

<p>File No. ▶</p> <p style="text-align:center;">SEARCH WARRANT</p> <p style="text-align:center;">IN THE MATTER OF</p> <p>APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon</p> <p>Date Issued: 02/13/2025 AAH Time Issued: 1:06 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM</p> <p>Name Of Applicant</p> <p>Name Of Additional Affiant: N/A</p> <p>Name Of Additional Affiant: N/A</p> <p style="text-align:center;">RETURN OF SERVICE</p> <p>I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:</p> <p>Date Received: 02/13/2025 Time Received: 1:06 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM</p> <p>Date Executed: 2/13/25 Time Executed: 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I made a search of APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon as commanded.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I did not seize any items.</p> <p><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.</p> <p>Name Of Officer Making Return (Type or Print)</p> <p>Signature Of Officer Making Return</p> <p>Department Or Agency Of Officer: Cleveland County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Incident Number: 200002140028</p>	<p style="text-align:center;">STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p style="text-align:center;"><u>Cleveland County</u> In The General Court Of Justice District/Superior Court Division</p> <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> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:20%;">Date</td> <td style="width:40%;">Name (Type or Print)</td> <td style="width:40%;">Signature</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-13-25</td> <td>Ashlyn T. Harris</td> <td><i>Ashlyn T. Harris</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <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. 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APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, C. Weaver, Investigator, Cleveland 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 attached

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* Common Law Felony Obstruction of Justice

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

in the following premises *(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)*
N/A

(and)

on the following person(s) *(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))*
Roy Lee Dedmon

(and)

in the following vehicle(s) *(Describe vehicle(s))*
N/A

(and)

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

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

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME	Date <u>2/13/25</u>
Date <u>2-13-25</u>	Name Of Applicant <i>(Type or Print)</i> <u>C. Weaver</u>
Signature <u>Ashlyn J. Davis</u>	Signature Of Applicant <u>C. Weaver</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magistrate <input type="checkbox"/> Dep. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Superior Court <input type="checkbox"/> Judge	

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavits, attached, made by Inv. C. Weaver

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.

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.*

1 **Introduction and Agent Background**

2. The affiant, Investigator Chrissy Weaver, with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, has been
3 employed since May of 2017. The affiant started as a patrol deputy and advanced to the
4 Criminal Investigations Division in October of 2018. My previous law enforcement
5 experience includes working for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation's Alcohol
6 Law Enforcement division, and Community Correction Adult Probation Division. The affiant
7 education experience includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the
8 University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Masters of Professional Studies with a
9 concentration in Information Assurance Management from Fort Hays State University. The
10 affiant have various law enforcement certifications as well, including Basic Law Enforcement
11 Training, Police Law Institute, John Reid and Associates Interview and Interrogation courses.
12 The Affiant is a certified Cellebrite Operator and Physical Analyst, and has completed over
13 300 hours of Digital Forensics training. During the course of the Affiant's career she has
14 investigated a variety of crimes such as drug violations, larcenies, strangulations, rapes,
15 felonious assaults, breaking and entering, and stolen motor vehicles. The affiant has been
16 successful in obtaining numerous convictions. The Affiant has worked with the District
17 Attorney's Office in all of her Felony Charges. The information contained within this affidavit
18 is based upon information Affiant has gained from this investigation, the Affiant's personal
19 observations, training, and experience, and/or information related to the Affiant by other law
20 enforcement officers and/or agents. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited
21 purpose of securing a search warrant, Affiant has not included each and every fact known to
22 her concerning this investigation. Affiant has set forth the facts that she believes are necessary
23 to establish probable cause:

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25 I have reason to believe that this device, an

26 APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon

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28 may contain evidence identifying and linking, victim(s), suspect(s), and possible
29 witness(es) to the crime(s) of Felony Obstruction of Justice.

30 The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on the following: my own personal
31 knowledge; information.

32 **Applicable Law**

33 This search warrant is made pursuant to: 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(a), 2703(b)(1)(A),
34 2703(c)(1)(A) and 2703(c)(2) and ORS 136. I believe probable cause exists for the crime(s)
35 Felony Obstruction of Justice.

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37 That this Court has jurisdiction to issue the requested warrant because it is "a court of
38 competent jurisdiction" as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 2711. Specifically, a court of general criminal
39 jurisdiction of a State authorized by the law of that State to issue search warrants, 18 U.S.C. §
40 2711(3)(B). A District Court of the United States that has jurisdiction over the offenses listed
41 above. 18 U.S.C. § 2711(3)(A)(i).

