

## SEARCH WARRANT

## IN THE MATTER OF

MICHELLE YOUNG (06-141641)

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 R.C. SPARKS, JR.

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☒ I made a search of  
 130 BAHAMON HALL DR.  
 ETOWAH, NC 28725

☒ I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.

☒ I did not seize any items.  
☐ This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

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 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(s) shown.

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Murder (G.S. 14-17)

***Continuation of: Description of Property to be Seized;***

- 1) A pair of Hush Puppies brand shoes. The style will be Orbital, Sealy, or Bellville. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 1 for the outsole design that corresponds to the shoe style)
- 2) A pair of Franklin Athletic shoes.
- 3) A pair of Reebok white/red NET HEX shoes (leather basketball shoe)
- 4) A pair of Adidas white/navy Fortitude shoes (leather athletic jogging shoe)
- 5) A dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # )
- 6) A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold
- 7) An egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon
- 8) A man's platinum wedding band
- 9) A woman's platinum wedding band
- 10) A platinum solitaire 2-3 ct. diamond ring (stands out due to "flecks")
- 11) A pair of diamond ear rings
- 12) A pearl necklace
- 13) Cash gas receipts

***Continuation of: Description of Premises and Curtilage to be Searched;***

Frontier Self-Storage  
130 Oakland Hill Drive  
Etowah, North Carolina 28729  
This is a gated storage facility

***Continuation of: Description of Persons to be Searched and/or Seized;***

Jason Lynn Young  
White Male, Date of Birth April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1974

A search is requested for the limited purpose of seeing the make, style, and outsole design of the shoes that he is wearing.

***Continuation of: Description of Vehicle to be Searched;*****SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME**

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***Continuation of: Description of other Place or Item to be Searched;***

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**Continuation of: Probable Cause;**

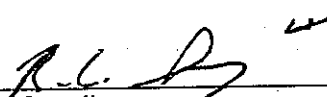
This affiant is a Deputy Sheriff / Investigator for the Wake County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I have been employed with the Wake County Sheriff's Office since April of 2004 and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division since October of 2006. Prior to joining the Wake County Sheriff's Office, I worked for nine years with the Durham City Police Department. While with the Durham City Police Department I worked as a Detective, and a Detective Supervisor, in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division. While serving with the Criminal Investigation Division I investigated and participated in investigations of adults and juveniles, both as suspects and victims of crimes. My assignments and experiences have included the criminal investigation of property crimes, crimes of violence against persons, fraud cases, drug investigations, child abuse cases, and covert and electronic surveillance operations. During the past 16 years as a law enforcement officer, I have received, and continue to receive, specialized training through schools, law enforcement agencies (Federal, state, and local), and seminars. This has included specialized training in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, statement analysis, search warrants, criminal and psychological profiling, criminal investigative analysis, crime scene searches, analytical investigative techniques, conspiracy investigations, and criminal intelligence.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, the Wake County Sheriff's Office responded to 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina in reference to the murder of Michelle Young. Her sister, Meredith Fisher, discovered Mrs. Young's body. Meredith Fisher reported that she had stopped by the Birchleaf Drive location at the request of the decedent's husband, Jason Young. According to Ms. Fisher's statement, Mr. Young called her on the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and asked her to pick up several computer printouts that he had left on his home printer. The printouts were said to have been of a belated anniversary gift. Mr. Young supposedly did not want the decedent to discover the surprise gift he was planning for her.

Meredith Fisher has stated that she responded to her sister's home, passed through the unsecured garage, and entered the residence through the garage / kitchen door. Once inside she walked through the residence and ultimately discovered the decedent lying on the floor of her bedroom. In addition to discovering the decedent, the decedent's child was reportedly discovered by Meredith Fisher as well. After locating the decedent, Ms. Fisher called 911.

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Once responding deputies arrived at 5108 Birchleaf Drive they secured the scene and it was processed by the City – County Bureau of Identification. As a part of the crime scene processing, items that may be of an evidentiary value are seized. Some of the items seized from a crime scene may need additional analysis or processing in order to determine the extent of their evidentiary value. This was the case with several items taken from 5108 Birchleaf Drive.

According to the Young family, the victim's husband, Jason Young was informed of his wife's death on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. This occurred upon his arrival at his mother's home in Brevard, NC. Upon learning of the death, Jason Young and his family made their way to Raleigh. While in route, he was contacted by Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Wake County Sheriff's Office. During their brief conversation, Jason Young stated that he would not be willing to speak with the investigators until he had secured legal counsel. The investigator was attempting to enlist Jason Young's assistance in the early stages of the investigation. Mr. Young could have done a walk through of the residence to look for items that were missing or out of place. He could have provided names of person that may have had a conflict with him or his wife. He could have also provided information on recent visitors or workers that may have been in the residence. However, he refused to come to the scene or to continue speaking with investigators. The conversation concludes with Jason Young hanging up on the investigator who is speaking with him.

Jason Young reportedly obtained legal counsel on or about November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Despite being requested to do so, he has not spoken with anyone from the Wake County Sheriff's Office since.

During the crime scene search of the residence conducted by the City-County Bureau of Identification, a pillow was located in the victim's bedroom. This pillow contained two footwear impressions in what appeared to be blood.

During subsequent analysis by the City-County Bureau of Identification, one footwear impression was identified as a "Franklin" brand athletic type shoe through a footwear database. The number 10 could be seen in the impression. The other footwear impression could not be identified.

The unidentified footwear impression was submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Laboratory. Agent Karen Murray of the Latent Evidence section of the SBI Laboratory continued searching footwear databases in an attempt to identify the shoe. On December 11, 2007, Agent Murray emailed a photograph of the unidentified footwear impression to Michael Smith of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Quantico, Virginia. Smith conducted a search through the FBI Footwear database in an attempt to identify the brand of the unidentified footwear impression. The unidentified footwear impression could not be identified.

Smith advised Agent Murray he would continue to search the database on a regular basis due to the database being continuously updated.

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On January 25, 2008, Smith telephoned Agent Murray and advised that he found a shoe that corresponds with the unidentified footwear impression located in the bedroom of Michelle and Jason Young. Smith concluded the footwear impression was made by a "Hushpuppies" brand shoe. Smith's co-worker, Eric Gilkerson, reviewed the comparison and agreed with Smith's conclusion. Agent Murray also reviewed Smith's comparison and agreed with his conclusion.

Smith contacted Tom Riha of "Hushpuppies" brand shoes located in Rockford, Michigan. Smith requested information pertaining to what models of "Hushpuppies" brand shoes had the same outsole design as the sample in the FBI database which was compared to the footwear impression left in the crime scene. Agent Murray also spoke with Riha directly about this matter. Riha informed Agent Murray that two separate models of "Hushpuppies" had this same outsole design. He stated "Hushpuppies" models "Bellville" and "Sealy" contained this specific outsole. Both models had been discontinued. Riha told Agent Murray there could possibly be another model that contained this same outsole design but he needed to continue searching his records. Since the shoes were discontinued, stores no longer carried the shoes to be sold but that some internet shoe sites could possibly have a pair.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 an inquiry was made to DSW Shoe Warehouse due to attempting to locate shoe purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young. A DSW shoe warehouse card was located as part of the crime scene search of the Young's residence. DSW provided a printout pursuant to a Court Order showing purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young.

DSW records reflect that on July 4, 2005, Jason Young purchased four pairs of shoes from DSW Shoe Warehouse in Cary, NC. The four pairs of shoes were described as: 1) Reebok white/red Net Hcx men's basketball athletic leather, size n/a; 2) Candies C-Delfin wood low heel buckle with bow slide, junior leather sandal, size 7; 3) Hush Puppies Orbital plain toe slip on men's casual leather shoe, size 12; and 4) Adidas white/navy Fortitude men's leather athletic jogger.

An inquiry was made to "Hushpuppies" to determine if the Hushpuppies "Orbital" shoe had the same outsole design as the "Bellville" and "Sealy" models. Tom Riha researched the shoe and telephoned Agent Murray to advise her that the "Orbital" model did have the same outsole design as the "Bellville" and the "Sealy", therefore, it had the same outsole as the footwear impression in blood located inside the crime scene. This shoe had also been discontinued.

Riha told Agent Murray that he could inquire with the Hushpuppies manufacturer in China to determine if he could have a pair of "Orbital" shoes made in size 12 which was the size that DSW records reflect Jason Young purchased from DSW.

Riha sent copies of DSW purchase orders and shipping records of shoes purchased from Hushpuppies.

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On November 20, 2007, pursuant to a search warrant executed at the Young's residence, some decking boards were seized from the rear deck of the house. Investigators noticed footwear impressions on the boards that had apparently been made while the deck had stain applied to it. These same footwear impressions were also noted during the crime scene search in November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. When compared to the outsole design of the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe left in blood inside the crime scene, the footwear impressions in the stain appeared to be similar in design.

Further comparisons are being made by Agent Murray in an attempt to determine if the the footwear impressions in stain are the same as the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe identified in the crime scene.

As a standard practice, the City - County Bureau of Identification photographs a crime scene showing the conditions that existed when it was secured. This practice was followed at 5108 Birchleaf Drive and led to photographs being taken of the upstairs master bedroom where the decedent's body was found. In the master bedroom photographs one can clearly see the furniture that was used to furnish the room. This furniture, when seen in the crime scene photographs, appears to have been in close proximity to the victim when the assault occurred. While the photographs vividly detail the condition of the master bedroom and it's furnishings, no photographs were taken of the furniture that depict a scale of measurement that could be used in a later analysis.

In reviewing photographs and video from the scene and seeing the close proximity of the furniture, one can see the possibility that additional latent and trace evidence may still be contained in or on the surface of the furniture. If latent and/or trace evidence remains then there still exist a possibility that they can be collected and analyzed.

