

Filing No.

File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

In the Matter of

Jason Keith Willford w/m/12-10-79

Date Issued

5-7-10

Time Issued

9:41 AM

Name of Applicant

Detective Z.A. Morse

Name of Additional Affiant

Name of Additional Affiant

RETURN OF SERVICE

I Certify that this Search WARRANT was received and executed as follows:

Date Received

5-7-10

Time Received

PM 9:40

Date Executed

5-7-10 10:30AM

Date and Time of Return

9-9-10 9:50 AM

I made a search of

HQ Captain Dwyane S/N 2025230154

Headquarters DVE780 S/N CNF8082741

as commanded.

seized the items listed on the attached inventory

I did not seize any items.

This warrant was not executed within 48 hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed

Signature of Officer Making Return

Department or Agency of Officer

Kalish P.O.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Wake County

In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division

To any officer with authority and jurisdiction to conduct the search authorized by this Search Warrant:

I, the undersigned, find that there is probable cause to believe that the property and person described in the application on the reverse side and related to the commission of a crime is located as described in the application.

You are commanded to search the premises, vehicle, person, and other place or item described in the application for the property and person in question. If the property and/or person are found, make the seizure and keep the property subject to Court Order and process the person according to law.

You are directed to execute this Search Warrant within forty-eight (48) hours from the time indicated on this Warrant and make due return to the Clerk of the Issuing Court.

This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath by the person or persons shown.

This Search Warrant was returned to me on the date and time shown below

Date 9-9-10

Time 9:09

Signature

[Signature]

Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court

Date

5-7-10

Signature

[Signature]

Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court
 Magistrate District Ct. Judge Superior Ct. Judge

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Det. Z.A. Morse, Raleigh Police Dept.

(Insert name and address; or if law enforcement officer, name, rank and agency)

being duly sworn, request that the court issue a warrant to search the person, place, vehicle, and other items described in this application and to find and seize the property and person described in this application. There is probable cause to believe that See attached.

(Describe property to be seized; or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place

See attached.

to serve an arrest warrant or other process, name person to be arrested)

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime,

Murder G.S. 14-17, Rape G.S. 14-27.2, Burglary G.S. 14-51

, and is located

(Name Crime)

(check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)

in the following premises

(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)

(and)

on the following person(s)

(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))

(and)

in the following vehicle(s)

(Describe vehicle(s))

(and)

See Attached

(Name and/or describe other places or items to be searched, if applicable)

The applicant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:

See Attached.

SEE ATTACHED

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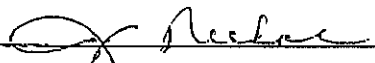
SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

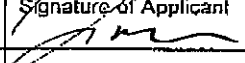
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Signature



Signature of Applicant



Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court Mag. Judge

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavit(s) attached, made by _____

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by sworn testimony, given by _____

This testimony has been (check appropriate box) reduced to writing tape recorded and I have filed each with the Clerk.

H If a continuation is necessary, continue the statement on an attached sheet of paper with a notation saying "see attachment."

Date the continuation and include on it the signatures of the applicant and issuing official.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:
Jason Keith Williford w/m/12-10-79

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION
FOR SEARCH WARRANT BY:
Detective Z.A. Morse
Date: 5/7/2010

Description of Items to be Seized

1. All computer data including hidden, deleted or erased data, to include data files, communications, graphical images, multimedia items, documents, and any other data found in the computer system that could constitute evidence of the offenses described below.

Description of Crimes

1. Murder G.S. 14-17
2. Rape G.S. 14-27.2
3. Burglary G.S. 14-51

Description of Items to be Searched

1. HP brand laptop computer, Model Pavillion DV4000, s/n 2CE52304DP
2. HP brand laptop computer, Model Pavillion DV6700, s/n CNF8082PH6

Probable Cause Affidavit

I, Detective Z.A. Morse have been a Law Enforcement Officer with the Raleigh Police Department for 14 years and 6 months. I am currently assigned to the Homicide unit of our investigative division. The primary types of cases I am assigned are death investigations. I have received training in crimes through the North Carolina Justice Academy, Raleigh Police Department's Academy, and regularly scheduled in-service training sessions dealing with laws of arrest, search and seizure, interviewing, the preparation of a search warrant and criminal investigation. I have conducted investigations that have led to the arrest and conviction of individuals for violations of North Carolina general statutes. I have obtained and executed numerous search warrants in the past that have led to the arrest and conviction of suspects.