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Superior Court Judge

Magistrate

Date

Chrissy Weaver

Affiant

Evidence to be Searched and Seized

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- 47 1. APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee
48 Dedmon Any electronic storage devices that have the ability to connect to Roy Dedmon's iCloud
49 account.

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Statement of Probable Cause

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59 . On February 14, 2000, 9-year-old Asha Jaquilla Degree, went missing from her home in
60 Shelby, North Carolina. Asha Degree was seen by drivers walking along North Carolina
61 Highway 18 in Shelby, North Carolina. Asha Degree was seen being pulled into a 1970's green
62 Lincoln, Thunderbird, or another similar vehicle. Asha Jaquilla Degree has not been seen since
63 that time.

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65 2. The search for Asha continued for approximately two weeks after she was reported missing,
66 which included searches that utilized Tracking and HRD (Human Remains Detection) K9's,
67 horses, ATV's, dive teams, aerial searches, neighborhood canvasses, and interviews, which
68 included Law Enforcement and multiple community members/volunteers. All efforts during the
69 two-week search concluded with negative results in finding Asha.

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71 3. On August 2, 2001, evidence belonging to Asha Degree was located in Burke County, NC, on
72 the side of Highway 18, approximately 21 miles north of where Asha Degree was last seen. A
73 construction crew working in the area located the evidence double bagged in black garbage bags
74 and turned it over to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

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76 4. Numerous items of evidence were collected from the area; some having been identified as
77 belonging to Asha Degree and other items not belonging to Asha Degree.

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79 5. Various items of evidence were sent for analysis. Two of those items returned evidentiary
80 results. Genealogical data narrowed the samples down to two (2) individuals. One sample
81 belonged to Russell Bradley Underhill. Another sample belonged to a hereditary family member
82 of suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon.