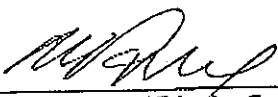
The additional review, collection, and analysis of the master bedroom furniture is going to be performed by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The actual viewing and examination of the furniture will allow them to obtain measurements, take photographs and collect other types data. Once collected, this data will aid them in their scientific analysis of the evidence that has been collected.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 the City-County Bureau of Identification processed the 5108 Birchleaf Dr. crime scene. The lead agent on this case was Agent Mike Galloway. During the course of the crime scene processing, he collected DNA swabs from the closet doorway adjacent to where the victim, Michelle Young, was discovered.

One DNA swab was collected from an area sixteen inches from the floor and seven inches from the frame of the door to Jason Young's closet. The area, which was in close proximity to the victim and surrounded by what appeared to be blood splatter, was described as a possible print. Due to it's location and the reasonable belief that it was in a place where the assailant may have come in contact with the wall, it was sent to the State

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Bureau of Investigation. The results of the testing were described as follows: "The DNA profile obtained from swabbing from the sheet rock MATCHED the DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young"

In addition to the sample taken from the area around the closet door, a DNA swab was collected from a jewelry box located in the crime scene. The jewelry box was processed because several drawers appeared to have been removed and taken from the scene. The result of the testing was described as follows: "A partial DNA profile was obtained from the swabbing from the jewelry box..." "The DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young CANNOT BE EXCLUDED as a donor to the partial profile."

Due to Jason Young's lack of cooperation, it became necessary for investigators to confirm his whereabouts during the evening of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and the early morning hours of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

On November 4th, 2006 investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office traveled to the Hampton Inn in Hillsville, Virginia. The investigators were able to obtain computer records of Jason Young checking in to the Hampton Inn on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. In addition they were able to view a security video that showed Jason Young at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 of to 10:51 pm (SEE ATTACHMENT # ).

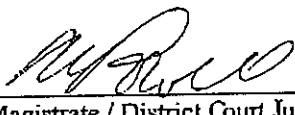
The security video was seized and taken into evidence by the Wake County investigators for use in the continuing investigation and so that further analysis could be preformed. As part of the continuing analysis, the video was transfer into a digital format that was placcd on DVD's. This transfer made it simpler to review images that had been recorded on the fourteen security cameras at the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn The video transfer was preformed by an analyst with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the images were analyzed by an investigator in the Intelligence Unit of the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

As stated, Jason Young in seen on video at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 of to 10:51 pm. During this initial recorded appearance He is seen wearing, what appears to be, a light colored long sleeve pullover garment with several buttons going from the mid chest area upwards. However in subsequent video recordings he is seen wearing garments different from the ones worn in his initial appearance. At 11:59 pm, Jason Young is once again seen at the front desk of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. On this occasion he appears to be wearing a dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # ). The whereabouts of this second garment has never been established and it unaccounted for at this time.

Shortly after Jason Young's second appearance in the lobby of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn, he is recorded headed toward the side exit at the southern end of the hotel. In this security video image (SEE ATTACHMENT # ) he is seen wearing the same dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area. The exit door where this security video camera is located is the

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same door that hotel employees discovered a rock that had been placed in the door jam. This action had the effect of blocking the door from closing and automatically locking. It also made it unnecessary for anyone to use their keycard when reentering through this door. This is important because the keycard system records when a keycard is used. It also records to whom the keycard has been assigned.

Jason Young's assigned keycard was only used on one occasion. The single keycard use was approximately six minutes after Jason Young was registered into the hotel. As seen in the security video, Jason Young does leave his hotel room. However, the next recorded use of a keycard is at approximately 11:41 am by the Hampton Inn housekeeping staff.

When Jason Young arrived in Brevard in the late afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm according to Jason Young's mother, Pat Young, he was wearing a white shirt and a tie. Pat Young said that her son exited his vehicle and had his jacket slung over his shoulder. She also stated in interviews with Wake County Investigators and agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation that no luggage or clothing was removed from Jason Young's vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, while he was at her home. In addition, Pat Young denied that her son washed, changed, or discarded any clothing while at her home. These statements concerning the clothing were confirmed by Gerald McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre is Pat Young's husband and the stepfather of Jason Young.

Jason Young, his mother, sister and brother-in-law left Brevard, North Carolina and headed toward Raleigh, North Carolina on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at approximately 5:00 pm according to Pat Young. While in route to the Raleigh area it was determined that the Young's would go to Michelle Young's sister's home in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Meredith Fisher, Michelle Young's sister, resides at 1532 Lake Glen Drive Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. After the Young's arrived at Ms. Fisher's home, and prior to Jason Young's Ford Explorer being unpacked, uniformed deputies arrived and secured the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and the items found in the vehicle were seized. The dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area was not among the items found in the vehicle.

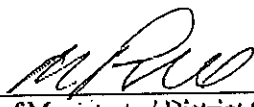
The security video stills from the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn have been viewed by Ryan Schaad, Shelly Schaad, and Michelle Money. These three individuals are close friends with Jason Young and have known him for several years. Each of these three subjects have independently identified the person in the security video stills as Jason Young.

On November 6, 2006 Investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office spoke with a New York Times delivery person. The delivery person had delivered the New York Times to the Enchanted Oaks subdivision for approximately three years prior to the murder of Michelle Young.

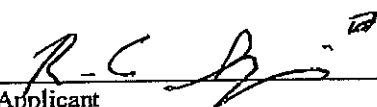
5108 Birchleaf Drive is located in the Enchanted Oaks subdivision.

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The New York Times delivery person stated that they routinely start their round at 2:30 am and finish at around 5:30 am. This puts them in the area of 5108 Birchleaf Drive between the hours of 4:00 am and 5:00 am.

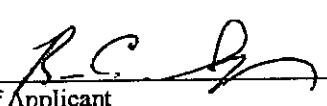
The delivery person stated that they are familiar with the Birchleaf Drive area and that it is usually very dark in the area around 5108 Birchleaf Drive. However on the morning of November 3, 2006 the residence at 5108 Birchleaf Drive stood out because all of the lights, inside and outside the home, were on. The Delivery Person stated that they thought that the residents may have had a party. They also saw a light colored SUV parked near the home and thought that this may have been one of the last guests to leave. In the opinion of the New York Times delivery person, the light colored SUV was parked in such a manner that it appeared to have been unloading or loading something.

The light colored SUV seen by the New York Times delivery person is similar is to the vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, driven by Jason Young at the time of the murder of Michelle Young.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Detectives Spivey and Blackwell interviewed Pat Young, Jason Young's mother, at the Goins' home in Brevard, North Carolina. During the interview Mrs. Young stated that she had a list of items that that were missing from the crime scene. The items were described as follows: A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold; an egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon (the box is very small and the ribbon is so that it can be pulled from under the child's pillow); man's platinum wedding band; a platinum solitaire 2-3 ct diamond ring that stood out due to "flecks"; a pair of diamond ear rings; a pearl necklace; and \$500 in cash that was in a "new" wallet in Jason Young's closet. As of this time, these items have still not been recovered or accounted for.

In reviewing the financial records for Jason and Michelle Young, and as a result of interviews with close friends, it is apparent that they customarily used bank and/or credit for most if not all purchases. In fact, Mrs. Pat Young stated that the \$500.00 missing from the crimes scene was money that she and other members of the family reimbursed to Jason Young. Reportedly, Jason Young had used a credit card to make purchases and payments for the family on a trip to California. The family paid him back in cash.

Jason Young's last recorded gas purchase prior to leaving the state of North Carolina on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, was at 7:32 pm at the Handy Hugo on S. Saunders St. in Raleigh, North Carolina. His next recorded gas purchases were on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 12:06 pm at the Get It Market in Duffield, Virginia and at 8:32 pm at the Amoco Food Shop in Burlington, North Carolina. All of these transactions were made with the use of a bank and/or credit card.

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If Jason Young returned to his residence on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and/or the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, he would have needed to purchase additional fuel for his vehicle. In order to avoid making a recorded bank and/or credit card transaction, a gas purchase would have been necessary. While this type of financial transaction would have apparently been out of character, it would have most probability resulted in the receiving of a cash receipt for the gas purchase. However, if this type of transaction is more common for Mr. Young than has been reported, the possession of cash receipts would be common place. Maintenance of these receipts would be a common action for anyone who is a sales like Jason Young. It is a common practice for companies to reimburse sales staff upon receiving receipts for work related expenses such as fuel.

Following the murder of Michelle Young, Jason Young relocated and moved in with his sister, Heather McCracken. Mrs. McCracken and her husband, Joseph McCracken, reside at 132 Timberlane Drive in Etowah, North Carolina. Mr. Young continued to reside with the McCracken's until recently when he moved in with his mother. Mrs. Patricia Young and her husband, Gerald McIntyre, reside at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Mr. Young is living with his mother at this time.

Jason Young's family removed the majority of the contents from 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. On Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 a search warrant was served on the residence of Patricia Young at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Jason Young currently resides with his mother, Patricia Young, at her residence in Brevard.

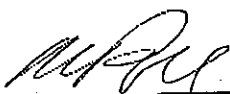
Following the service of the search warrant, a receipt was located for storage room at Frontier Self-Storage. Patricia Young confirmed that the storage space was being rented by her son Jason Young. In addition, Jason Young later confirmed that he was renting the storage space and he was utilizing it for storage of work related items.

The items being sought in this affidavit can be concealed in the storage space that is being rented. Therefore, based upon this affiant's training and experience, it is believed the preceding facts establish probable cause to believe that the described items will be found and will aid in the continuation of the Michelle Young homicide investigation and the identification of the person or persons who acted as participants in the crime of N.C.G.S. 14-17 Murder.

For these reasons, this affiant respectfully requests this warrant.

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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(s) shown.

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Murder (G.S. 14-17)

***Continuation of: Description of Property to be Seized;***

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- 2) A pair of Franklin Athletic shoes.
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- 12) A pearl necklace
- 13) Cash gas receipts

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Frontier Self-Storage  
130 Oakland Hill Drive  
Etowah, North Carolina 28729  
This is a gated storage facility

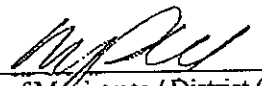
***Continuation of: Description of Persons to be Searched and/or Seized;***

Jason Lynn Young  
White Male, Date of Birth April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1974

A search is requested for the limited purpose of seeing the make, style, and outsole design of the shoes that he is wearing.

