



**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

202 Haywood Street  
Asheville, N.C. 28801

Van Duncan, Sheriff

**3/20/2015**

**Double Homicide Investigation**

On Sunday March 15, 2015 the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office received a request for a welfare check at 87 Hookers Gap Road in the Leicester Community. Family members of JT and Christie Schoen-Codd had not heard from them and were concerned about their welfare. Patrol officers responded to the residence and ultimately met with a neighbor who had a key and were able to enter the residence and determine that there was evidence of suspicious activity. Patrol officers contacted the detective division and detectives responded. Detectives attempted to obtain contact information for friends and relatives and make some determination if the Codd's could be located safely. When detectives were unable to locate the Codd's a missing person investigation was started immediately. Detectives prepared and executed several search warrants and preservation orders for cellular telephone data. Detectives processed the residence throughout the evening and into the following morning. On Sunday evening the sheriff's office received a report of suspicious activity on Donna Drive in the Candler community. Deputies responded and recovered items belonging to Christie Schoen-Codd. Detectives were able to identify Robert Jason Owens and interviewed him in the early morning hours of Monday March 16, 2015. On Monday March 16, 2015 detectives contacted the Leicester Fire Department and a ground search was organized for the property at 87 Hookers Gap Road. The ground search was concluded the afternoon of Monday March 16, 2015 with nothing found. Detectives were able to obtain arrest warrants for Robert Jason Owens on Monday March 16, 2015 for the breaking or entering and larceny from 87 Hookers Gap Road. Robert Jason Owens was located and taken into custody that afternoon and interviewed by detectives. Information from that interview led detectives to prepare and execute several search warrants where material believed to be human remains was recovered from Owens residence at 8 Owens Cove Rd. in the Leicester community. To date detectives have prepared and executed multiple search warrants, conducted dozens of interviews and seized numerous items of evidence. The human remains have been delivered to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for analysis. Robert Jason Owens has been charged with two counts of First Degree Murder in the death of JT Codd, Christie Schoen-Codd and Murder of their unborn child. The investigation continues and detectives are actively gathering information in relation to the investigation.

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5. Dodge Ram Pick Up Truck	3/18/2015

File No.  <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">SEARCH WARRANT</div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">IN THE MATTER OF</div> 87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC 28748 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           Date Issued  <u>03/15/2015</u> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           Time Issued  <u>9:19</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM         </div> </div> Name Of Applicant Detective Walt Thrower Name Of Additional Affiant  Name Of Additional Affiant  <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">RETURN OF SERVICE</div> I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           Date Received    </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           Time Received  <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           Date Executed    </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           Time Executed  <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM         </div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> I made a search of _____    _____ as commanded.  <input type="checkbox"/> I seized the items listed on the attached inventory. <input type="checkbox"/> I did not seize any items. <input type="checkbox"/> This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.		<div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           BUNCOMBE County         </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">           In The General Court Of Justice            District/Superior Court Division         </div> </div> <p>To any officer with authority and jurisdiction to conduct the search authorized by this Search Warrant:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath or affirmation by the person(s) shown.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 20%;">           Date  <u>03/15/2015</u> </div> <div style="width: 40%;">           Name (Type Or Print)  <u>Juliana Schmitt</u> </div> <div style="width: 40%;">           Signature  <u>Juliana Schmitt</u> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC         <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC         <input type="checkbox"/> CSC         <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magistrate         <input type="checkbox"/> District Ct. 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# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office Detective Walt Thrower,  
*(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 ATTACHMENT "PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED"

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* SEE ATTACHMENT "CRIMES"

and is located *(Check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)*

☒ in the following premises *(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)*  
SEE ATTACHMENT "IN THE FOLLOWING PREMISE"

*(and)*

☐ on the following person(s) *(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))*  
N/A

*(and)*

☒ in the following vehicle(s) *(Describe vehicle(s))*  
SEE ATTACHMENT "IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES"

*(and)*

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

N/A

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

SEE ATTACHMENT "PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT"

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

3/15/15

Date

03/15/2015

Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print)

Detective Walt Thrower

Signature

John Schmitt

Signature Of Applicant

Walt

☒ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

This testimony has been *(check appropriate box)* ☐ reduced to writing

☐ tape recorded and I have filed each with the clerk.

