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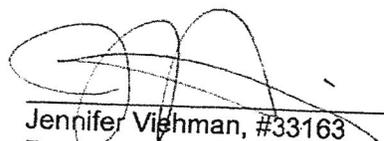
<p><b>DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO</b>          Address: 270 South Tejon Street          PO Box 2980          Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903</p>	<p><b>RECEIVED</b>   <b>JAN 30 2020</b>           CLERK'S OFFICE          COURT USE ONLY ...</p>
<p>State of Colorado in the matter of: Search Warrant          A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado</p>	
<p>Agency: El Paso County Sheriff's Office Case number: <b>2020-00001382</b></p>	<p>Case/File Number:  <b>20-324</b>          Division:                      Courtroom:</p>
<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR SEALING OF SEARCH WARRANT</b></p>	

**COMES NOW**, the People of the State of Colorado, by and through Daniel H. May 111379, District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District, and his Deputy District Attorney, **Jennifer Viehman, #33163**, respectfully request this Court enter an Order, sealing the Search Warrant and Application, to include the Affidavit and Attachment "B", as grounds, therefore states the following:

1. The Criminal Case Report supporting this Search Warrant was initiated by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso County, Colorado, Case Number **2020-00001382**, is an ongoing investigation.
2. If the information supporting the Search Warrant Affidavit was to be released, it could jeopardize the apprehension of the suspect, and subsequent prosecution of same.
3. We are requesting the sealing of this document indefinitely, or until the completion or termination of the investigation.

**WHEREFORE**, the People of the State of Colorado respectfully request the Court enter an **ORDER**, sealing the Search Warrant and Application for the Search Warrant, to include the Affidavits and Attachment "B".

Respectfully Submitted,

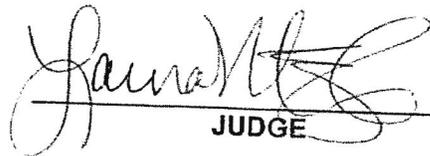
  
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<b>ORDER TO SEAL SEARCH WARRANT</b>	

THE COURT, having been advised of the premises, hereby enters an **ORDER** that the Search Warrant and Application for Search Warrant, to include the Affidavit and Attachment "B", be sealed until the termination of the case, or until further order by the Court.

DONE THIS 30 DAY OF Jan, 2020, at the hour of 1:43 P M.

  
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JUDGE

<b>DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO</b> <b>Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903</b>		
<b>RE: Search Warrant of</b> A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado.		<b>▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</b>
<b>El Paso County Sheriff's Office</b> <b>Case Number: 20-1382</b>		Case/File Number: 20-324
		Division: Criminal      Ctrm:
<b>SEARCH WARRANT</b>		

Whereas Detective Marissa Williams / 12009 has made an Application and Affidavit to the Court for the issuance of a Search Warrant, and;

Whereas the application is in proper form and probable cause is found for the issuance of a Search Warrant to search the person(s) and or premises specified in the application.

THEREFORE, the applicant, and any other peace officer into whose hands this Search Warrant shall come, is hereby ordered, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter and search within the next fourteen (14) days the person, premises, location and any appurtenances thereto, description of which is:

A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado.

The following person(s), property or thing(s) will be searched for and if found seized:

See Attachment 'B' which is hereby incorporated in reference

as probable cause has been found to believe that it:

- Is designed or intended for use in committing a criminal offense, or
- Is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense, or
- Is illegal to possess, or
- Is stolen or embezzled, or
- Would be material evidence in a subsequent criminal prosecution, or required, authorized or permitted by a statute of the State of Colorado, or
- Is a person, property or thing the seizure of which is expressly required, authorized or permitted by a statute of the State of Colorado, or
- Is kept, stored, transported, sold, dispensed, or possessed in violation of a statute of the State of Colorado under circumstances involving a serious threat to the public safety, or order, or to the public health, or
- That would aid in the detection of the whereabouts of or in the apprehension of a person for whom a lawful arrest order is outstanding.

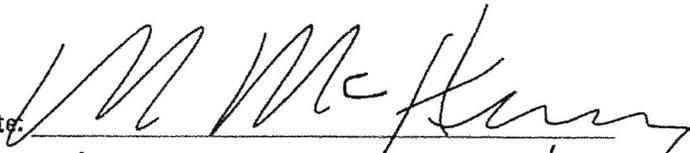
Furthermore, a copy of this warrant is to be left with the person whose premises or person is searched along with a list of any and all items seized at the time of its execution. If said person cannot be located or identified, a copy of the Search Warrant and the list of property seized shall be left at the place from which the property was taken.

Further, a return shall be promptly made to this Court upon the execution of this Search Warrant along with an inventory of any property taken. The property seized shall be held in some safe place until the Court shall further order.