***Continuation of: Description of Vehicle to be Searched;*****SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME**

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N/A

***Continuation of: Description of other Place or Item to be Searched;***

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***Continuation of: Probable Cause;***

This affiant is a Deputy Sheriff / Investigator for the Wake County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I have been employed with the Wake County Sheriff's Office since April of 2004 and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division since October of 2006. Prior to joining the Wake County Sheriff's Office, I worked for nine years with the Durham City Police Department. While with the Durham City Police Department I worked as a Detective, and a Detective Supervisor, in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division. While serving with the Criminal Investigation Division I investigated and participated in investigations of adults and juveniles, both as suspects and victims of crimes. My assignments and experiences have included the criminal investigation of property crimes, crimes of violence against persons, fraud cases, drug investigations, child abuse cases, and covert and electronic surveillance operations. During the past 16 years as a law enforcement officer, I have received, and continue to receive, specialized training through schools, law enforcement agencies (Federal, state, and local), and seminars. This has included specialized training in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, statement analysis, search warrants, criminal and psychological profiling, criminal investigative analysis, crime scene searches, analytical investigative techniques, conspiracy investigations, and criminal intelligence.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, the Wake County Sheriff's Office responded to 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina in reference to the murder of Michelle Young. Her sister, Meredith Fisher, discovered Mrs. Young's body. Meredith Fisher reported that she had stopped by the Birchleaf Drive location at the request of the decedent's husband, Jason Young. According to Ms. Fisher's statement, Mr. Young called her on the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and asked her to pick up several computer printouts that he had left on his home printer. The printouts were said to have been of a belated anniversary gift. Mr. Young supposedly did not want the decedent to discover the surprise gift he was planning for her.

Meredith Fisher has stated that she responded to her sister's home, passed through the unsecured garage, and entered the residence through the garage / kitchen door. Once inside she walked through the residence and ultimately discovered the decedent lying on the floor of her bedroom. In addition to discovering the decedent, the decedent's child was reportedly discovered by Meredith Fisher as well. After locating the decedent, Ms. Fisher called 911.

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Once responding deputies arrived at 5108 Birchleaf Drive they secured the scene and it was processed by the City - County Bureau of Identification. As a part of the crime scene processing, items that may be of an evidentiary value are seized. Some of the items seized from a crime scene may need additional analysis or processing in order to determine the extent of their evidentiary value. This was the case with several items taken from 5108 Birchleaf Drive.

According to the Young family, the victim's husband, Jason Young was informed of his wife's death on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. This occurred upon his arrival at his mother's home in Brevard, NC. Upon learning of the death, Jason Young and his family made their way to Raleigh. While in route, he was contacted by Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Wake County Sheriff's Office. During their brief conversation, Jason Young stated that he would not be willing to speak with the investigators until he had secured legal counsel. The investigator was attempting to enlist Jason Young's assistance in the early stages of the investigation. Mr. Young could have done a walk through of the residence to look for items that were missing or out of place. He could have provided names of person that may have had a conflict with him or his wife. He could have also provided information on recent visitors or workers that may have been in the residence. However, he refused to come to the scene or to continue speaking with investigators. The conversation concludes with Jason Young hanging up on the investigator who is speaking with him.

Jason Young reportedly obtained legal counsel on or about November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Despite being requested to do so, he has not spoken with anyone from the Wake County Sheriff's Office since.

During the crime scene search of the residence conducted by the City-County Bureau of Identification, a pillow was located in the victim's bedroom. This pillow contained two footwear impressions in what appeared to be blood.

During subsequent analysis by the City-County Bureau of Identification, one footwear impression was identified as a "Franklin" brand athletic type shoe through a footwear database. The number 10 could be seen in the impression. The other footwear impression could not be identified.

The unidentified footwear impression was submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Laboratory. Agent Karen Murray of the Latent Evidence section of the SBI Laboratory continued searching footwear databases in an attempt to identify the shoe. On December 11, 2007, Agent Murray emailed a photograph of the unidentified footwear impression to Michael Smith of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Quantico, Virginia. Smith conducted a search through the FBI Footwear database in an attempt to identify the brand of the unidentified footwear impression. The unidentified footwear impression could not be identified.

Smith advised Agent Murray he would continue to search the database on a regular basis due to the database being continuously updated.

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On January 25, 2008, Smith telephoned Agent Murray and advised that he found a shoe that corresponds with the unidentified footwear impression located in the bedroom of Michelle and Jason Young. Smith concluded the footwear impression was made by a "Hushpuppies" brand shoe. Smith's co-worker, Eric Gilkerson, reviewed the comparison and agreed with Smith's conclusion. Agent Murray also reviewed Smith's comparison and agreed with his conclusion.

Smith contacted Tom Riha of "Hushpuppies" brand shoes located in Rockford, Michigan. Smith requested information pertaining to what models of "Hushpuppies" brand shoes had the same outsole design as the sample in the FBI database which was compared to the footwear impression left in the crime scene. Agent Murray also spoke with Riha directly about this matter. Riha informed Agent Murray that two separate models of "Hushpuppies" had this same outsole design. He stated "Hushpuppies" models "Bellville" and "Sealy" contained this specific outsole. Both models had been discontinued. Riha told Agent Murray there could possibly be another model that contained this same outsole design but he needed to continue searching his records. Since the shoes were discontinued, stores no longer carried the shoes to be sold but that some internet shoe sites could possibly have a pair.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 an inquiry was made to DSW Shoe Warehouse due to attempting to locate shoe purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young. A DSW shoe warehouse card was located as part of the crime scene search of the Young's residence. DSW provided a printout pursuant to a Court Order showing purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young.

DSW records reflect that on July 4, 2005, Jason Young purchased four pairs of shoes from DSW Shoe Warehouse in Cary, NC. The four pairs of shoes were described as: 1) Reebok white/red Net Hex men's basketball athletic leather, size n/a; 2) Candies C-Delfin wood low heel buckle with bow slide, junior leather sandal, size 7; 3) Hush Puppies Orbital plain toe slip on men's casual leather shoe, size 12; and 4) Adidas white/navy Fortitude men's leather athletic jogger.

An inquiry was made to "Hushpuppies" to determine if the Hushpuppies "Orbital" shoe had the same outsole design as the "Bellville" and "Sealy" models. Tom Riha researched the shoe and telephoned Agent Murray to advise her that the "Orbital" model did have the same outsole design as the "Bellville" and the "Sealy", therefore, it had the same outsole as the footwear impression in blood located inside the crime scene. This shoe had also been discontinued.

Riha told Agent Murray that he could inquire with the Hushpuppies manufacturer in China to determine if he could have a pair of "Orbital" shoes made in size 12 which was the size that DSW records reflect Jason Young purchased from DSW.

Riha sent copies of DSW purchase orders and shipping records of shoes purchased from Hushpuppies.

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On November 20, 2007, pursuant to a search warrant executed at the Young's residence, some decking boards were seized from the rear deck of the house. Investigators noticed footwear impressions on the boards that had apparently been made while the deck had stain applied to it. These same footwear impressions were also noted during the crime scene search in November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. When compared to the outsole design of the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe left in blood inside the crime scene, the footwear impressions in the stain appeared to be similar in design.

Further comparisons are being made by Agent Murray in an attempt to determine if the the footwear impressions in stain are the same as the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe identified in the crime scene.

As a standard practice, the City - County Bureau of Identification photographs a crime scene showing the conditions that existed when it was secured. This practice was followed at 5108 Birchleaf Drive and led to photographs being taken of the upstairs master bedroom where the decedent's body was found. In the master bedroom photographs one can clearly see the furniture that was used to furnish the room. This furniture, when seen in the crime scene photographs, appears to have been in close proximity to the victim when the assault occurred. While the photographs vividly detail the condition of the master bedroom and it's furnishings, no photographs were taken of the furniture that depict a scale of measurement that could be used in a later analysis.

In reviewing photographs and video from the scene and seeing the close proximity of the furniture, one can see the possibility that additional latent and trace evidence may still be contained in or on the surface of the furniture. If latent and/or trace evidence remains then there still exist a possibility that they can be collected and analyzed.


The additional review, collection, and analysis of the master bedroom furniture is going to be performed by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The actual viewing and examination of the furniture will allow them to obtain measurements, take photographs and collect other types data. Once collected, this data will aid them in their scientific analysis of the evidence that has been collected.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 the City-County Bureau of Identification processed the 5108 Birchleaf Dr. crime scene. The lead agent on this case was Agent Mike Galloway. During the course of the crime scene processing, he collected DNA swabs from the closet doorway adjacent to where the victim, Michelle Young, was discovered.

One DNA swab was collected from an area sixteen inches from the floor and seven inches from the frame of the door to Jason Young's closet. The area, which was in close proximity to the victim and surrounded by what appeared to be blood splatter, was described as a possible print. Due to it's location and the reasonable belief that it was in a place where the assailant may have come in contact with the wall, it was sent to the State

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Bureau of Investigation. The results of the testing were described as follows: "The DNA profile obtained from swabbing from the sheet rock MATCHED the DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young"

In addition to the sample taken from the area around the closet door, a DNA swab was collected from a jewelry box located in the crime scene. The jewelry box was processed because several drawers appeared to have been removed and taken from the scene. The result of the testing was described as follows: "A partial DNA profile was obtained from the swabbing from the jewelry box..." "The DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young CANNOT BE EXCLUDED as a donor to the partial profile."

Due to Jason Young's lack of cooperation, it became necessary for investigators to confirm his whereabouts during the evening of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and the early morning hours of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

On November 4th, 2006 investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office traveled to the Hampton Inn in Hillsville, Virginia. The investigators were able to obtain computer records of Jason Young checking in to the Hampton Inn on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. In addition they were able to view a security video that showed Jason Young at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 of to 10:51 pm (SEE ATTACHMENT # ).