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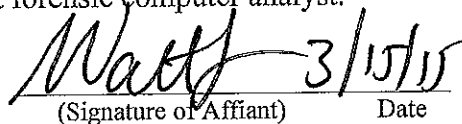
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SUPPORT OF A SEARCH WARRANT FOR 87 HOOKERS  
GAP ROAD, LEICESTER, NC 28748

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**Continuation of "PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED"**

1. Physical biological evidence to include but not limited to fingerprints, hair, blood, DNA trace evidence or other bodily fluids.
2. Physical evidence to include but not limited to material fibers, footwear impressions and trace fibers.
3. Photographs of the exterior and interior of the residence and vehicles.
4. Any weapons to include but not limited to firearms, ammunition, cutting tools, sharp objects, blunt instruments or objects.
5. Any and all articles of personal property tending to show ownership, dominion, or control of the residence and vehicles.
6. Any items of personal property that show written or telephonic communications with other persons.
7. Any type of flammable or combustible material or any containers used to store or transport such materials.
8. Computers, computer software and applications, computer hardware, computer networking devices, computer and software documentation, computer data storage devices including but not limited to floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROM disks, DVD ROM disks, data tapes, flash memory devices (Compact Flash cards, Memory Sticks, Multimedia cards, Secure Digital cards, Smart Media Cards, XD Picture Cards, USB Pen drives, and others), PCMCIA memory cards and other types of data storage devices and media available for use with computers. Any other digital evidence including cellular telephones. These devices are to be seized for later examination by a competent forensic computer analyst.

  
(Signature of Judicial Official)      Date

  
(Signature of Affiant)      Date

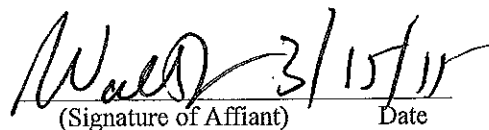
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CONTINUATION OF "NAME OF CRIME"

1. Missing Person Investigation

  
(Signature of Judicial Official)      Date

  
(Signature of Affiant)      Date

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**Continuation of "IN THE FOLLOWING PREMISES"**

1. The residence, property and curtilage known as 87 Hookers Gap Road located in Leicester, NC 28748. The residence is red colored brick in the front with white siding covering the side of the residence. The front of the residence has white shutters and a white storm dorm. There is a white outbuilding/garage beside the residence. The outbuilding/garage has two large beige colored doors on the front. There is a woodframe barn behind the residence.
2. Directions to residence from the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, 60 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC. Turn left on College Street and travel .4 mile. Turn slight right onto Patton Avenue and travel .5 mile. Merge onto US Hwy 74 Alt West via ramp and take the left ramp towards US 19/US 23 and travel 1.9 miles. Turn right onto New Leicester Hwy and travel 4.4 miles. Turn left onto Newfound Road and travel 5.2 miles. Turn left onto Hookers Gap Road and travel .4 miles. 87 Hookers Gap Road will be on the right.

**Continuation of "IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE"**

1. A 2008 silver Dodge Truck, bearing NC CBJ-3332 parked at the residence.
2. A 2005 silver Mercury Marquis passenger vehicle, bearing NC BHY-3361 parked at the residence.
3. A silver 2011 Honda Element passenger vehicle, bearing NC CBJ-5739 parked at the residence.