So ORDERED this 29 day of JAN 20 at 9:49 A.M. (P.M.)

BY THE COURT:

Judge/Magistrate:

  
MIKE McHENRY

<b>DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO</b> <b>Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903</b>		
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		<b>Division: Criminal      Ctrm:</b>
<b>APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT</b>		

The undersigned, a peace officer as defined in 16-2.5-101 Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, being first duly sworn on oath moves the Court to issue a Warrant to search those person(s) and/or premises known as:

A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado.

The undersigned states that there exists probable cause to believe that the following person, property or thing(s) to be searched for, and if found seized, will be found on the aforementioned person(s) and/or premises and are described as follows:

See Attachment "B" which is hereby incorporated in reference

The grounds for the seizure of said person(s), property or thing(s) are that probable cause exists to believe that it:

- Is designed or intended for use in committing a criminal offense, or
- Is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense, or
- Is illegal to possess, or
- Is stolen or embezzled, or
- Would be material evidence in a subsequent criminal prosecution, or required, authorized or permitted by a statute of the State of Colorado, or
- Is a person, property or thing the seizure of which is expressly required, authorized or permitted by a statute of the State of Colorado, or
- Is kept, stored, transported, sold, dispensed, or possessed in violation of a statute of the State of Colorado under circumstances involving a serious threat to the public safety, or order, or to the public health, or
- That would aid in the detection of the whereabouts of or in the apprehension of a person for whom a lawful arrest order is outstanding. (Mark "X" according to fact);

The facts submitted in support of this application are set forth in the accompanying attachment designated as Attachment A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Applicant: Marissa Williams 12009  
Detective **Marissa Williams / 12009**  
Law enforcement Agency: El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of JAN 20 at 9:49 A.M. / P.M.

Judge/Magistrate: W McHenry

<b>DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO</b>		
Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903		
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El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Case Number: 20-1382	Division: Criminal Ctrm:
<b>ATTACHMENT A</b>		

In support of a request for the issuance of a Search Warrant to search the location as described as

A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado.

Your Affiant, Detective **Marissa Williams / 12009**, hereafter referred to as "I", a Deputy Sheriff for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned to the Investigations Division, state under oath that I have personal knowledge of the following facts:

The facts set forth within this affidavit are based upon information Your Affiant has gained from this investigation, Your Affiant's personal observations, Your Affiant's training and experience, and/or information related to Your Affiant by other law enforcement officers. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant, Your Affiant has not included each and every fact known to him concerning this investigation, but has set forth only the facts that are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that a crime has occurred.

All information contained in this affidavit can be found documented under El Paso County Sheriff's Office case report #20-1382.

On Monday January 27, 2020 at approximately 1855 hours, El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Donahoue responded to the address of 6627 Mandan Drive, in El Paso County, Colorado, which is a single-family residence. Letecia Stauch (DOB 08/04/83) called into the Sheriff's Office to report her step-son Gannon Stauch (DOB 09/29/08) missing. She stated he left the residence on foot at approximately 1515 hours and was expected to return around 1800 hours. When he did not return, she checked a friend's house. She stated his friend had not seen Gannon. Letecia called law enforcement to report Gannon missing.

During the subsequent 40-hour period, Letecia refused to meet with the Sheriff's Office or provide requested information or materials relating to her missing step-son. During this period of time, she had limited communication with Detective Jessica Bethel and her husband, Eugene Albert Stauch. Mr.

Stauch was cooperative and came in for an interview and provided all requested material relating to himself, his wife, and his son. He advised that he and his wife had three vehicles total in their names: a 2019 Volkswagen Tiguan (which she normally drives), a 2016 Nissan Frontier (which he normally drives), and a Volkswagen Jetta (which Letecia's daughter Harley normally drives). However, Letecia rented a 2019 Kia Rio, because she stated she was concerned about putting mileage on the Tiguan, and would not tell anyone where the Tiguan was. Letecia also made the following conflicting statements:

She initially told the deputy who took the missing person case she drove her Tiguan on Monday, but changed her statement and said she had not.

She told responding deputies her 8-year-old daughter Laina had seen Gannon on Monday around 1515 hours. However, Laina said the last time she saw her brother was Sunday night.

