains records of these contacts but does not retain content.

“Location” Snapchat users can also share their Live Location with select contacts or all of their friends. This option doesn’t include people who’ve added the user as a friend, but who the user hasn’t added back. Live Location data is shared with the chosen friends even while a user is in Ghost Mode. Users can opt out of Live Location at any time without prompting a notification to your friends. When Live Location sharing is enabled, the device’s precise location data is collected and shared with the selected friends even when the user has the Snapchat app closed.

“AI” Snapchat has added an AI feature. My AI is a chatbot currently available to Snapchatters. In a chat conversation, My AI can answer trivia questions, offer advice, help plan a trip, or make other suggestions. My AI is powered by OpenAI’s ChatGPT technology, with additional safety enhancements and controls unique to Snapchat.

Your AFFIANT is aware through research, documentation, prior training and experience, and/or the experience of other investigators that Snapchat collects and stores personally identifying information on their users. This information consists of user supplied information that can be used to identify the user and/or account creator of a Snapchat account.

This information may include, but is not limited to Basic Subscriber Information collected when a user creates a new Snapchat account, alters information at a later date, or otherwise interacts with the Service, Basic subscriber information may include: Snapchat username, Email address, Phone number, Snapchat user vanity name, Snapchat account creation date and IP address, Timestamp and IP address of account logins and logouts.

This information may also include Logs of Previous Snaps, Stories, and Chats Snapchat retains logs for the last 31 days of Snaps sent and received, for 24 hours of posted Stories, and for any unopened Chats or those saved by a sender or recipient. The logs may contain meta-data about the Snaps, Stories, and Chats, but not the content. Your AFFIANT knows in certain limited circumstances it may be possible for us to retrieve the content of sent Snaps. Story content may be available for up to 24 hours, or until deleted by a user. Your AFFIANT knows Memories content may be available until deleted by a user.

#### Machine Cookies

Snap Inc. also uses “cookies” to store and receive identifiers and other information on computers, phones, and other devices. Other technologies, including data stored from the user’s web browser or device, identifiers associated with the user’s device, and other software, are used for similar purposes. “Cookies” are defined in this context as small

pieces of text used to store information on web browsers. Companies use “cookies” for the following purposes: Authentication; Security, Site and Product Integrity; Advertising, Recommendations, Insights and Measurement; Site Features and Services; Performance; Analytics and Research, Records of any user accounts that are linked to the Account by machine cookies (meaning all Snapchat user IDs that logged into Snapchat by the same machine as the Account, identifying multiple accounts utilizing similar machines);

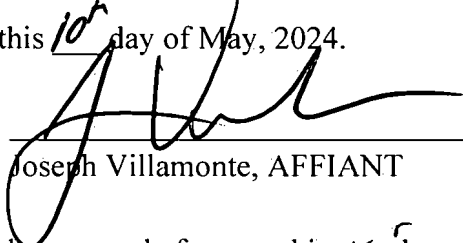
Your Affiant requests authorization to search for and seize the listed items in Attachment A and B, hereby attached and incorporated by reference.

Service Provider shall send the information electronically via email at **LPD1700@LINCOLN.NE.GOV** or to **JOSEPH VILLAMONTE** at the Lincoln Police Department, 575 S 10th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

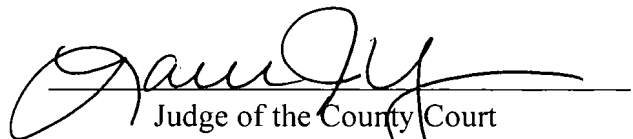
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Further AFFIANT saith not;

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

  
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Joseph Villamonte, AFFIANT

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

  
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Judge of the County Court

Laurie J. Jordan  
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Printed Name of Judge