  
(Signature of Judicial Official)      Date

 3/15/10  
(Signature of Affiant)      Date

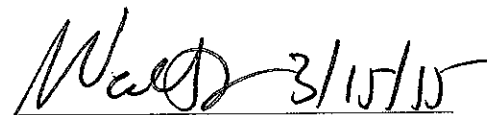
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**Continuation of "FACTS TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE"**

The Affiant, Walt Thrower, is a sworn law enforcement officer with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. The Affiant is currently assigned to the Major Case Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division tasked with investigating violations of criminal law not limited to but to include murder, robbery, assault, and internet crimes against children. Prior to employment with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, your Affiant was a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration for approximately 22 years. Prior to employment with the Drug Enforcement Administration your Affiant was a Police Officer for the City of Greensboro, North Carolina for over 6 years. During the Affiant's 30 year career as a law enforcement officer/agent the Affiant has made numerous arrests and completed investigations of all types of criminal law violations which resulted in successful prosecutions on both the state and federal level. The Affiant has worked undercover and conducted surveillance. The Affiant has prepared and executed search warrants, arrested suspects, and seized evidence. The Affiant has questioned suspects, debriefed informants, and consulted with other law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys. The Affiant completed Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Greensboro Police Department Academy and completed the Drug Enforcement Administration's Basic Agent Academy at Quantico, Virginia. The Affiant has received specialized law enforcement training in the areas of narcotics investigations, narcotics diversion, undercover drug enforcement techniques, The Affiant holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

  
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**Continuation of "FACTS TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE"**

This investigation was initiated on March 15, 2015 at 15:23 PM by a call to Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. The caller, Bill Schoen requested a welfare check for his daughter Cristie Codd who lived at 87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC. Bill Schoen advised that his daughter was to arrive in Mississippi around 4:00pm on 3/15/15. Bill Schoen advised that he has not had contact with his daughter and that is not normal for him not to have contact with his daughter. Schoen advised that his wife did speak with Cristie Codd on 3/14/15.

Buncombe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the residence. Deputies obtained a key from a neighbor and gained access to the residence after failing to get a response at the residence. Deputies conducted a protective sweep of the residence and did not locate anyone at the residence. Deputies did observe Cristie Codd's purse and a wallet for her husband Joseph Codd inside the residence. Deputies did observe a medicine cabinet open inside the residence with band aids removed. Deputies located dogs inside the residence that had been unattended. The residence was secured by Deputies. Deputies located three vehicles at the residence; a 2008 Dodge truck, a 2005 Mercury Marquis and a 2011 Honda Element.

With the information provided by the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation a request is respectfully submitted to the court to allow the issuance of a search warrant authorizing the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation to search the residence, curtilage and vehicles located at 87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC 28748 and seized items listed in this affidavit.

  
(Signature of Judicial Official)      Date

  
(Signature of Affiant)      Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**File No. Buncombe CountyIn The General Court Of Justice  
☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Name

87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC 28748

**INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED  
PURSUANT TO SEARCH**

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC 28748

Date Of Search

03-15-2015

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1. Photographs
2. Ring
3. Tablet computer
4. 2 wallets and contents
5. Handbag and contents
6. Swabbings from areas of home
7. 2 pieces of carpet
8. Spray bottle
9. Apple iPad and case
10. Revolver
11. 3 gun cases and contents
12. Ammunition
13. Briefcase and contents

Items Seized Continued:

This section intentionally left blank

☐ 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

Delivered by USPS to: 87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC 28748

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
Date		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Detective
Signature		Name And Address Of Agency Buncombe County Sheriff's Office 60 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28801
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT**

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

Date	Signature of Person Receiving Inventory
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## APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

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

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Date

Signature

☒ Magistrate

☐ Dep. CSC

☐ Asst. CSC

☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

☐ Judge

Date

Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print)