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- 84 6. Investigators determined Russell Bradley Underhill lived in at least two (2) facilities operated
85 by Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon, during the time Asha Degree was reported as a
86 missing person. Russell Bradley Underhill was discovered deceased in Lincoln County in 2004.
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- 88 7. Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon share three (3) children in common, identified
89 as Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon
90 Ramirez.
91 The oldest daughter, Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, resides in Texas. The middle daughter, Sarah
92 Gwen Dedmon Caple, resides in Shelby, North Carolina and the youngest daughter, AnnaLee
93 Victoria Dedmon Ramirez, resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.
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- 95 8. Laboratory analysis of collected DNA samples indicated the likelihood that the hair stem
96 sample from Asha Degree's undershirt is a person genetically identical to the DNA standard
97 collected from AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez. AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez is a
98 hereditary family member (daughter) of suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon.
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- 100 9. Suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and spouse, Connie Elliott Dedmon, currently reside at separate
101 residences from one another. Records indicate that Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon
102 owned and resided at the property located at 601 Cherryville Rd when Asha degree was
103 discovered as missing.
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- 106 10. Asha Degree has remained missing for twenty-four (24) years, without any contact with her
107 family and/or friends. There have been no school records pertaining to Asha Jaquilla Degree
108 since her date of disappearance, February 14, 2000.
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- 110 11. Asha Degree's bookbag and clothing (wrapped in two sealed black plastic garbage bags)
111 were located along Highway 18 South near Morganton, North Carolina (Burke County),
112 seventeen (17) months after Asha Jaquilla Degree was last seen on February 14, 2000.
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- 114 12. Harold, Iquilla and O'Bryant Degree (Parents/brother of Asha Jaquilla Degree) have been
115 interviewed numerous times, and/or polygraphed. All information pertaining to and obtained
116 from Asha Degree's immediate and extended family indicates her family does not know her
117 whereabouts nor have had any type of contact with her since her disappearance 24 years ago.
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- 119 13. Based on technological advancements, social media platforms and Genealogical innovations,
120 information can be obtained from anywhere in the world. These breakthrough concepts make
121 communication to and verification of individuals virtually probable. No communication and/or
122 verification of Asha Degree or her whereabouts have been made since February 14, 2000.
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- 124 14. Based on these findings, Investigators believe Asha Degree is a victim of homicide, with her
125 body concealed.
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127 15. On February 14, 2000, the ages of the three (3) common Dedmon children would have been:
128 Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster (16 years of age), Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple (15 years of age),
129 and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez (13 years of age).
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131 16. Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon are the two common links between the profiles of Russell
132 Bradley Underhill and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez, collected and identified, from Asha
133 Degree's undershirt and the trash bag which contained Asha Degree's bookbag.
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135 17. Due to the ages of Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon's three daughters in the year of 2000,
136 Investigators believe adult assistance from Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon would have been
137 necessary in the execution and/or concealment of the crime.
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139 18. On September 10th, 2024 Sarah Gwen Caple was interviewed at her residence about this case.
140 Sarah Gwen Caple said she drove an AMC Rambler when she was 16, given to her by Roy Lee
141 Dedmon in 1999. Sarah Gwen Caple was approximately 16 years old when Asha Degree went
142 missing. As previously stated, an eyewitness stated they saw Asha Degree being pulled into a
143 1970's model green in color Lincoln Thunderbird or similar vehicle. The 1964 AMC Rambler
144 has very similar features to a 1970s model Lincoln Thunderbird What is believed to be the AMC
145 Rambler is dark green in color with front end damage parked at 601 Cherryville Rd. A 1964
146 AMC Rambler VIN:B695835 was registered to Roy Lee Dedmon with an address of 601
147 Cherryville Rd. The 1964 AMC Rambler VIN: B695835 was seized on September 11th 2024.
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149 19. On September 10th 2024, Lizzie was contacted by investigators and informed that they wanted to
150 speak with her regarding an investigation. An appointment was scheduled after Lizzie was going to be off
151 work. During her workday, at approximately 1:47 pm, Anna called Lizzie and spent 13 seconds on the
152 phone. At 2:48 pm, Anna called Lizzie again and spent 90 seconds on the phone while she was en-route
153 to her residence after being told that a search warrant was going to be executed. When Investigators were
154 originally speaking to her Lizzie agreed to take a polygraph regarding the situation but a polygraph was
155 not conducted that day.
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157 20. Over the next hour, Lizzie spent a significant amount of time on her cell phone communicating with
158 her family. Some of the longest phone calls were as follows: At 2:59 pm, Sarah called Lizzie for 189
159 seconds. At 3:03 pm, Lizzie called Roy and communicated for somewhere between 351 and 663 seconds.
160 At 3:20 pm, Roy called Lizzie for 296 seconds. Throughout that evening, Lizzie continued spending a
161 significant amount of time on her cell phone communicating with her family and additional people.
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163 21. On 09/18/2024, Mr. Thad Mellentine came to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office for an
164 interview with investigators regarding the Asha Degree case. Mr. Mellentine stated that around
165 the mid 2000's, he was in his 20's and occasionally frequented bars and house parties with the
166 Dedmon girls. Mr. Mellentine recalled a time where he was at a house party with Lizzie and
167 Sarah Dedmon when he observed Lizzie "sobbing and balling" while being extremely
168 intoxicated. Mr. Mellentine further stated that Lizzie made several statements admitting to killing
169 Asha Degree. Specifically, Mr. Mellentine stated that Lizzie said, "I killed Asha Degree". One
170 significant element that Mr. Mellentine also recalled was how upon hearing this statement by

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171 Lizzie, her sister Sarah came up and became stern/angry and told Lizzie to "shut the fuck up"
172 while she grabbed her head. Mr. Mellentine stated that this behavior by Sarah caught him off
173 guard and was not a behavior that he had seen before and normally recalled Sarah as being calm
174 and nice. Mr. Mellentine stated later that he was confident in his memory and how he was "100%
175 positive in those moments" of what he remembers. Mr. Mellentine later passed a polygraph test
176 to verify the information that he was giving on Lizzie and Sarah.

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178 . On October 27th, 2024 I, Inv. C. Weaver, received iCloud search warrant results for Lizzie
179 Grace Foster's iCloud account which included several iMessages. Messages of interest are listed
180 below:

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182 09/10/2024

183 1448hrs Incoming call from AnnaLee Dedmon

184 1453hrs Text from AnnaLee Dedmon: "I am so sorry I just said all that"

185 1453hrs Text from AnnaLee Dedmon: "I am just in complete shock"

186 1454hrs Text to Annalee Dedmon from Lizzie Foster: "It's okay" "I'm leaving school"

187 Over the next day, there are several messages between Lizzie Foster, Annalee Dedmon, and
188 Sarah Caple in reference to being approached by law enforcement about this investigation.