The security video was seized and taken into evidence by the Wake County investigators for use in the continuing investigation and so that further analysis could be preformed. As part of the continuing analysis, the video was transfer into a digital format that was placed on DVD's. This transfer made it simpler to review images that had been recorded on the fourteen security cameras at the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. The video transfer was preformed by an analyst with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the images were analyzed by an investigator in the Intelligence Unit of the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

As stated, Jason Young in seen on video at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 of to 10:51 pm. During this initial recorded appearance He is seen wearing, what appears to be, a light colored long sleeve pullover garment with several buttons going from the mid chest area upwards. However in subsequent video recordings he is seen wearing garments different from the ones worn in his initial appearance. At 11:59 pm, Jason Young is once again seen at the front desk of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. On this occasion he appears to be wearing a dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # ). The whereabouts of this second garment has never been established and it unaccounted for at this time.

Shortly after Jason Young's second appearance in the lobby of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn, he is recorded headed toward the side exit at the southern end of the hotel. In this security video image (SEE ATTACHMENT # ) he is seen wearing the same dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area. The exit door where this security video camera is located is the

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same door that hotel employees discovered a rock that had been placed in the door jam. This action had the effect of blocking the door from closing and automatically locking. It also made it unnecessary for anyone to use their keycard when reentering through this door. This is important because the keycard system records when a keycard is used. It also records to whom the keycard has been assigned.

Jason Young's assigned keycard was only used on one occasion. The single keycard use was approximately six minutes after Jason Young was registered into the hotel. As seen in the security video, Jason Young does leave his hotel room. However, the next recorded use of a keycard is at approximately 11:41 am by the Hampton Inn housekeeping staff.

When Jason Young arrived in Brevard in the late afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm according to Jason Young's mother, Pat Young, he was wearing a white shirt and a tie. Pat Young said that her son exited his vehicle and had his jacket slung over his shoulder. She also stated in interviews with Wake County Investigators and agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation that no luggage or clothing was removed from Jason Young's vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, while he was at her home. In addition, Pat Young denied that her son washed, changed, or discarded any clothing while at her home. These statements concerning the clothing were confirmed by Gerald McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre is Pat Young's husband and the stepfather of Jason Young.

Jason Young, his mother, sister and brother-in-law left Brevard, North Carolina and headed toward Raleigh, North Carolina on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at approximately 5:00 pm according to Pat Young. While in route to the Raleigh area it was determined that the Young's would go to Michelle Young's sister's home in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Meredith Fisher, Michelle Young's sister, resides at 1532 Lake Glen Drive Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. After the Young's arrived at Ms. Fisher's home, and prior to Jason Young's Ford Explorer being unpacked, uniformed deputies arrived and secured the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and the items found in the vehicle were seized. The dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area was not among the items found in the vehicle.

The security video stills from the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn have been viewed by Ryan Schaad, Shelly Schaad, and Michelle Money. These three individuals are close friends with Jason Young and have known him for several years. Each of these three subjects have independently identified the person in the security video stills as Jason Young.

On November 6, 2006 Investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office spoke with a New York Times delivery person. The delivery person had delivered the New York Times to the Enchanted Oaks subdivision for approximately three years prior to the murder of Michelle Young.

5108 Birchleaf Drive is located in the Enchanted Oaks subdivision.

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The New York Times delivery person stated that they routinely start their round at 2:30 am and finish at around 5:30 am. This puts them in the area of 5108 Birchleaf Drive between the hours of 4:00 am and 5:00 am.

The delivery person stated that they are familiar with the Birchleaf Drive area and that it is usually very dark in the area around 5108 Birchleaf Drive. However on the morning of November 3, 2006 the residence at 5108 Birchleaf Drive stood out because all of the lights, inside and outside the home, were on. The Delivery Person stated that they thought that the residents may have had a party. They also saw a light colored SUV parked near the home and thought that this may have been one of the last guests to leave. In the opinion of the New York Times delivery person, the light colored SUV was parked in such a manner that it appeared to have been unloading or loading something.

The light colored SUV seen by the New York Times delivery person is similar is to the vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, driven by Jason Young at the time of the murder of Michelle Young.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Detectives Spivey and Blackwell interviewed Pat Young, Jason Young's mother, at the Goins' home in Brevard, North Carolina. During the interview Mrs. Young stated that she had a list of items that that were missing from the crime scene. The items were described as follows: A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold; an egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon (the box is very small and the ribbon is so that it can be pulled from under the child's pillow); man's platinum wedding band; a platinum solitaire 2-3 ct diamond ring that stood out due to "flecks"; a pair of diamond ear rings; a pearl necklace; and \$500 in cash that was in a "new" wallet in Jason Young's closet. As of this time, these items have still not been recovered or accounted for.

In reviewing the financial records for Jason and Michelle Young, and as a result of interviews with close friends, it is apparent that they customarily used bank and/or credit for most if not all purchases. In fact, Mrs. Pat Young stated that the \$500.00 missing from the crimes scene was money that she and other members of the family reimbursed to Jason Young. Reportedly, Jason Young had used a credit card to make purchases and payments for the family on a trip to California. The family paid him back in cash.

Jason Young's last recorded gas purchase prior to leaving the state of North Carolina on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, was at 7:32 pm at the Handy Hugo on S. Saunders St. in Raleigh, North Carolina. His next recorded gas purchases were on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 12:06 pm at the Get It Market in Duffield, Virginia and at 8:32 pm at the Amoco Food Shop in Burlington, North Carolina. All of these transactions were made with the use of a bank and/or credit card.

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If Jason Young returned to his residence on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and/or the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, he would have needed to purchase additional fuel for his vehicle. In order to avoid making a recorded bank and/or credit card transaction, a gas purchase would have been necessary. While this type of financial transaction would have apparently been out of character, it would have most probability resulted in the receiving of a cash receipt for the gas purchase. However, if this type of transaction is more common for Mr. Young than has been reported, the possession of cash receipts would be common place. Maintenance of these receipts would be a common action for anyone who is a sales like Jason Young. It is a common practice for companies to reimburse sales staff upon receiving receipts for work related expenses such as fuel.

Following the murder of Michelle Young, Jason Young relocated and moved in with his sister, Heather McCracken. Mrs. McCracken and her husband, Joseph McCracken, reside at 132 Timberlane Drive in Etowah, North Carolina. Mr. Young continued to reside with the McCracken's until recently when he moved in with his mother. Mrs. Patricia Young and her husband, Gerald McIntyre, reside at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Mr. Young is living with his mother at this time.

Jason Young's family removed the majority of the contents from 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. On Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 a search warrant was served on the residence of Patricia Young at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Jason Young currently resides with his mother, Patricia Young, at her residence in Brevard.


Following the service of the search warrant, a receipt was located for storage room at Frontier Self-Storage. Patricia Young confirmed that the storage space was being rented by her son Jason Young. In addition, Jason Young later confirmed that he was renting the storage space and he was utilizing it for storage of work related items.

The items being sought in this affidavit can be concealed in the storage space that is being rented. Therefore, based upon this affiant's training and experience, it is believed the preceding facts establish probable cause to believe that the described items will be found and will aid in the continuation of the Michelle Young homicide investigation and the identification of the person or persons who acted as participants in the crime of *N.C.G.S. 14-17 Murder*.

For these reasons, this affiant respectfully requests this warrant.

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MICHELLE YOUNG (06-141641)

Date Issued Feb. 13, 2008 Time Issued 3:02 AM ☐ PM ☒

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INV R.C. SPIVEY III

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## RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:

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☒ I made a search of

41 MICHENGAHAN LN  
BALABAN, N.C. 28712

as commanded.

☒ I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.

☐ I did not seize any items.

☐ This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

Signature Of Officer Making Return

WAKE Co. SD

Department Of Agency Of Officer

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Date Feb. 13, 2008 Signature [Signature]  
By S.A. C. TANO on 2-14-08  
At 8:11 AM on PRO YOUNG

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ CSC  
☐ Magistrate ☐ District Ct. Judge ☐ Superior Ct. Judge

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

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- 14) Receipts, documents, and / or rental agreements showing the renting or leasing of a storage unit or storage space in the area of Etowah, North Carolina.

*Continuation of: Description of Premises and Curtilage to be Searched;*

41 Mockingbird Lane

Brevard, North Carolina 28712

Including all outbuildings on the premises and cartilage of the property owned.

This is a wood over brick residence with a detached garage. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 3A and 3B )

*Continuation of: Description of Persons to be Searched and/or Seized;*

Jason Lynn Young

White Male, Date of Birth April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1974

(SEE ATTACHMENT # 4)

A search is requested for the limited purpose of seeing the make, style, and outsole design of the shoes that he is wearing.

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Wake County****In the General Court of Justice  
District Court Division****In the Matter of: Michelle Young (06-141641)****I the undersigned applicant do swear and/ or affirm to the following facts:**

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 the City-County Bureau of Identification processed the 5108 Birchleaf Dr. crime scene. The lead agent on this case was Agent Mike Galloway. During the course of the crime scene processing, he collected DNA swabs from the closet doorway adjacent to where the victim, Michelle Young, was discovered.

One DNA swab was collected from an area sixteen inches from the floor and seven inches from the frame of the door to Jason Young's closet. The area, which was in close proximity to the victim and surrounded by what appeared to be blood splatter, was described as a possible print. Due to it's location and the reasonable belief that it was in a place where the assailant may have come in contact with the wall, it was sent to the State Bureau of Investigation. The results of the testing were described as follows: "The DNA profile obtained from swabbing from the sheet rock MATCHED the DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young"

In addition to the sample taken from the area around the closet door, a DNA swab was collected from a jewelry box located in the crime scene. The jewelry box was processed because several drawers appeared to have been removed and taken from the scene. The result of the testing was described as follows: "A partial DNA profile was obtained from the swabbing from the jewelry box..." "The DNA profile obtained from the bloodstain of Jason Young CANNOT BE EXCLUDED as a donor to the partial profile."