Benjamin A. McKay

Signature Of Applicant

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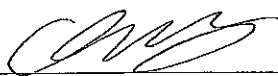
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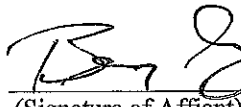
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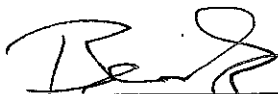
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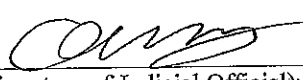
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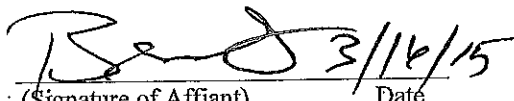
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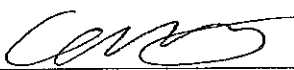
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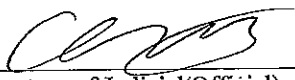
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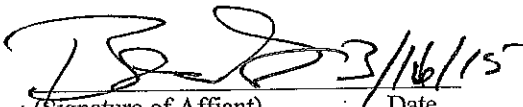
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With the information provided by the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation a request is respectfully submitted to the court to allow the issuance of a search warrant authorizing your affiant and the officers involved in this investigation to search Robert Jason Owens and seize those items listed in this affidavit.

  
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Date

  
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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

Buncombe County

In The General Court Of Justice  
☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division

## IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

Robert Jason Owens, DOB: 03/18/1978

## INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

Date Of Search

Robert Jason Owens, DOB: 03/18/1978

03-17-2015

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1. Photographs
2. Swabbings
3. Clothing

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Items Seized Continued:

This section intentionally left blank

☒ 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

Robert Jason Owens, DOB: 03/18/1978  
Buncombe County Detention Facility

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
Date		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Detective
Signature		Name And Address Of Agency Buncombe County Sheriff's Office 60 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28801
<input 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

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# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Benjamin A. McKay, Detective with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office  
(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 Continuation Page One

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, (Name crime) See Continuation Page Two

and is located (Check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)

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

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(and)

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

(and)

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

(and)

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

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

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SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

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Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print)

Benjamin A. McKay

Signature Of Applicant



☒ Magistrate

☐ Dep. CSC

☐ Asst. CSC

☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

☐ Judge

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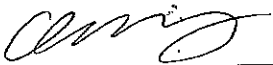
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7. Any type of flammable or combustible material or any containers used to store or transport such materials.
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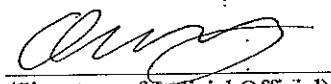


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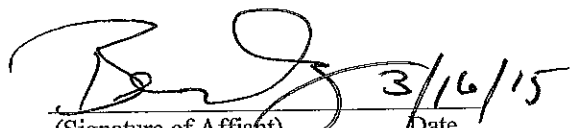
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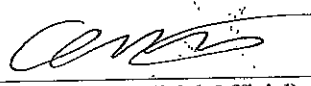
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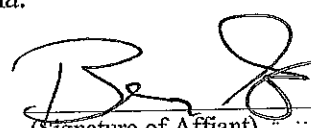
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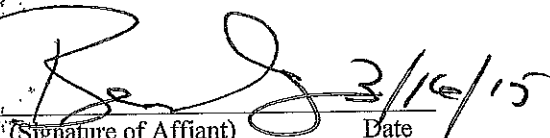
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Detectives obtained arrest warrants for Robert Jason Owens and took him into custody. Robert Jason Owens made statements to detectives indicating that he stored and destroyed the bodies of the victims in his residences located at 1 and 8 Owens Cove Road, Leicester, NC 28748

With the information provided by the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation a request is respectfully submitted to the court to allow the issuance of a search warrant authorizing your affiant and the officers involved in this investigation to search 1 and 8 Owens Cove Road, Leicester, NC 28748 and seize those items listed in this affidavit.

 3/16/15  
(Signature of Judicial Official) Date

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

File No.