On March 6, 2010 at approximately 11:48 am the Raleigh Police Department responded to 2710 Cartier Dr. Raleigh, NC in reference to an assault and rape. This address is within the city limits of Raleigh, NC and falls in the jurisdictional boundaries of the Raleigh Police Department. The investigation revealed that the victim had been sexually assaulted. The injuries inflicted upon the victim resulted in the victim's death. Therefore, this case is being investigated as a homicide.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2010.


MAGISTRATE/JUDGE


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On April 16, 2010 probable cause was established for the issuance of arrest warrants for Jason Keith Williford w/m/12-10-79 for the offenses of murder and rape in regards to this investigation. Those warrants were served the same day and Jason Keith Williford was arrested for these charges. During the course of the investigation a search warrant was obtained for Jason Keith Williford's w/m/12-10-79 residence located at 2812-D Wayland Dr. Raleigh, NC. During the execution of that search warrant two computers were seized in accordance with the search warrant. This search warrant is requested to search the computers for possible evidence related to this homicide investigation.

In the course of this investigation, I spoke with Detective Brown of the Raleigh Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit. Detective Brown investigates crimes related to the use of Computers and/or Computer systems. He has received training in the field of computer system seizures and computer forensic analysis.

Detective Brown told me that computer hardware, peripheral components, software, documentation, passwords and data security devices may be important to a criminal investigation in two distinct and important respects:

1. the objects themselves may be instrumentalities, fruits, or evidence of the crime,
and/or
2. the objects may have been used to collect and store information about crimes in the form of electronic data.

From my own personal experience, and the information provided to me by Detective Brown, I know that users of computers often save information or create documents to storage devices, and forensic examinations that have been conducted on other computer systems, in other unrelated investigations, have revealed data or information that connected the computer system/storage devices to criminal activity.

Therefore it is my opinion that a forensic examination of the seized computers and media referred to above may reveal evidence related to the murder of Kathy Taft. This evidence may include the following:

1. Digital files that show visits to internet sites or collection of photographs which depict sexual assault.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2010.


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2. Any other communications, graphical images, multimedia items, internet sites, documents or email files which may refer to Kathy Taft in anyway.

3. Any other digital files which could reveal planning or motivation for the murder of Kathy Taft or which could reveal planning, or motivation for future crimes that are similar in nature.

As a result I am requesting that this search warrant be issued authorizing a computer forensic specialist make forensic images or copies of the computer hard drives and storage media seized, including diskettes, optical storage media or other media for forensic analysis.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2010.


MAGISTRATE/JUDGE


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File No.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

Jason Keith Williford w/m/12-10-79

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

G.S. 15A-223, 15A-254, -257

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

Date Of Search

HP brand laptop computer, Model Pavillion DV4000, s/n 2CE52304DP
HP brand laptop computer, Model Pavillion DV6700, s/n CNF8082PH6

05/07/2010

This search was made pursuant to

- 1. a search warrant issued by: Magistrate
- 2. consent to search given by: _____
- 3. other legal justification for the search: _____

The following items were seized:

Digital pictures
videos
files from computers

Items Seized Continued:

- 1. I left a copy of this inventory with the person named below, who is:
 - a. the owner of the premises searched.
 - b. the owner of the vehicle searched.
 - c. the person in apparent control of the premises searched.
 - d. the person in apparent control of the vehicle searched.
 - e. the person from whom the items were taken.
- 2. As no person was present, I left a copy of this inventory:
 - a. in the premises searched, identified on the reverse.
 - b. in the vehicle searched, identified on the reverse.

Name And Address Of Person To Whom A Copy Of This Inventory Was Delivered, If Any

Empty box for name and address of person to whom a copy of the inventory was delivered.

The law enforcement agency identified below will hold the seized property subject to court order.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME		Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer
Date	9-9-10	Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Detective
Signature	C. Bobbitt	Name And Address Of Agency Z.A. Morse Raleigh Police Department 4501-120 Atlantic Ave. Raleigh, NC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory.

Date	Signature of Person Receiving Inventory
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