She told Detective Bethel she left the house between 1030 and 1430 hours on Monday, but only went to PetCo to buy dog clothes. (Two receipts for PetCo were found in the Nissan Frontier, for Monday January 27, one for 1122 hours and one for 1322 hours, both for dog clothes). She claimed Gannon stayed home from school Monday because he was having stomach problems (diarrhea), and that he has incontinence issues. However, she stated he stayed in the truck the entire time and did not come into any of the stores. Video surveillance at PetCo and nearby stores show Letecia park the Nissan Frontier at approximately 1115 hours in the parking lot in front of PetCo. She enters the store and buys dog clothes and leaves the store, gets in her vehicle, and leaves the parking lot at approximately 1125 hours. Again, the Nissan Frontier returns to the parking lot around 1315 hours. Letecia enters PetCo and purchases dog clothes, leaves the store, gets into her truck and then pulls out of the parking lot at approximately 1325 hours. The time between these two purchases is unaccounted for, as well as the time between which she leaves her residence and arrives at the store (approximately 21 miles away).

She is an employee of Widefield School District 3. Per the school district, she called in sick on Monday January 27th. She also called in sick on the 28th and provided the reason that her father-in-law had been killed.

She sent a photograph of Gannon's bedroom in order with clothes folded on the bed at approximately 1700 hours on Monday. However, when deputies arrived at the residence Monday night after Letecia called, Gannon's room was disorderly.

She has been communicating with her 17-year-old daughter Harley via text message and Facebook application continuously. Harley, however, has refused to talk to law enforcement regarding any knowledge of her step-brother Gannon's whereabouts.

On Wednesday January 29, 2020 at approximately 1200 hours Letecia drove to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office at 27 E Vermijo Ave (in El Paso County), and met with detectives. Detective Kat Huston interviewed Letecia, during which time she changed her statement regarding her step-son's disappearance.

Letecia told Detective Huston she had been raped by a stranger and her step-son was abducted by the same man. She said this happened Monday afternoon. The night before, Gannon had accidentally burned part of the carpet inside the house and they cut a square of damaged carpet out. Letecia said she left the house and drove somewhere in the neighborhood, to a construction area, until she found a man who was working on a house. She identified the man as "Eduardo." She asked the man to come to her house to repair the carpet. She said she gave him the garage code and he agreed to come to her house and replace the carpet while she went shopping. She said he brought a roll of carpet with him.

Letecia said she left the house and went shopping and came home at approximately 1430 hours. When she walked in the house, she disarmed her security system and went downstairs at which point the man pointed a handgun at her. He allowed her to go upstairs to greet her younger step-daughter, 8-year-old Laina, who she sent outside to go ride her bike. Letecia said she went downstairs again and the man forced her onto Gannon's bed inside his bedroom in the basement. There, the man penetrated her vaginally with his penis and sexually assaulted her between 1530 and 1630 hours. Letecia said she tried to fight her attacker off her but was unsuccessful. During the attack, the Letecia stated her head struck a table. Once the attacker had finished, he took Gannon and left the house. Gannon has not been found.

Letecia also stated Gannon was bleeding during the attack, because he jumped on the attacker at one point. She also claimed the bleeding was caused by him having burned himself when he accidentally burned the carpet. She also previously stated he had cut himself on the candle he knocked over, but the candle was found intact in the trash can. She also stated she threw away a bloody, torn shirt belonging to Gannon. That shirt was not found.

When Letecia came to the Sheriff's Office, she arrived in the missing Volkswagen Tiguan. The vehicle was wet from just having been washed, as the weather was dry. As the vehicle dried, it was clear that there was damage to the sidewalls of all four of the vehicle's tires, as well as the lower part of the body and the fenders. The top of the vehicle was also still heavily coated in dirt.

A search of the residence at 6627 Mandan Dr was completed again on Wednesday January 29 with the Colorado Springs Metro Crime Laboratory's assistance. A roll of carpet was found inside the house in a storage area. Inside the carpet (which did match the carpet installed in the house) there was carpet that did not match, stained with blood. There was also a square of carpet matching the size of the carpet that had been cut out.

When Letecia came to the Sheriff's Office, she brought with her a rose gold Apple iPhone 8 in a teal case and a black Marc New York purse. Inside that black purse she had a wallet containing her identification and several financial cards. She also had a sheet of paper on which she had written notes she intended to read to detectives during her interview. She never read those notes.

Throughout the time between which Letecia initially made the report of Gannon having gone missing and the time that she arrived at the Sheriff's Office, she has been in communication with her husband, as well as other family members, about Gannon's disappearance. She has also made several social media posts about the incident. It is common for persons with smartphones to access social media websites via app on their cell phones.

Letecia's cell phone is also linked to the Ring doorbell security camera on the front of her residence via app. Mr. Stauch stated Letecia is the only one with access to the Ring doorbell camera system for their house.

At 0300 hours Monday morning, Letecia also called into work (Academy School District 20), by texting her supervisor that her father-in-law had been killed.