Buncombe CountyIn The General Court Of Justice  
☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Name

1 and 8 Owens Cove Road, Leicester, NC 28748

**INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED  
PURSUANT TO SEARCH**

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

1 and 8 Owens Cove Road, Leicester, NC 28748

Date Of Search

03-16-2015

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1. Photographs
2. Assorted Keys
3. Desktop Computer
4. 3 Flash Drives
5. Motorola Cell Phone and Case
6. Tablet computer
7. Saw Blade
8. 11 knives
9. Plastic Container
10. Brush
11. Jacket
12. Tow Strap
13. Extension Cord
14. Debris from wood stove
15. Debris from yard

(Over)

Items Seized Continued:  
This section intentionally left blank

☐ 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

Delivered by USPS to: 1 Owens Cove Road  
Leicester, NC 28748

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

### SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer

Date

Title Of Law Enforcement Officer

Detective

Signature

Name And Address Of Agency

Buncombe County Sheriff's Office  
60 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28748

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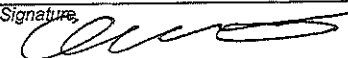
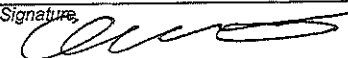
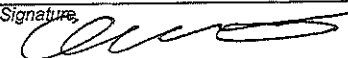
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Date

Signature of Person Receiving Inventory

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# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Benjamin A. McKay, Detective with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office,  
(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 Continuation Page One

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, (Name crime) See Continuation Page Two

and is located (Check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)

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

See Continuation Page Three

(and)

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

(and)

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

(and)

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

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

See Continuation Pages Four, Five and Six

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

Signature

Date

Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print)

Signature Of Applicant

☒ Magistrate

☐ Dep. CSC

☐ Asst. CSC

☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

☐ Judge

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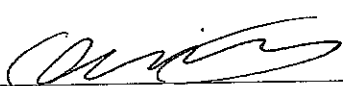
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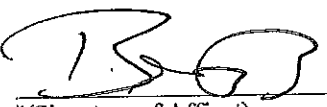
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CONTINUATION OF "PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED"

1. Physical biological evidence to include but not limited to fingerprints, hair, blood, DNA trace evidence or other bodily fluids.
2. Physical evidence to include but not limited to material fibers, footwear impressions and trace fibers.
3. Photographs of the exterior and interior of the vehicle.
4. Any weapons to include but not limited to firearms, ammunition, cutting tools, sharp objects, blunt instruments or objects.
5. Any and all articles of personal property tending to show ownership, dominion, or control of the vehicle.
6. Any items of personal property that show written or telephonic communications with other persons.
7. Any type of flammable or combustible material or any containers used to store or transport such materials.
8. Computers, computer software and applications, computer hardware, computer networking devices, computer and software documentation, computer data storage devices including but not limited to floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROM disks, DVD ROM disks, data tapes, flash memory devices (Compact Flash cards, Memory Sticks, Multimedia cards, Secure Digital cards, Smart Media Cards, XD Picture Cards, USB Pen drives, and others), PCMCIA memory cards and other types of data storage devices and media available for use with computers. Any other digital evidence including cellular telephones. These devices are to be seized for later examination by a competent analyst.

  
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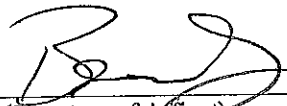
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CONTINUATION OF "NAME OF CRIME"

1. Homicide

 3/16/15  
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CONTINUATION OF "IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE"


1. Ford F-150 Pickup bearing NC EF2650



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3/16/15

Date

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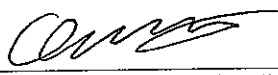
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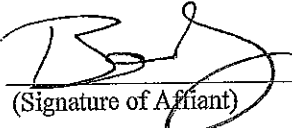
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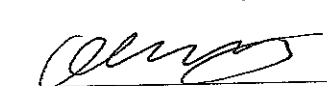
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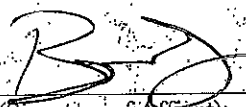
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Detectives interviewed Robert Jason Owens at 1 Owens Cove Rd who admitted to going into the residence at 87 Hookers Gap Road and stealing the items that he was observed dumping into the dumpster.

With the information provided by the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation a request is respectfully submitted to the court to allow the issuance of a search warrant authorizing your affiant and the officers involved in this investigation to search Ford F-150 Pickup bearing NC EF2650 and seize those items listed in this affidavit.