On November 6, 2006 Investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office spoke with a New York Times delivery person. The delivery person had delivered the New York Times to the Enchanted Oaks subdivision for approximately three years prior to the murder of Michelle Young.

5108 Birchleaf Drive is located in the Enchanted Oaks subdivision.

The New York Times delivery person stated that they routinely start their round at 2:30 am and finish at around 5:30 am. This puts them in the area of 5108 Birchleaf Drive between the hours of 4:00 am and 5:00 am.

The delivery person stated that they are familiar with the Birchleaf Drive area and that it is usually very dark in the area around 5108 Birchleaf Drive. However on the morning of November 3, 2006 the residence at 5108 Birchleaf Drive stood out because all of the lights, inside and outside the home, were on. The Delivery Person stated that they thought that the residents may have had a party. They also saw a light colored SUV parked near the home and thought that this may have been one of the last guests to leave. In the opinion of the New York Times delivery person, the light colored SUV was parked in such a manner that it appeared to have been unloading or loading something.

The light colored SUV seen by the New York Times delivery person is similar is to the vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, driven by Jason Young at the time of the murder of Michelle Young.

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- 1) A silver 2007 Chevrolet Uplander with North Carolina registration plate # WSW9864, VIN # 1GNDV33187D179942, leased to NOVO NORDISK INC 132 Timberlane Dr. Etowah, NC. (Jason Young is employed with NOVO NORDISK INC and this is his "work" vehicle. It is also his primary mode of transportation at this time)
- 2) A white 2004 Ford Explorer with North Carolina registration plate # S8930, VIN # 1FMZU73K14UA40020. (This vehicle is registered to Jason Young)

*Continuation of: Description of other Place or Item to be Searched;*

N/A

Continuation of: Probable Cause;

This affiant is a Deputy Sheriff / Investigator for the Wake County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I have been employed with the Wake County Sheriff's Office since April of 2004 and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division since October of 2006. Prior to joining the Wake County Sheriff's Office, I worked for nine years with the Durham City Police Department. While with the Durham City Police Department I worked as a Detective, and a Detective Supervisor, in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division. While serving with the Criminal Investigation Division I investigated and participated in investigations of adults and juveniles, both as suspects and victims of crimes. My assignments and experiences have included the criminal investigation of property crimes, crimes of violence against persons, fraud cases, drug investigations, child abuse cases, and covert and electronic surveillance operations. During the past 16 years as a law enforcement officer, I have received, and continue to receive, specialized training through schools, law enforcement agencies (Federal, state, and local), and seminars. This has included specialized training in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, statement analysis, search warrants, criminal and psychological profiling, criminal investigative analysis, crime scene searches, analytical investigative techniques, conspiracy investigations, and criminal intelligence.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, the Wake County Sheriff's Office responded to 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina in reference to the murder of Michelle Young. Her sister, Meredith Fisher, discovered Mrs. Young's body. Meredith Fisher reported that she had stopped by the Birchleaf Drive location at the request of the decedent's husband, Jason Young. According to Ms. Fisher's statement, Mr. Young called her on the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and asked her to pick up several computer printouts that he had left on his home printer. The printouts were said to have been of a belated anniversary gift. Mr. Young supposedly did not want the decedent to discover the surprise gift he was planning for her.

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Meredith Fisher has stated that she responded to her sister's home, passed through the unsecured garage, and entered the residence through the garage / kitchen door. Once inside she walked through the residence and ultimately discovered the decedent lying on the floor of her bedroom. In addition to discovering the decedent, the decedent's child was reportedly discovered by Meredith Fisher as well. After locating the decedent, Ms. Fisher called 911.

Once responding deputies arrived at 5108 Birchleaf Drive they secured the scene and it was processed by the City - County Bureau of Identification. As a part of the crime scene processing, items that may be of an evidentiary value are seized. Some of the items seized from a crime scene may need additional analysis or processing in order to determine the extent of their evidentiary value. This was the case with several items taken from 5108 Birchleaf Drive.

According to the Young family, the victim's husband, Jason Young was informed of his wife's death on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. This occurred upon his arrival at his mother's home in Brevard, NC. Upon learning of the death, Jason Young and his family made their way to Raleigh. While in route, he was contacted by Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Wake County Sheriff's Office. During their brief conversation, Jason Young stated that he would not be willing to speak with the investigators until he had secured legal counsel. The investigator was attempting to enlist Jason Young's assistance in the early stages of the investigation. Mr. Young could have done a walk through of the residence to look for items that were missing or out of place. He could have provided names of person that may have had a conflict with him or his wife. He could have also provided information on recent visitors or workers that may have been in the residence. However, he refused to come to the scene or to continue speaking with investigators. The conversation concludes with Jason Young hanging up on the investigator who is speaking with him.

Jason Young reportedly obtained legal counsel on or about November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Despite being requested to do so, he has not spoken with anyone from the Wake County Sheriff's Office since.

During the crime scene search of the residence conducted by the City-County Bureau of Identification, a pillow was located in the victim's bedroom. This pillow contained two footwear impressions in what appeared to be blood.

During subsequent analysis by the City-County Bureau of Identification, one footwear impression was identified as a "Franklin" brand athletic type shoe through a footwear database. The number 10 could be seen in the impression. The other footwear impression could not be identified.

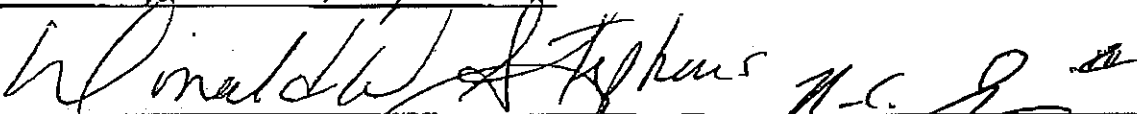
The unidentified footwear impression was submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Laboratory. Agent Karen Murray of the Latent Evidence section of the SBI Laboratory continued searching footwear databases in an attempt to identify the shoe. On December 11, 2007, Agent Murray emailed a photograph of the unidentified footwear impression to Michael Smith of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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(FBI) in Quantico, Virginia. Smith conducted a search through the FBI Footwear database in an attempt to identify the brand of the unidentified footwear impression. The unidentified footwear impression could not be identified.

Smith advised Agent Murray he would continue to search the database on a regular basis due to the database being continuously updated.

On January 25, 2008, Smith telephoned Agent Murray and advised that he found a shoe that corresponds with the unidentified footwear impression located in the bedroom of Michelle and Jason Young. Smith concluded the footwear impression was made by a "Hush Puppies" brand shoe. Smith's co-worker, Eric Gilkerson, reviewed the comparison and agreed with Smith's conclusion. Agent Murray also reviewed Smith's comparison and agreed with his conclusion.

Smith contacted Tom Riha of "Hush Puppies" brand shoes located in Rockford, Michigan. Smith requested information pertaining to what models of "Hush Puppies" brand shoes had the same outsole design as the sample in the FBI database which was compared to the footwear impression left in the crime scene. Agent Murray also spoke with Riha directly about this matter. Riha informed Agent Murray that two separate models of "Hush Puppies" had this same outsole design. He stated "Hush Puppies" models "Hush Puppies Bellville" and "Hush Puppies Sealy" contained this specific outsole. Both models had been discontinued. Riha told Agent Murray there could possibly be another model that contained this same outsole design but he needed to continue searching his records. Since the shoes were discontinued, stores no longer carried the shoes to be sold but that some internet shoe sites could possibly have a pair. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 1)

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 an inquiry was made to DSW Shoe Warehouse due to attempting to locate shoe purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young. A DSW shoe warehouse card was located as part of the crime scene search of the Young's residence. DSW provided a printout pursuant to a Court Order showing purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young.

DSW records reflect that on July 4, 2005, Jason Young purchased four pairs of shoes from DSW Shoe Warehouse in Cary, NC. The four pairs of shoes were described as: 1) Reebok white/red Net Hex men's basketball athletic leather, size n/a; 2) Candies C-Delfin wood low heel buckle with bow slide, junior leather sandal, size 7; 3) Hush Puppies Orbital plain toe slip on men's casual leather shoe, size 12; and 4) Adidas white/navy Fortitude men's leather athletic jogger. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D)

An inquiry was made to "Hush Puppies" to determine if the "Hush Puppies Orbital" shoe had the same outsole design as the "Hush Puppies Bellville" and "Hush Puppies Sealy" models. Tom Riha researched the shoe and telephoned Agent Murray to advise her that the "Orbital" model did have the same outsole design as the "Hush Puppies Bellville" and the "Hush Puppies Sealy", therefore, it had the same outsole as the footwear impression in blood located inside the crime scene. This shoe had also been discontinued.

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Riha told Agent Murray that he could inquire with the Hush Puppies manufacturer in China to determine if he could have a pair of "Hush Puppies Orbital" shoes made in size 12 which was the size that DSW records reflect Jason Young purchased from DSW.

Riha sent copies of DSW purchase orders and shipping records of shoes purchased from Hushpuppies.

On November 20, 2007, pursuant to a search warrant executed at the Young's residence, some decking boards were seized from the rear deck of the house. Investigators noticed footwear impressions on the boards that had apparently been made while the deck had stain applied to it. These same footwear impressions were also noted during the crime scene search in November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. When compared to the outsole design of the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe left in blood inside the crime scene, the footwear impressions in the stain appeared to be similar in design.

Further comparisons are being made by Agent Murray in an attempt to determine if the the footwear impressions in stain are the same as the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe identified in the crime scene.

Due to Jason Young's lack of cooperation, it became necessary for investigators to confirm his whereabouts during the evening of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and the early morning hours of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office traveled to the Hampton Inn in Hillsville, Virginia. The investigators were able to obtain computer records of Jason Young checking in to the Hampton Inn on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. In addition they were able to view a security video that showed Jason Young at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 pm to 10:51 pm. (SEE ATTACHMENT #).

