File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE MATTER OF

5639 Old Chapel Hill Road, Chapel Hill, NC

Date Issued	Time Issued
10/24/2012	9:45 ☐ AM ☒ PM

Name Of Applicant: Inv. Bryan Walker

Name Of Additional Affiant:

Name Of Additional Affiant:

RETURN OF SERVICE

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

Date Received	Time Received
10/24/12	9:45 ☒ AM ☐ PM
Date Executed	**Time Executed**
10/24/12	1000 ☒ AM ☐ PM

☒ I made a search of Lenovo Laptop

_____ as commanded.

☐ I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.

☐ I did not seize any items.

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

Name Of Officer Making Return (Type Or Print): Bryan Walker

Signature Of Officer Making Return: [signature]

Department Or Agency Of Officer	Incident Number
Chapel Hill Police	1220848

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Orange 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	Name (Type Or Print)	Signature
10/24/2012	Joe Buckner	[signature]

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ CSC ☐ Magistrate ☒ District Ct. Judge ☐ 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	Name Of Magistrate (Type Or Print)	Signature Of Magistrate
	☐ AM ☐ PM		

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

Date	Time	Name Of Clerk (Type Or Print)	Signature Of Clerk	
	☐ AM ☐ PM			☐ Dep CSC ☐ Asst CSC ☐ CSC

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(Over)

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Bryan Walker, Investigator, Chapel Hill Police Department,
(Insert name and address; or if law enforcement officer, name, rank and agency)

being duly sworn, request that the Court issue a warrant to search the person, place, vehicle, and other items described in this application and to find and seize the property and person described in this application. There is probable cause to believe that *(Describe property to be seized; or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place to serve an arrest warrant or other process, name person to be arrested)*

See attached: Description of Evidence to be Seized.

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* See attached: Description of Crime,

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))*

(and)

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

See attached: Description of Premises to be Searched.

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

See attached: Probably Cause Affidavit.

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME	Date 10/24/12
Date 10/24/2012	Name Of Applicant (Type Or Print) B. Walker
Signature	Signature Of Applicant

☐ 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

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

NOTE: *If more space is needed for any section, continue the statement on an attached sheet of paper with a notation saying "see attachment." Date the continuation and include on it the signatures of applicant and issuing official.*

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*Continuation of **SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATION** of Investigator Bryan Walker, Chapel Hill Police Department, Chapel Hill, North Carolina dated October 24th, 2012 to search the Lenovo Laptop Computer belonging to Faith Danielle Hedgepeth.*

Description of Evidence to be Seized: Lenovo Laptop Computer, Serial Number: R8-6R08P belonging to Faith Danielle Hedgepeth. As the search of digital, magnetic, solid-state, or electronic storage media is a time-consuming and meticulous task, it was not feasible to search the contents of seized media at the crime scene. Therefore, the aforementioned media and associated equipment was seized pursuant to a previous warrant and will be searched as soon as reasonably possible, within a controlled environment at a law-enforcement facility. Any digital, magnetic, solid-state, or electronic media seized, including but not limited to media located within seized digital devices or computers will be searched to view the contents of such media, to include files, data, records, images, or other information stored on such media in any format.

Description of Crime: First Degree Murder, NCGS 14-17.

Description of Premises to be Searched: Devices above are already in the possession of the Chapel Hill Police Department and are to be searched within a controlled environment at a law-enforcement facility.

Probable Cause Affidavit:

I, the undersigned, Investigator Bryan Walker, hereinafter referred to as "Affiant," being duly sworn, say and depose as follows:

Affiant has been a full-time sworn law enforcement officer with the Chapel Hill Police Department, Chapel Hill, North Carolina since 1992. Affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Affiant was a part-time reserve police officer for one year and became a full-time police officer in 1992. Affiant spent a year and a half as a reserve investigator with Durham County (NC) ABC Law Enforcement. Affiant is familiar with the personal and behavioral traits that are consistent with the commission of internet and computer crimes and investigations. Affiant has knowledge and training in regards to the use of computers, social networking sites, and cellular phones.