Mr. Stauch provided all of the financial account information he knew about regarding himself and his wife. The PetCo receipts show Letecia purchased the dog clothes using an American Express card, but Mr. Stauch was unaware of her having an American Express card and did not know if she had other credit cards. During her interview on Wednesday, Letecia stated she used her credit card to make other purchases while she was out shopping on Monday and said Gannon was with her, but he remained in the car the whole time. She could not provide specific information on where she went Monday besides PetCo.

In furtherance of this case Your Affiant submits that it is necessary and reasonable to search the phone and the purse belonging to Letecia in order to ascertain past location and communication, as it will aid in the location of the missing child Gannon. Additionally, identification of any handwritten notes and any financial accounts potentially used will aid in identifying information Letecia did not provide to law enforcement about events that did or did not occur, as well as financial accounts she has access to, which may have been used during time Letecia has not accounted for between Sunday night and Wednesday afternoon.

Based on the Colorado Revised Statutes 18-8-111, False Reporting to Authorities, if a person knowingly makes a report to law enforcement of a crime or incident within law enforcements official concern (such as a runaway child, a kidnapping, or a sexual assault) he or she knows did not occur, he or she commits such offense. Based on the facts and circumstances described here, Letecia made a false report to law enforcement regarding Gannon running away from the residence at 1500 hours on Monday, because on Wednesday around 1200 hours, Letecia changed her statement and told law enforcement he had been abducted by an unknown person who sexually assaulted her.

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Detective Marissa Williams / 12009  
Law enforcement Agency: El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of JAN 2020 at 9:49 A.M. (P.M.)

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The following person(s), property or thing(s) will be searched for and if found seized:

1. Items of indicia
2. Financial transaction devices
3. Handwritten or typed notes or documentation
4. Electronic devices capable of capturing copies, photographs, transmitting facsimiles, effecting communication, or creating printed or embossed material such as checks, credit cards or identity documents
5. For any cell phones or other electronic devices found, the following person(s), property or thing(s) will be searched for and if found seized:
  - a. Data that may identify the owner or user of the device(s);
  - b. Address books and calendars;
  - c. Audio and video clips related to the above-described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant.
  - d. Call histories, call logs and visual voicemail related to the above-described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant.
  - e. Photographs and associated metadata related to the above-described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant.
  - f. Text messages (SMS), multimedia messages (MMS), recorded messages and subscriber information modules [SIM cards] between the cell phone owner and co-conspirators involved in the above described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant, for the above described item(s);
  - g. E-mail messages and attachments, whether read or unread and related to the above-described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant, for the above-described item(s)

- h. Internet World Wide Web (WWW) browser files including, but not limited to, browser history, browser cache, stored cookies; browser favorites, auto-complete form history and stored passwords;
- i. Global position system (GPS) data including, but not limited to coordinates, way points and tracks;
- j. Documents and other text based files related to the above described criminal activity and further described in this affidavit in support of the search warrant, for the above described item(s);
- k. Applications (Apps) and other installed programs, including widgets, and any data stored by the application or remotely stored by application server or database server.
- l. Any and all computer software, to include but not limited to operating systems, applications, utilities, compilers, interpreters, communication programs, or any other digital information which can be interpreted by a computer or any related components, which may be stored in electronic, magnetic, optical or other digital form.
- m. Any and all data stored within any computer storage device or other processing and/or storage devices, to include, but not limited to, computer applications, images, videos, text, programs, encryption routines and algorithms, or any other data that may be decoded, reconstituted, or otherwise manipulated to produce, utilize, transmit, receive, encrypt, encode, or display such images, videos, text, programs, encryption routines, and algorithms.

\* With respect to the items listed above, the executing law enforcement officer(s) is/are authorized to view, photograph, record, copy, forensically image and conduct forensic analysis of any and all metadata, programs and applications on the above-described device(s), as well as on any data storage devices and or mediums attached or installed in those device(s). The executing law enforcement officer may enlist the aid of a law enforcement computer forensic laboratory in the searching, viewing, photographing, recording, copying, forensically image and analysis of any and all of the information described above.

NO OTHER ITEMS ARE SOUGHT FOR SEIZURE

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
EL PASO AND STATE OF COLORADO

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS NO. 20-324

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## Report of Execution of Search Warrant

On the 29th day of January, 2020, a Search Warrant was issued by the County Court for El Paso County and State of Colorado directing that a search may be made of the following described premise, location, or person:

**A gold Apple iPhone 8, and a black Marc New York purse, belonging to Letecia Stauch, currently held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 27 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 in El Paso County, Colorado.**

And, on the 30th day of January, 2020, the undersigned, as one of the persons authorized to conduct such a search and seizure did seize the following items:

- 1) Photos
- 2) Apple iPhone 8 belonging to Letecia Stauch
- 3) Cellebrite report for phone

Done this 30th day of January, 2020

  
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Detective Marissa Williams #12009, Deputy Sheriff