The security video was seized and taken into evidence by the Wake County investigators for use in the continuing investigation and so that further analysis could be performed. As part of the continuing analysis, the video was transferred into a digital format that was placed on DVD's. This transfer made it simpler to review images that had been recorded on the fourteen security cameras at the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. The video transfer was performed by an analyst with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the images were analyzed by an investigator in the Intelligence Unit of the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

As stated, Jason Young in seen on video at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 pm to 10:51 pm. During this initial recorded appearance He is seen wearing, what appears to be, a light colored long sleeve pullover garment with several buttons going from the mid chest area upwards (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2A and 2B). However in subsequent video recordings he is seen wearing garments different from the ones worn in his initial appearance. At 11:59 pm, Jason Young is once again seen at the front desk of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. On this occasion he appears to be wearing a dark colored long sleeve

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pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2C). The whereabouts of this second garment has never been established and it unaccounted for at this time.

Shortly after Jason Young's second appearance in the lobby of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn, he is recorded headed toward the side exit at the southern end of the hotel. In this security video image (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2D) he is seen wearing the same dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area. The exit door where this security video camera is located is the same door that hotel employees discovered a rock that had been placed in the door jam. This action had the effect of blocking the door from closing and automatically locking. It also made it unnecessary for anyone to use their keycard when reentering through this door. This is important because the keycard system records when a keycard is used. It also records to whom the keycard has been assigned.

Jason Young's assigned keycard was only used on one occasion. The single keycard use was approximately six minutes after Jason Young was registered into the hotel. As seen in the security video, Jason Young does leave his hotel room. However, the next recorded use of a keycard is at approximately 11:41 am by the Hampton Inn housekeeping staff.

When Jason Young arrived in Brevard in the late afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm according to Jason Young's mother, Pat Young, he was wearing a white shirt and a tie. Pat Young said that her son exited his vehicle and had his jacket slung over his shoulder. She also stated in interviews with Wake County Investigators and agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation that no luggage or clothing was removed from Jason Young's vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, while he was at her home. In addition, Pat Young denied that her son washed, changed, or discarded any clothing while at her home. These statements concerning the clothing were confirmed by Gerald McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre is Pat Young's husband and the stepfather of Jason Young.

Jason Young, his mother, sister and brother-in-law left Brevard, North Carolina in Mr. Young's white Ford Explorer and headed toward Raleigh, North Carolina on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at approximately 5:00 pm according to Pat Young. While in route to the Raleigh area it was determined that the Young's would go to Michelle Young's sister's home in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Meredith Fisher, Michelle Young's sister, resides at 1532 Lake Glen Drive Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. After the Young's arrived at Ms. Fisher's home, and prior to Jason Young's Ford Explorer being unpacked, uniformed deputies arrived and secured the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and the items found in the vehicle were seized. The dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area was not among the items found in the vehicle.

The security video stills from the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn have been viewed by Ryan Schaad, Shelly Schaad, and Michelle Money. These three individuals are close friends with Jason Young and have

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known him for several years. Each of these three subjects have independently identified the person in the security video stills as Jason Young.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Detectives Spivey and Blackwell interviewed Pat Young, Jason Young's mother, at the Goins' home in Brevard, North Carolina. During the interview Mrs. Young stated that she had a list of items that were missing from the crime scene. The items were described as follows: A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold; an egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon (the box is very small and the ribbon is so that it can be pulled from under the child's pillow); man's platinum wedding band; a platinum solitaire 2-3 ct diamond ring that stood out due to "flecks"; a pair of diamond ear rings; a pearl necklace; and \$500 in cash that was in a "new" wallet in Jason Young's closet. As of this time, these items have still not been recovered or accounted for.

In reviewing the financial records for Jason and Michelle Young, and as a result of interviews with close friends, it is apparent that they customarily used bank and/or credit for most if not all purchases. In fact, Mrs. Pat Young stated that the \$500.00 missing from the crime scene was money that she and other members of the family reimbursed to Jason Young. Reportedly, Jason Young had used a credit card to make purchases and payments for the family on a trip to California. The family paid him back in cash.

Jason Young's last recorded gas purchase prior to leaving the state of North Carolina on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, was at 7:32 pm at the Handy Hugo on S. Saunders St. in Raleigh, North Carolina. His next recorded gas purchases were on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 12:06 pm at the Get It Market in Duffield, Virginia and at 8:32 pm at the Amoco Food Shop in Burlington, North Carolina. All of these transactions were made with the use of a bank and/or credit card.

If Jason Young returned to his residence on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and/or the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, he would have needed to purchase additional fuel for his vehicle. In order to avoid making a recorded bank and/or credit card transaction, a cash purchase would have been necessary.

Following the murder of Michelle Young, Jason Young relocated and moved in with his sister, Heather McCracken. Mrs. McCracken and her husband, Joseph McCracken, reside at 132 Timberlane Drive in Etowah, North Carolina. Mr. Young continued to reside with the McCracken's until recently when he moved in with his mother. Mrs. Patricia Young and her husband, Gerald McIntyre, reside at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Mr. Young is living with his mother at this time.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Detective Blackwell of the Wake County Sheriff's Office spoke with Mrs. Patricia Young concerning the whereabouts of furniture and other items removed from the 5108 Birchleaf Drive Residence. Mrs. Young stated that several items taken from the residence had been placed in a storage unit in Etowah, North Carolina. Mrs. Young was not aware of the name of the storage unit.

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Based upon this affiant's training and experience, it is believed the preceding facts establish probable cause to believe that the described items will be found and will aid in the continuation of the Michelle Young homicide investigation and the identification of the person or persons who acted as participants in the crime of *N.C.G.S. 14-17 Murder*.

For these reasons, this affiant respectfully requests this warrant.

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ATTACHMENT # 5A

Copy of DSW receipt from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## Transaction 00007240

DSW  
919-858-8850T-00007240 C-0060  
00029197/0003 SALE

404100444991 MENS ATHLETIC	27.93
(ORIGINAL PRICE	39.90 )
30% 2 ITEM COLOR DISC	11.97-
829105179127 WOMENS SANDAL	39.90
018463258968 MENS CASUAL	48.93
(ORIGINAL PRICE	69.90 )
30% 2 ITEM COLOR DISC	20.97-
605950703027 MENS ATHLETIC	26.94
(ORIGINAL PRICE	44.90 )
40% 3 ITEM COLOR DISC	17.96-
SUBTOTAL	143.70
<MSR> VISA	153.89820
*****8390/0206/524847 0	
0	
YOUNG/JASON L	
NC TAX 6.500%	9.34
RYS #: 400200962748	
TOTAL	153.04
CHANGE DUE	0.00
CARDHOLDER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND	
AGREES TO PAY ABOVE AMOUNT ACCORDING	
TO CARD ISSUER AGREEMENT	
07/04/05	05:24 PM
MERCHANT COPY	

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ATTACHMENT # 5B  
 Copy of DSW receipt from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Style Name (Shoe Name)	Make (Description)	Manufacturer (Brand) label in the shoe	Size	Dimension (Width)	Transaction date	Type of Shoe/Material
5500297309 Elaine- (52575)	Low Heel Double Post Sling	Audrey Brook	n/a	n/a	3/10/2006	Womens Better Sling Leather
502816045 Bolton- (95451-01)	Handsewn Tassel Moc slip on- deerskin	Brass Boot	13	medium	3/10/2006	Mens Oxford Leather
100444991 100888	NET HEX 100888 White/Red	Reebok	n/a	n/a	7/4/2005	Mens Basketball Athletic Leather
3105179127 C-Delfin	Wood Low Heel Buckle with bow slide	Candies	7	medium	7/4/2005	Junior Sandal Leather
3463258868 Orbital	Plain Toe Slip on Leather	Hush Puppies	12	medium	7/4/2005	Mens Casual Shoe Leather
5950703027 Fortitude- (518657)	518657 White /Navy	Adidas	8	medium	7/4/2006	Mens Athletic Jogger Leather

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ATTACHMENT # 5C

Copy of DSW receipt from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

DSW CSS v3.00.0000

General	Notes	Transactions	Certificates	Adjustme					
<b>Member Info</b>									
Full Name	YOUNG, MICHELLE M	RYS Number	400200962748	Change Since Export:					
Yier	REWARDS	Last Import	01/09/2007						
<b>Search</b>									
Search Fields	Value								
Card Number	400200962748								
<b>Transactions</b>									
Store #	Date	Trans #	Emp #	Type	Items	Amt	Pnts	Bonus	Award
29197	07/04/2005 00:00	7240		PURCHASE	4	143.70	144	0	NO
29197	03/10/2006 00:00	2265		PURCHASE	2	134.84	135	0	NO

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ATTACHMENT # 5D

Copy of DSW itemized list of purchases.

**Complete Transaction History for RYS Customer**

Customer	RYS Acct Nbr	Transaction Date	Transaction ID	Points Transaction Type	Store ID & Name	\$ Mdse Sales
MICHELLE M. YOUNG	400200962748		67992851	CNV	99999 DSW	\$435.00
		7/4/2005	7240	EARNED	29197 DSW-Cary, NC	\$144.00
		3/10/2006	2265	EARNED	29197 DSW-Cary, NC	\$135.00
		RYS Acct Subtotal				\$714.00
Grand Total						\$714.00

DSW 29197

CROSSROADS Plaza

427 CROSSROADS Blvd

CARY, NC 27511

919-858-8850

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MICHELLE MARIE YOUNG

## INVENTORY OF SEIZED PROPERTY

Date of Search

G.S. 15A-254, -257

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, place or vehicle searched

41 MCKENZIE LN RALEIGH, NC 28712

This search was made pursuant to

☒ a search warrant issued by: SUPERIOR CT. JUDGE DONALD STEPHENS☐ a consent to search given by:☐ other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized.