Affiant investigates crimes including, but not limited to: Homicide, burglary, assault, frauds, computer related and high tech crimes, and participates in criminal

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investigations involving computer-related offenses, and in the execution of search warrants involving searches of residences, vehicles, as well as seizures of computers, computer equipment, software, and electronically stored information. In addition, affiant has received technical training from N.C. State University, Microsoft Corporation, and Cisco Systems in the function and operation of computers and computer networks. Affiant holds the Microsoft Certified Professional® and the Paraben Corporation® Certified Cell Phone Examiner professional certifications. Affiant has attended National Infrastructure Protection Center Training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and completed training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. Affiant is certified by the US Department of Homeland Security as a Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist. Affiant has received additional computer forensics and computer crime investigation training through the National White Collar Crime Center, InfraGard, Guidance Software, Inc. and Search, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. Affiant is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and has attended training related to crimes against children online, including, but not limited to, possession and manufacture of Child Sexual Exploitation images. This training is augmented and updated by regular sessions of in-service training provided by the Chapel Hill Police Department and the ICAC Task Force.

Affiant has attended training Basic Criminal Investigations Training as well as advanced training in Interview and Interrogation and Death Investigation. Affiant is a Criminal Justice Instructor, with specialties in Law Enforcement Driving and Hazardous Materials.

In support of this Affidavit, the Affiant shows unto the court the following facts:

On September 7, 2012, Chapel Hill Police officers were dispatched to 5639 Old Chapel Hill Road, Durham NC 27707 in reference to a possible dead body located in apartment 1502. When officers arrived, they were greeted by the primary tenant, Karena Lynn Rosario (Rosario), who advised that she had seen the victim, Faith Hedgepeth, and that she was unresponsive. Rosario permitted officers to enter the apartment. Officers conducted an initial protective sweep and located Hedgepeth dead in a bedroom, on a bed face up. Ms. Hedgepeth's body was hanging off the bed over a pool of blood with her black shirt pulled up over her head; she had no clothes on from the waist down.

There was blood spatter on the closet and a bloody tampon was lying beside her on the bed. On the center of the bed, there was also a small white paper bag with the words:

"I'M NOT STUPID
BITCH
JEALOUS"

The statement was written directly on the bag, in what appears to be ink.

Based on preliminary investigation it is believed that the victim may be acquainted with the person who killed her.

Investigators from the Chapel Hill Police Department obtained a search warrant for the residence. Pursuant to this search warrant, Investigators gathered evidence at the scene, including, but not limited to, the victim's laptop computer. Laptop computers store immense amounts of information including, but not limited to, times, dates, photographs, and records of communications. Information stored on this computer could be useful as evidence in the investigation of Ms. Hedgepeth's death.

Based on Affiant's training and experience and the information contained herein, Affiant has probable cause to believe that the search and seizure of the evidence described herein could reveal the cause of death of the deceased and that a review of the contents of her laptop computer may be useful in determining who is responsible for her death.

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Based upon the above stated facts and circumstances, the undersigned has probable cause to believe that the search and seizure of the aforementioned property is necessary for a full and complete and thorough investigation into the death of the deceased and that evidence related to the death investigation will be located in the aforementioned property. The undersigned further avers that it would be in the best interest of the administration of justice that all evidence be collected and preserved pending further action of the court.

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REQUEST TO HAVE WARRANT SEALED

In support of this request, the Affiant submits that there is a preponderance of evidence to show that the release of the information contained in the court order at this time would undermine the ongoing criminal investigation, jeopardize the prosecution's right to prosecute its case relating to the criminal investigation, and jeopardize the right of the suspect to be charged in this matter from receiving a fair trial.

In further support of this request, the Affiant shows unto the court that release of the information contained herein, could also hinder the state's ability to bring the responsible parties to justice. Finally, there is evidence in this case that is yet to be collected that is essential to the resolution of this matter and if the information contained in the warrant is made public, it could jeopardize both the criminal investigation and prosecution of this case.

I, the undersigned judicial official, find that there is a preponderance of evidence to believe that the release of the information contained in this warrant would undermine the ongoing criminal investigation, jeopardize the prosecution's right to prosecute its case and/or compromise the criminal investigation, and jeopardize the right of the suspect to be charged in this matter from receiving a fair trial. I therefore, ORDER that this warrant be sealed for sixty days, unless extended for good cause shown.

Judicial Official

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Date

Affiant

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Date