  
(Signature of Judicial Official)

  
Date

  
(Signature of Affiant)

  
Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

File No.

Buncombe County

In The General Court Of Justice

☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Name

Ford F-150 Bearing NC EF2650

**INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED  
PURSUANT TO SEARCH**

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

Date Of Search

Ford F-150 Bearing NC EF2650

03-16-2015

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1. Photographs
2. Swabbings
3. Watch
4. Keys
5. Trash Bags
6. Scrapings

(Over)



Items Seized Continued:

This section intentionally left blank

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- ☐ 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 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
Date		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Detective
Signature		Name And Address Of Agency Buncombe County Sheriff's Office 60 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28748
<input 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

File No.	
<b>SEARCH WARRANT</b>	
<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	
2008 Dodge Ram Pickup bearing NC CBJ-3332	
Date Issued <u>3-18-2015</u>	Time Issued <u>4:19</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
Name Of Applicant Benjamin A. McKay	
Name Of Additional Affiant	
Name Of Additional Affiant	
<b>RETURN OF SERVICE</b>	
I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:	
Date Received <u>3/18/15</u>	Time Received <u>4:19</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
Date Executed	Time Executed <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
<input type="checkbox"/> I made a search of _____	
_____ as commanded.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I seized the items listed on the attached inventory. <input type="checkbox"/> I did not seize any items. <input type="checkbox"/> This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.	
Name Of Officer Making Return (Type Or Print)	
Signature Of Officer Making Return	
Department Or Agency Of Officer Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	Incident Number 2015-002279

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Buncombe

County

In The General Court Of Justice  
District/Superior Court Division

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

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

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

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

This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath or affirmation by the person(s) shown.

Date <u>3-18-2015</u>	Name (Type Or Print) <u>SARITA MANGUM</u>	Signature 
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> CSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magistrate <input type="checkbox"/> District Ct. Judge <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Ct. Judge		

This Search Warrant was delivered to me on the date and at the time shown below when the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court is closed for the transaction of business. By signing below, I certify that I will deliver this Search Warrant to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court as soon as possible on the Clerk's next business day.

Date	Time	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Name Of Magistrate (Type Or Print)	Signature Of Magistrate
This Search Warrant was returned to the undersigned clerk on the date and time shown below.				
Date	Time	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Name Of Clerk (Type Or Print)	Signature Of Clerk
				<input type="checkbox"/> Dep CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Asst CSC <input type="checkbox"/> CSC

# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Benjamin A. McKay, Detective with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office,  
(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 Continuation Page One

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, (Name crime) See Continuation Page Two

and is located (Check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)

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

(and)

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

(and)

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

See Continuation Page Three

(and)

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

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

See Continuation Pages Four, Five and Six

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

3/18/15

Date

3-18-2015

Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print)

Benjamin A. McKay

Signature

Signature Of Applicant

Benjamin A. McKay

☒ 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

This testimony has been (check appropriate box)

☐ reduced to writing

☐ tape recorded and I have filed each with the clerk.

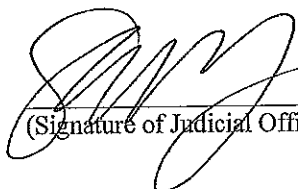
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CONTINUATION PAGE 1 OF 6 ATTACHED TO SEARCH  
WARRANT APPLICATION OF DETECTIVE BENJAMIN A.  
MCKAY, BUNCOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN  
THE MATTER OF 2008 DODGE RAM PICKUP BEARING  
NC CBJ-3332

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CONTINUATION OF "PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED"

