

RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 3636 North 9th Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

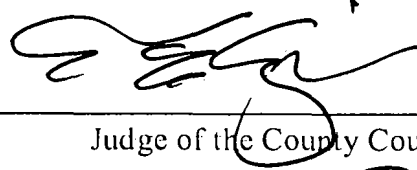
- photographs of residence & contents

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DATED this 17th day of May, 2024.

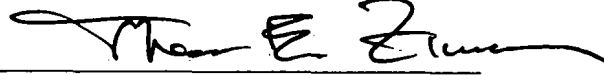
W. J. #1882
Law Enforcement Officer

Jhy #1907
WITNESS



Judge of the County Court





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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA)
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

Wyatt Shafer, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is a Police Officer for the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT further states he is currently involved in the investigation of Assault by Strangulation or Suffocation 28-310.01(1)(F3A) and Domestic Assault – 3rd Degree 28-323(1)(M1), occurring at 3636 North 9th Street Lincoln, 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:

On 05-17-2024 at 1719 hours, Officer Shafer #1882 and Officer Clevenger #1868 with the Lincoln Police Department were dispatched to the address of 3636 North 9th Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska on a report of a disturbance or possible assault in progress.

Officer Dirks #1911 first arrived and made contact with the victim, Cassandra R. Finnell (DOB: 04-07-1988). Finnell reported to Officer Dirks that on 05-17-2024 at approximately 0500 hours, Finnell was sleeping in her boyfriend’s James I. Lee’s (DOB: 01-11-1985) bedroom when Lee came home and began playing loud music. Finnell stated when she confronted Lee and told him to be respectful of the other people in the house; Lee dropped his elbow into her chest. Finnell stated Lee struck her with his elbow with enough force that it caused pain and redness to the center of her chest. Finnell stated she locked herself in the bathroom to stay separated from him.

Finnell reported that she left the residence for most of the day and when she returned to the house on 05-17-2024 at approximately 1700 hours, she found that the house was locked and she could not get in. Finnell stated she called Dominick G. Rice (DOB: 10-12-1994), the homeowner, to come let her in. Finnell stated Rice arrived at the residence, with Lee, and all three went inside.

Finnell stated she used the restroom and when she went downstairs, Rice and Lee were already in the basement living room. Finnell reported that Lee was immediately upset and told her she had 'three seconds to get out'. When Finnell did not comply with Lee's statement, Lee pushed her in the living room. Finnell stated she attempted to run up the stairs but Lee caught her on a landing near the top of the stairs and grabbed her by the neck with both hands. Finnell reported that Lee picked her up off the ground by her head and neck and carried her through the house and threw her up against the front door.

Finnell stated that her breathing was restricted for approximately ten seconds. Finnell stated the strangulation caused her pain and Finnell was observed to have redness around her neck at the base of her head consistent with her statement. Finnell reported that at some point during the assault, she was bitten by Lee, but could not recall when that happened. Finnell also suffered a minor abrasion to her right arm and redness to her right buttocks during the assault. Finnell stated that she was fearful for her life and thought that she may die.

Finnell stated that she and Lee have been in an intimate relationship for approximately one to two weeks, with the last physical relations occurring about three days ago. Finnell stated that the relationship turned violent within the last three days.

Your Affiant and Officer Clevenger #1868 contacted the residence and spoke with Rice. Rice reported that the incident started as a verbal argument and turned physical. Rice stated he observed Lee to carry Finnell out by her neck and face. Brianna N. C. Pierce (DOB: 10-10-2004), who also resides in the residence reported that she did not witness any of the altercation that was reported by Finnell.

Officer Dirks #1911 arrived shortly after the call was dispatched to officers and Finnell reported that Lee was still inside. Once Officer Shafer #1882 and Officer Clevenger #1868 arrived and spoke with Rice, Rice stated that Lee was still inside the residence and would not be cooperative.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for 3636 North 9th Street is a blue single story residence on the

East side of North 9th Street with the residence address of 3636 vertically on the left side of the front door of the residence in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

- James Ira Lee W/M 01-11-1985
- Proof of occupancy
- Photos of residence

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

Your Affiant states that it is approximately 8:30 p.m. at the time that this Affidavit for Search Warrant is being drafted. Nighttime 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 for the following reasons: the house is currently seized by police and not to delay the residents from having access to their residence.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 17th day of May, 2024.

W. J. #1882
Wyatt Shafer, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 2024.

[Signature]
Judge of the County Court
Thomas E. Zeman
Printed Name of Judge

