

SW-2018-253

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT STATUTORY FORM - Title 22 O.S. 1222



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LAHOMA } ss.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
Plaintiff,

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT
OKLAHOMA COUNTY

VS.

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RICK WARREN
COURT CLERK

Steven Snyder

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Defendant,

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that the following described property:

Apple iPad Air, serial number DLXLW6S8F4YD

Constitutes evidence that an offense was committed and that the person in possession thereof participated in the commission of said offense, to-wit:

Embezzlement 21 O.S. 1451

The above described property is located at, and is now being kept, possessed, and concealed by the above named defendant or by other persons in whose possession he has placed it for the purpose of concealment, at or upon or within a certain vehicle and/or house, building or premises, the curtilage thereof and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

The location to be searched is in the 1000 block of NW 63rd Street, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. It is the office of the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System, Suite 305. The location is a brown, multilevel office building and is the first structure on the northwest corner of the intersection at NW 63rd Street and North Classen Blvd. The south side of the building displays "Columbus Square," horizontally, with the numbers 1-0-0-1 below the words. The location to be searched is more commonly referred to as 1001 NW 63rd Street, Suite 305, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma.

Affiant states that there is probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant because,

1. I, Thomas Helm, have been employed by the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office since December 2014. I am assigned as the Agent in Charge of the Multicounty Grand Jury Unit. In that time, I have conducted and participated in numerous investigations and have conducted hundreds of hours of physical surveillance operations, controlled cooperating informants, and have been the affiant on State and Federal search warrants.
2. In addition to my time assigned with the Attorney General's Office, I retired after 20 years with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and served for two years as Superintendent of the Grand River Dam Authority Police Department. During my tenure as a criminal investigator, I have participated as a case agent and support agent in numerous investigations covering various areas of criminal law. During these investigations, I have participated in interviewing witnesses and cooperating sources regarding these various crimes, and I have read official reports of

similar interviews by other officers. I have participated in surveillance operations, observing and recording movements of persons involved in criminal activity. I have conducted Title III wire taps, authored search warrants, seizure warrants, tracking warrants, pen registers, and other court orders in furtherance of criminal investigations. Additionally, I have spoken to other agents who have experience with fraud and computer crime cases. As a result, I have learned that people who engage in fraud maintain data and other documentation on their electronic devices for substantial periods of time.

3. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge, information obtained from other law enforcement officers, civilians, and the review of evidence obtained during the course of this investigation. As a result of the information obtained herein over the course of the investigation, I believe there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant.
4. As a result of an anonymous tip submitted through the State of Oklahoma's Suspected Fraud and Abuse Reporting Application, the Office of Management and Enterprise Service—Audit Unit (OMES-AU) conducted an investigation concerning Steven Snyder, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Police Pension Retirement System. The complaint alleged that Snyder was engaged in excessive travel for personal business and being reimbursed with State funds. A travel claim analysis was done, which included the examination of Travel Reimbursement Claims obtained through PeopleSoft Financials and official emails obtained through OMES Information Services Division. From February 7, 2015 through September 29, 2017, Snyder submitted 21 travel claims for reimbursement. Through analysis of email, nine (9) of the reimbursements, totaling \$26,265.35, were found to have been made surrounding Snyder's personal travel. Due to the nature of Snyder's position, he does business with many investment firms throughout the United States and would arrange for impromptu meetings with investment firms to justify travel expenses.
5. Information obtained through the investigation revealed that Snyder was issued a State-owned tablet from which he sends and receives communications. Additionally, the investigation revealed that Snyder used the tablet and official email to communicate details of personal travel and meetings, including communicating to parties at his destination location and asking them to bring portfolios or other documents in order to justify a business expense.
6. On February 27, 2018, I contacted OMES IT Security and found that Snyder has been issued an Apple iPad Air tablet, bearing serial number DLXLW6S8F4YD.
7. I have had both training and experience in the investigation of computer-related crimes. Based on my training, experience, and knowledge, I know the following:
 - a. Computers and digital technology have dramatically changed the way in which individuals engaged in Fraud operate. Computers serve several functions in connection with fraud including, but not limited to, production of documents, communication to obtain data, distribution, and storage.
 - b. As is the case with most digital technology, communications by way of computer can be saved or stored on the computer used for these purposes. Storing this information can be intentional (i.e., by saving an e-mail as a file on the computer or saving the location of one's favorite websites in, for example, "bookmarked" files). Digital information can also be retained unintentionally such as the traces of the path of an electronic communication may be automatically stored in many places (e.g., temporary files or ISP client software, among others). In addition to electronic communications, a computer user's Internet activities generally leave traces or "footprints" in the web cache and history files of the browser used. Such information is often maintained indefinitely until overwritten by other data.
 - c. A device known as a router in conjunction with a modem allows numerous computers to connect the Internet and other computers through the use of telephone, cable, or wireless connection. A router, in conjunction with a modem, can connect literally millions of computers around the world. Routers often store information as to which computer used a modem to connect to the Internet at a specific time and location. This information when viewed along with the traces or "footprints" can provide valuable information on who distributed and/or received information or data related to fraud and who possessed and accessed with intent to view the data.
8. It is common for individuals who are issued work computers and or mobile devices to possess them at their place of business, where they are often synced to other devices and/or used as an alternate device from which they conduct business.

9. Based upon my training and experience, and information relayed to me by agents and others involved in the forensic examination of computers, I know the forensic analysis of these devices will likely result in the discovery of evidence and possibly to discovery of victims.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

WHEREFORE, Affiant asks that a search warrant be issued according to law, directed to any sheriff, policeman or law enforcement officer in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, commanding that he search said persons, premises and/or vehicle described and detain the same as provided by law.

Affiant 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of FEBRUARY, 2018.


Judge of the District Court

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Steven Snyder

Defendant, }

SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

To any Sheriff, Policeman, or Law Enforcement Officer in the County of Oklahoma, Oklahoma: Probable cause having been shown on this date before me by **Agent Tom Helm** for believing the following described property:

Apple iPad Air, serial number DLXLW6S8F4YD

is located at, and is now being kept, possessed, and concealed by the above named defendant, or by other persons in whose possession he has placed it for the purpose of concealment, at or upon or within a certain vehicle and/or house, building or premises, the curtilage thereof and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

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The affidavits being positive that the above described property is on the person, or in the place to be searched and there being a likelihood that said property above described will be destroyed, moved, or concealed.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED at any time of the **day** to make search of said person, vehicle and/or house, building and premises, the curtilage thereof and the appurtenances thereunto belonging for the described property, and if found to seize the same and safely keep it, and bring it before me at the Oklahoma County Courthouse in accordance with the subsequent order of the court, and make return hereof within **Ten** days.

WHEREFORE WITNESS MY HAND this 27 day of Feb. 2018.

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JUDGE of the DISTRICT COURT of Oklahoma COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Time Signed 2:05 p.m.

RICK WARREN COURT CLERK
Oklahoma County

Rick Warren

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RETURN AND INVENTORY

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I, Agent Thomas Helm, the agent who executed the within search warrant on the 7th day of March 2018, swear that the following is an actual inventory of all items seized during its execution:

- 1. Apple iPad Air, serial number DLXLW6S8F4YD, in black Otter Box case



Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of March 2018.



Judge of the District Court

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