1. Physical biological evidence to include but not limited to fingerprints, hair, blood, DNA trace evidence or other bodily fluids.
2. Physical evidence to include but not limited to material fibers, footwear impressions and trace fibers.
3. Photographs of the exterior and interior of the vehicle.
4. Any weapons to include but not limited to firearms, ammunition, cutting tools, sharp objects, blunt instruments or objects.
5. Any and all articles of personal property tending to show ownership, dominion, or control of the vehicle.
6. Any items of personal property that show written or telephonic communications with other persons.
7. Any type of flammable or combustible material or any containers used to store or transport such materials.
8. Computers, computer software and applications, computer hardware, computer networking devices, computer and software documentation, computer data storage devices including but not limited to floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROM disks, DVD ROM disks, data tapes, flash memory devices (Compact Flash cards, Memory Sticks, Multimedia cards, Secure Digital cards, Smart Media Cards, XD Picture Cards, USB Pen drives, and others), PCMCIA memory cards and other types of data storage devices and media available for use with computers. Any other digital evidence including cellular telephones. These devices are to be seized for later examination by a competent analyst.

 3-18-2015  
(Signature of Judicial Official) Date

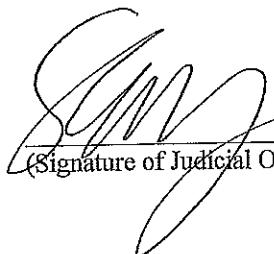
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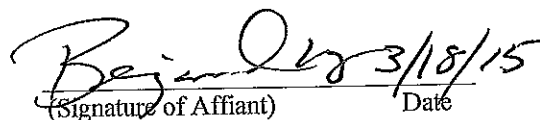
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NC CBJ-3332

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CONTINUATION OF "NAME OF CRIME"

1. Homicide

 3-18-2015  
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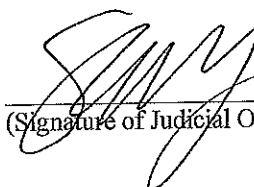
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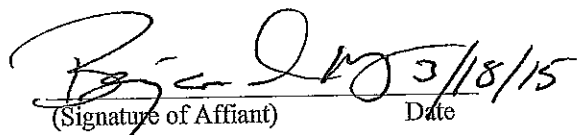
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CONTINUATION OF "IN THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE"

1. Grey in color Dodge Ram Pickup bearing NC CBJ-3332

 3-18-2015  
(Signature of Judicial Official) Date

 3/18/15  
(Signature of Affiant) Date

CONTINUATION PAGE 4 OF 6 ATTACHED TO SEARCH  
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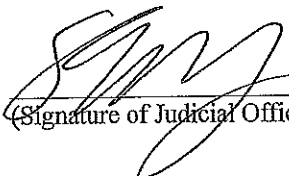
CONTINUATION OF "FACTS TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE"


Your affiant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:

Your affiant, Benjamin A. McKay, is a sworn law enforcement officer with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division Special Investigation Unit and tasked with investigating elder and child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and internet crimes against children. Prior to your affiant's current assignment, your affiant was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit from September 10, 2012 to March 1, 2015. Prior to your affiant's employment with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, your affiant was a sworn law enforcement officer with Henderson County Sheriff's Office from May 20, 1989 to March 7, 2012. Your affiant's assignments at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office included Detention Officer, Patrol Officer, DARE Officer, School Resource Officer, Community Relations Lieutenant, Violent Crimes Investigations Supervisor, Animal Enforcement Lieutenant and Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations. Your affiant has received over 3000 hours of specialized law enforcement training and is a graduate of the 242<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Of these hours over 1000 hours specifically involve training in arrest, search and seizure, crime scene processing and investigation, death investigation courses and Law Enforcement Management training. Your affiant holds an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate through the North Carolina Department of Justice Sheriff's Training and Standards Commission and a Criminal Investigation Certificate through the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Your affiant has kept abreast of the most current trends in Law Enforcement by attending professional seminars of the Public Agency Training Council, North Carolina FBI National Academy Associates, Institute of Police Technology and Training, National Forensic Academy, North Carolina Internet Crimes against Children Taskforce and the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Your affiant has initiated and investigated over 500 cases involving indecent liberties with a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor, larcenies, breaking and entering, assaults, suicides and deaths by utilizing such methods as citizen information, crime scene investigation, victim information, intelligence gathering and any combination of the above methods. Your affiant has prepared and executed search warrants, arrested suspects, and seized evidence. Your affiant has questioned suspects, debriefed informants, and consulted with other law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys. Your affiant is a lifelong resident of North Carolina.