- ADIDAS WHITE/Navy SIZE 12 RUNNING SHOES
- REEBOK WHITE/RED SIZE 12 BASKETBALL SHOES
- DEATH CERTIFICATE OF MICHELLE YOUNG
- THERAPY PROGRESS REPORT FOR CASSIDY YOUNG
- PROGRESS ENERGY INSURANCE BENEFICIARY LETTER
- AICPA DOCUMENT LIFE INSURANCE PLAN FOR JESSE YOUNG

☐ Check here if separate sheet attached

File No.

## SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE MATTER OF

MICHELLE YOUNG (06-141641)

Date Issued

Time Issued

3/13/2008

3:00 AM ☒ PM

Name Of Applicant

INV R.C. SPIVEY III

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

3/13/08

Time Received

3:04

Date Executed

3/14/08

Time Executed

8:53

☒ AM ☐ PM☒ I made a search of

132 Timberlane dr

Etowah N.C. 28729

as commanded.

☐ I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.☒ I did not seize any items.☐ This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

Signature Of Officer Making Return

MICHELLE YOUNG

Department Of Agency Of Officer

Incident Number

Wake Co. SD

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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In The General Court Of Justice  
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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(s) shown.

Date

3-13-2008

Signature

MICHELLE YOUNG

☐ Deputy CSC☐ Magistrate☐ Assistant CSC☐ District Ct. Judge☒ CSC☐ Superior Ct. Judge

Search warrant was executed by SA J.B. McCall

on 3/14/08 at 8:53am to Joe McCracken/owner

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

Date

3-11-08

Time

11:27 AM

Signature

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☐ Deputy CSC☐ Assistant CSC☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

(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 (describe property to be seized; or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place to serve an arrest warrant or other process, name person to be arrested)

SEE ATTACHED

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime. (Name crime) MURDER (G.S. 14-17)

and is located (Check appropriate boxes) and fill in specified information)

☒ in the following premises (Give address and, if useful, describe premises)

SEE ATTACHED

(and)

☒ on the following person(s) (Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))

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(and)

☒ in the following vehicle(s) (Describe vehicle(s))

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(and)

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

N2A

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

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☐ Magistrate

☐ Dep. CSC

☐ Asst. CSC

☐ Clerk of Superior Court

☒ Judge

☐ In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavits, attached, made by

☒ In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by sworn testimony, given by Jay R.C. Spivey III

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

NOTE: If more space is needed for any section, 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 applicant and issuing official.

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Murder (G.S. 14-17)

***Continuation of: Description of Property to be Seized;***

- 1) A pair of Hush Puppies brand shoes. The style will be Orbital, Sealy, or Bellville. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 1 for the outsole design that corresponds to the shoe style)
- 2) A pair of Franklin Athletic shoes.
- 3) A pair of Reebok white/red NET HEX shoes (leather basketball shoe)
- 4) A pair of Adidas white/navy Fortitude shoes (leather athletic jogging shoe)
- 5) A dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2C and 2D)
- 6) A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold
- 7) An egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon
- 8) A man's platinum wedding band
- 9) A woman's platinum wedding band
- 10) A platinum solitaire 2-3 ct. diamond ring (stands out due to "flecks")
- 11) A pair of diamond ear rings
- 12) A pearl necklace
- 13) Cash gas receipts
- 14) Receipts, documents, and / or rental agreements showing the renting or leasing of a storage unit or storage space in the area of Etowah, North Carolina.

***Continuation of: Description of Premises and Curtilage to be Searched;***

132 Timberlane Drive

Etowah, North Carolina 28729

Including all outbuildings on the premises and cartilage of the property owned.

This is a brick residence with a attached garage. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 3A and 3B )

***Continuation of: Description of Persons to be Searched and/or Seized;***

Jason Lynn Young

White Male, Date of Birth April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1974

(SEE ATTACHMENT # 4)

A search is requested for the limited purpose of seeing the make, style, and outsole design of the shoes that he is wearing.

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- 1) A silver 2007 Chevrolet Uplander with North Carolina registration plate # WSW9864, VIN # 1GNDV33187D179942, leased to NOVO NORDISK INC 132 Timberlane Dr. Etowah, NC. (Jason Young is employed with NOVO NORDISK INC and this is his "work" vehicle. It is also his primary mode of transportation at this time)
- 2) A white 2004 Ford Explorer with North Carolina registration plate # S8930, VIN # 1FMZU73K14UA40020. (This vehicle is registered to Jason Young)

***Continuation of: Description of other Place or Item to be Searched;***

N/A


**Continuation of: Probable Cause;**

This affiant is a Deputy Sheriff / Investigator for the Wake County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I have been employed with the Wake County Sheriff's Office since April of 2004 and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division since October of 2006. Prior to joining the Wake County Sheriff's Office, I worked for nine years with the Durham City Police Department. While with the Durham City Police Department I worked as a Detective, and a Detective Supervisor, in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division. While serving with the Criminal Investigation Division I investigated and participated in investigations of adults and juveniles, both as suspects and victims of crimes. My assignments and experiences have included the criminal investigation of property crimes, crimes of violence against persons, fraud cases, drug investigations, child abuse cases, and covert and electronic surveillance operations. During the past 16 years as a law enforcement officer, I have received, and continue to receive, specialized training through schools, law enforcement agencies (Federal, state, and local), and seminars. This has included specialized training in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, statement analysis, search warrants, criminal and psychological profiling, criminal investigative analysis, crime scene searches, analytical investigative techniques, conspiracy investigations, and criminal intelligence.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, the Wake County Sheriff's Office responded to 5108 Birchleaf Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina in reference to the murder of Michelle Young. Her sister, Meredith Fisher, discovered Mrs. Young's body. Meredith Fisher reported that she had stopped by the Birchleaf Drive location at the request of the decedent's husband, Jason Young. According to Ms. Fisher's statement, Mr. Young called her on the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and asked her to pick up several computer printouts that he had left on his home printer. The printouts were said to have been of a belated anniversary gift. Mr. Young supposedly did not want the decedent to discover the surprise gift he was planning for her.

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Meredith Fisher has stated that she responded to her sister's home, passed through the unsecured garage, and entered the residence through the garage / kitchen door. Once inside she walked through the residence and ultimately discovered the decedent lying on the floor of her bedroom. In addition to discovering the decedent, the decedent's child was reportedly discovered by Meredith Fisher as well. After locating the decedent, Ms. Fisher called 911.

Once responding deputies arrived at 5108 Birchleaf Drive they secured the scene and it was processed by the City - County Bureau of Identification. As a part of the crime scene processing, items that may be of an evidentiary value are seized. Some of the items seized from a crime scene may need additional analysis or processing in order to determine the extent of their evidentiary value. This was the case with several items taken from 5108 Birchleaf Drive.

According to the Young family, the victim's husband, Jason Young was informed of his wife's death on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. This occurred upon his arrival at his mother's home in Brevard, NC. Upon learning of the death, Jason Young and his family made their way to Raleigh. While in route, he was contacted by Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Wake County Sheriff's Office. During their brief conversation, Jason Young stated that he would not be willing to speak with the investigators until he had secured legal counsel. The investigator was attempting to enlist Jason Young's assistance in the early stages of the investigation. Mr. Young could have done a walk through of the residence to look for items that were missing or out of place. He could have provided names of person that may have had a conflict with him or his wife. He could have also provided information on recent visitors or workers that may have been in the residence. However, he refused to come to the scene or to continue speaking with investigators. The conversation concludes with Jason Young hanging up on the investigator who is speaking with him.

Jason Young reportedly obtained legal counsel on or about November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Despite being requested to do so, he has not spoken with anyone from the Wake County Sheriff's Office since.

During the crime scene search of the residence conducted by the City-County Bureau of Identification, a pillow was located in the victim's bedroom. This pillow contained two footwear impressions in what appeared to be blood.

During subsequent analysis by the City-County Bureau of Identification, one footwear impression was identified as a "Franklin" brand athletic type shoe through a footwear database. The number 10 could be seen in the impression. The other footwear impression could not be identified.

The unidentified footwear impression was submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Laboratory. Agent Karen Murray of the Latent Evidence section of the SBI Laboratory continued searching footwear databases in an attempt to identify the shoe. On December 11, 2007, Agent Murray emailed a photograph of the unidentified footwear impression to Michael Smith of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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(FBI) in Quantico, Virginia. Smith conducted a search through the FBI Footwear database in an attempt to identify the brand of the unidentified footwear impression. The unidentified footwear impression could not be identified.

Smith advised Agent Murray he would continue to search the database on a regular basis due to the database being continuously updated.

On January 25, 2008, Smith telephoned Agent Murray and advised that he found a shoe that corresponds with the unidentified footwear impression located in the bedroom of Michelle and Jason Young. Smith concluded the footwear impression was made by a "Hush Puppies" brand shoe. Smith's co-worker, Eric Gilkerson, reviewed the comparison and agreed with Smith's conclusion. Agent Murray also reviewed Smith's comparison and agreed with his conclusion.

Smith contacted Tom Riha of "Hush Puppies" brand shoes located in Rockford, Michigan. Smith requested information pertaining to what models of "Hush Puppies" brand shoes had the same outsole design as the sample in the FBI database which was compared to the footwear impression left in the crime scene. Agent Murray also spoke with Riha directly about this matter. Riha informed Agent Murray that two separate models of "Hush Puppies" had this same outsole design. He stated "Hush Puppies" models "Hush Puppies Bellville" and "Hush Puppies Sealy" contained this specific outsole. Both models had been discontinued. Riha told Agent Murray there could possibly be another model that contained this same outsole design but he needed to continue searching his records. Since the shoes were discontinued, stores no longer carried the shoes to be sold but that some internet shoe sites could possibly have a pair. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 1)

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 an inquiry was made to DSW Shoe Warehouse due to attempting to locate shoe purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young. A DSW shoe warehouse card was located as part of the crime scene search of the Young's residence. DSW provided a printout pursuant to a Court Order showing purchases made by Jason and Michelle Young.

DSW records reflect that on July 4, 2005, Jason Young purchased four pairs of shoes from DSW Shoe Warehouse in Cary, NC. The four pairs of shoes were described as: 1) Reebok white/red Net Hex men's basketball athletic leather, size n/a; 2) Candies C-Delfin wood low heel buckle with bow slide, junior leather sandal, size 7; 3) Hush Puppies Orbital plain toe slip on men's casual leather shoe, size 12; and 4) Adidas white/navy Fortitude men's leather athletic jogger. (SEE ATTACHMENT # 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D)

An inquiry was made to "Hush Puppies" to determine if the "Hush Puppies Orbital" shoe had the same outsole design as the "Hush Puppies Bellville" and "Hush Puppies Sealy" models. Tom Riha researched the shoe and telephoned Agent Murray to advise her that the "Orbital" model did have the same outsole design as the "Hush Puppies Bellville" and the "Hush Puppies Sealy", therefore, it had the same outsole as the footwear impression in blood located inside the crime scene. This shoe had also been discontinued.

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Riha told Agent Murray that he could inquire with the Hush Puppies manufacturer in China to determine if he could have a pair of "Hush Puppies Orbital" shoes made in size 12 which was the size that DSW records reflect Jason Young purchased from DSW.

Riha sent copies of DSW purchase orders and shipping records of shoes purchased from Hushpuppies.

On November 20, 2007, pursuant to a search warrant executed at the Young's residence, some decking boards were seized from the rear deck of the house. Investigators noticed footwear impressions on the boards that had apparently been made while the deck had stain applied to it. These same footwear impressions were also noted during the crime scene search in November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. When compared to the outsole design of the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe left in blood inside the crime scene, the footwear impressions in the stain appeared to be similar in design.

Further comparisons are being made by Agent Murray in an attempt to determine if the the footwear impressions in stain are the same as the "Franklin" brand athletic shoe identified in the crime scene.

Due to Jason Young's lack of cooperation, it became necessary for investigators to confirm his whereabouts during the evening of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and the early morning hours of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

On November 4th, 2006 investigators from the Wake County Sheriff's Office traveled to the Hampton Inn in Hillsville, Virginia. The investigators were able to obtain computer records of Jason Young checking in to the Hampton Inn on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. In addition they were able to view a security video that showed Jason Young at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 pm to 10:51 pm (SEE ATTACHMENT # ).

The security video was seized and taken into evidence by the Wake County investigators for use in the continuing investigation and so that further analysis could be preformed. As part of the continuing analysis, the video was transfered into a digital format that was placed on DVD's. This transfer made it simpler to review images that had been recorded on the fourteen security cameras at the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. The video transfer was preformed by an analyst with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the images were analyzed by an investigator in the Intelligence Unit of the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

As stated, Jason Young in seen on video at the front desk and in the lobby area of the Hampton Inn from 10:49 pm to 10:51 pm. During this initial recorded appearance He is seen wearing, what appears to be, a light colored long sleeve pullover garment with several buttons going from the mid chest area upwards (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2A and 2B). However in subsequent video recordings he is seen wearing garments different from the ones worn in his initial appearance. At 11:59 pm, Jason Young is once again seen at the front desk of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn. On this occasion he appears to be wearing a dark colored long sleeve

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pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2C). The whereabouts of this second garment has never been established and it unaccounted for at this time.

Shortly after Jason Young's second appearance in the lobby of the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn, he is recorded headed toward the side exit at the southern end of the hotel. In this security video image (SEE ATTACHMENT # 2D) he is seen wearing the same dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area. The exit door where this security video camera is located is the same door that hotel employees discovered a rock that had been placed in the door jam. This action had the effect of blocking the door from closing and automatically locking. It also made it unnecessary for anyone to use their keycard when reentering through this door. This is important because the keycard system records when a keycard is used. It also records to whom the keycard has been assigned.

Jason Young's assigned keycard was only used on one occasion. The single keycard use was approximately six minutes after Jason Young was registered into the hotel. As seen in the security video, Jason Young does leave his hotel room. However, the next recorded use of a keycard is at approximately 11:41 am by the Hampton Inn housekeeping staff.

When Jason Young arrived in Brevard in the late afternoon of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm according to Jason Young's mother, Pat Young, he was wearing a white shirt and a tie. Pat Young said that her son exited his vehicle and had his jacket slung over his shoulder. She also stated in interviews with Wake County Investigators and agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation that no luggage or clothing was removed from Jason Young's vehicle, a white Ford Explorer, while he was at her home. In addition, Pat Young denied that her son washed, changed, or discarded any clothing while at her home. These statements concerning the clothing were confirmed by Gerald McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre is Pat Young's husband and the stepfather of Jason Young.

Jason Young, his mother, sister and brother-in-law left Brevard, North Carolina in Mr. Young's white Ford Explorer and headed toward Raleigh, North Carolina on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at approximately 5:00 pm according to Pat Young. While in route to the Raleigh area it was determined that the Young's would go to Michelle Young's sister's home in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Meredith Fisher, Michelle Young's sister, resides at 1532 Lake Glen Drive Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. After the Young's arrived at Ms. Fisher's home, and prior to Jason Young's Ford Explorer being unpacked, uniformed deputies arrived and secured the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and the items found in the vehicle were seized. The dark colored long sleeve pullover garment with a lighter colored thin stripe bisecting the chest area was not among the items found in the vehicle.

The security video stills from the Hillsville, Virginia Hampton Inn have been viewed by Ryan Schaad, Shelly Schaad, and Michelle Money. These three individuals are close friends with Jason Young and have

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known him for several years. Each of these three subjects have independently identified the person in the security video stills as Jason Young.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Detectives Spivey and Blackwell interviewed Pat Young, Jason Young's mother, at the Goins' home in Brevard, North Carolina. During the interview Mrs. Young stated that she had a list of items that were missing from the crime scene. The items were described as follows: A white and yellow gold bracelet with alternating circles of the different colors of gold; an egg shaped sterling silver tooth box with an attached ribbon (the box is very small and the ribbon is so that it can be pulled from under the child's pillow); man's platinum wedding band; a platinum solitaire 2-3 ct diamond ring that stood out due to "fleck"; a pair of diamond ear rings; a pearl necklace; and \$500 in cash that was in a "new" wallet in Jason Young's closet. As of this time, these items have still not been recovered or accounted for.

In reviewing the financial records for Jason and Michelle Young, and as a result of interviews with close friends, it is apparent that they customarily used bank and/or credit for most if not all purchases. In fact, Mrs. Pat Young stated that the \$500.00 missing from the crime scene was money that she and other members of the family reimbursed to Jason Young. Reportedly, Jason Young had used a credit card to make purchases and payments for the family on a trip to California. The family paid him back in cash.

Jason Young's last recorded gas purchase prior to leaving the state of North Carolina on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, was at 7:32 pm at the Handy Hugo on S. Saunders St. in Raleigh, North Carolina. His next recorded gas purchases were on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 12:06 pm at the Get It Market in Duffield, Virginia and at 8:32 pm at the Amoco Food Shop in Burlington, North Carolina. All of these transactions were made with the use of a bank and/or credit card.

If Jason Young returned to his residence on the night of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and/or the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, he would have needed to purchase additional fuel for his vehicle. In order to avoid making a recorded bank and/or credit card transaction, a cash purchase would have been necessary.

Following the murder of Michelle Young, Jason Young relocated and moved in with his sister, Heather McCracken. Mrs. McCracken and her husband, Joseph McCracken, reside at 132 Timberlane Drive in Etowah, North Carolina. Mr. Young continued to reside with the McCracken's until recently when he moved in with his mother. Mrs. Patricia Young and her husband, Gerald McIntyre, reside at 41 Mockingbird Lane in Brevard, North Carolina. Mr. Young is living with his mother at this time.

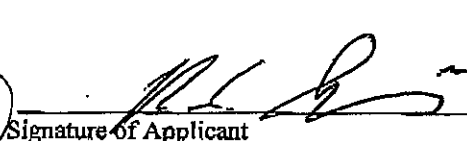
On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Detective Blackwell of the Wake County Sheriff's Office spoke with Mrs. Patricia Young concerning the whereabouts of furniture and other items removed from the 5108 Birchleaf Drive Residence. Mrs. Young stated that several items taken from the residence had been placed in a storage unit in Etowah, North Carolina. Mrs. Young was not aware of the name of the storage unit.

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Based upon this affiant's training and experience, it is believed the preceding facts establish probable cause to believe that the described items will be found and will aid in the continuation of the Michelle Young homicide investigation and the identification of the person or persons who acted as participants in the crime of *N.C.G.S. 14-17 Murder*.

For these reasons, this affiant respectfully requests this warrant.

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*Donald W. Stephens*

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## IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

MICHELLE MARIE YOUNG

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED  
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

G.S. 15A-223, 15A-254. -2!

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

FRONTIER SELF STORAGE  
130 OAKLAND HILL DR.  
ETOWAH, NC 28729

Date Of Search

02/14/2008

This search was made pursuant to

- ☒ 1. a search warrant issued by: JUDGE POWEL
- ☐ 2. consent to search given by: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. other legal justification for the search: \_\_\_\_\_

The following items were seized:

1 CREAM COLORED STRUCTURE BRAND SWEATER SIZE XL  
3 PEARL NECKLACES  
1 BROWN PAPER COACH BAG WITH WHITE RAG AND RIBBON  
PAPERWORK  
1 PAIR OF CHILD OF CHILDS FLIP FLOPS, PINK, SIZE 6

☒ 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

THE SBI GAVE A COPY OF THE INVENTORY TO PAT YOUNG FOR JASON YOUNG

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

<b>SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME</b>		Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer <b>INV. K. Balle</b>
Date <b>8-11-08</b>	Title Of Law Enforcement Officer <b>INVESTIGATOR</b>	
Signature <b>C. Balle</b>		Name And Address Of Agency <b>WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 330 S. SALISBURY ST. RALEIGH, NC 27601</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	
<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT</b>		
I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory.		
Date	Signature Of Person Receiving Inventory	