 3-18-2015  
(Signature of Judicial Official) Date

 3/18/15  
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CONTINUATION OF "FACTS TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE"

This investigation was initiated on March 15, 2015 at 15:23 PM by a call to Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. The caller, Bill Schoen requested a welfare check for his daughter Cristie Schoen who lived at 87 Hookers Gap Road, Leicester, NC. Bill Schoen advised that his daughter was to arrive in Mississippi around 4:00pm on 3/15/15. Bill Schoen advised that he has not had contact with his daughter and that is not normal for him not to have contact with his daughter. Schoen advised that his wife did speak with Cristie Schoen on 3/14/15.

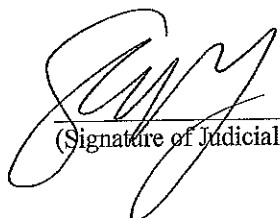
Buncombe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the residence. Deputies obtained a key from a neighbor and gained access to the residence after failing to get a response at the residence. Deputies conducted a protective sweep of the residence and did not locate anyone at the residence. Deputies did observe Cristie Schoen's purse and a wallet for her boyfriend Joseph Codd inside the residence. Deputies did observe a medicine cabinet open inside the residence with band aids removed. Deputies located dogs inside the residence that had been unattended. The residence was secured by Deputies. Deputies located three vehicles at the residence; a 2008 Dodge truck, a 2005 Mercury Marquis and a 2011 Honda Element.


Joseph Codd's parents made contact with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office and advised that they had not heard from Joseph Codd for several days.

Exigent Requests for information were sent to Verizon Wireless, the cellular telephone provider for Cristie Schone and Joseph Codd. The information provided showed no telephone calls made from Joseph Codd's phone after 3/10/2015 and no telephone calls made from Cristie Schone's phone after 3/11/2015.

Records showed multiple text messages from Joseph Codd's phone to 828-575-7678 on 3/10/2015 and 3/11/2015. In a previous breaking and entering report filed by Joseph Codd, 828-575-7678 was the telephone number given for Joseph Codd's neighbor, Jason Owens.

On 03/15/2015 at approximately 8:30pm, Robert Jason Owens was observed in the F-150 dumping large garbage bags into a dumpster. Detectives secured these bags and discovered that they contained personal items that belonged to Cristie Schone.

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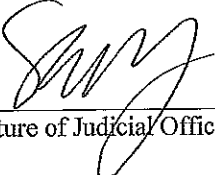
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Detectives interviewed Robert Jason Owens at 1 Owens Cove Rd who admitted to going into the residence at 87 Hookers Gap Road and stealing the items that he was observed dumping into the dumpster.

Detectives also learned through an interview of Robert Jason Owens' wife Samantha Owens that he had told her that he was driving the 2008 Dodge Ram that belonged to the victim when he struck and killed the male victim at 87 Hookers Gap Road. Detectives seized the Dodge Ram and transported it to the secure lot at the Sheriff's Office in Leicester Crossing on New Leicester Highway.

With the information provided by the affiant and the officers involved in this investigation a request is respectfully submitted to the court to allow the issuance of a search warrant authorizing your affiant and the officers involved in this investigation to search the Grey in color 2008 Dodge Ram Pickup bearing NC CBJ-3332 and seize those items listed in this affidavit.

 3-18-2015  
(Signature of Judicial Official) Date

 3/18/15  
(Signature of Affiant) Date

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

Buncombe County

In The General Court Of Justice  
☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division

## IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

2008 Dodge Ram Pickup bearing NC CBJ-3332

## INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

2008 Dodge Ram Pickup bearing NC CBJ-3332

Date Of Search

03-18-2015

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1. Photographs
2. Ignition key
3. Cell Phone

(Over)

Items Seized Continued:

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