189 09/10/2024

190 1645hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "They Think it's our shirt" "It's not her shirt"

191 1646hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "Her mom said it wasn't hers"

192 1646hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I don't remember that shirt" "I'm scared
193 though. Dad is probably going to be a huge suspect"

194 1701hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "Lizzie" "Can you talk"

195 09/11/2024

196 0017hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "This is a nightmare" "I'm like shaking and
197 can't walk now either"

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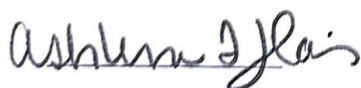
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198 0837hrs Incoming text from Kelly Foster (Lizzie Foster's ex-husband) "I'm so sorry you and
199 your family is going through this right now (especially Anna and your mom)" "Just horrible"
200 1359hrs Text from Annalee Dedmon" Lizzie, you don't need to be talking to anyone" "I'm at the
201 lawyers office this"
202 1401hrs Text from AnnaLee Dedmon to Lizzie Foster: "Now. They advise we should all not talk
203 to them" "without representation"
204 1655hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "This is going to get nothing but worse." "I'm
205 talking to my Dr. at 5 to get something for my nerves"
206 1656hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "I'm just so worried. So so worried."
207 1657hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "I mean, it's a nightmare that's going to keep
208 getting worse. I can see nothing good happening anytime soon. And I'm an optimist"
209 1735hrs Text from Kelly Foster to Lizzie Foster: "Ohhh no." "I hate if for y'all"
210 1735hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "There is no way this is going to be okay"
211 09/12/2024
212 1814hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "I just talked to David Teddy" "The theory is I
213 did it." "Accident. Covered it up"
214 1814hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "No" "Why would it be you"
215 1814hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "That's what he said"
216 1829hrs Text from Lizzie Grace to Kelly Foster: "Idk if I can go to work tomorrow" "I wanted to
217 originally"
218 1831hrs Incoming call from Annalee Dedmon
219 1837hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "I feel so horrible"
220 1837hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "So so horrible"

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221 1837hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "Idk what to do. I caused this"
222 1838hrs Text from Kelly Foster to Lizzie Foster: "No you didn't!"
223 1839hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "Idk if I can see V" (V is Vivian, her and
224 Kelly's daughter)
225 1839hrs Text from Kelly Foster to Lizzie Foster: "No way"
226 1839hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "Idk what I'm Doing or Feeling" "I guess km
227 in shock"
228 1840hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Kelly Foster: "I just feel weird"
229 1849hrs Text from Kelly Foster to Lizzie Foster: "Any theory that involves his kids, is a
230 ridiculous one"
231 1851hrs Incoming call from Sarah Caple
232 1853hrs Incoming call from Kelly Foster
233 1900hrs Incoming call from Roy Dedmon
234 1934hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Hey"
235 1934hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Is everybody mad at me?"
236 1935hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "Nobody is lozzie!"
237 1935hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "This is NOT YOUR FAULT"
238 On September 28th 2024, Lizzie Foster was reapproached in Texas by Lt. Daniel Howell and she
239 refused to speak with law enforcement.
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241 09/29/2024
242 1709hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "I'm just so anxious about like, what's going on
243 behind the scenes"

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244 1709hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Like what are they doing now?"
245 1709hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "What's gonna happen to me since I wouldn't
246 talk to them?"
247 1709hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "I'm afraid it's going to get worse. Well, he
248 told me it's going to."
249 1710hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I know girl I am a disaster."
250 1710hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I think if they come at you again you just go
251 and be compliant"
252 1710hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "That's what I'm planning on doing"
253 1710hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "I think so too"
254 1710hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Honestly"
255 1711hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "I mean, I wanna do what dad says"
256 1711hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "But damn"
257 1711hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "And maybe we should have let you do what
258 you originally wanted to do"
259 1711hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Idk" "I really don't know"
260 1711hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "Right. You don't want something we do or say
261 impact him but we also can't be living like this either."
262 1711hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I mean I told him I'm not gonna do that"
263 1711hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Right" "Oh you did?"
264 1712hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "What did he say?"
265 1712hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "It's not like worth our mental health"
266 1712hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Right"

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267 1712hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "He was just like I will call Teddy we can go
268 get a polygraph with the honest people"
269 1712hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Ohhhhhhh" "Okay"
270 1712hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I really just don't have it in me to go through
271 what you have been through"
272 1712hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "It's been hell"
273 1713hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "Just hearing about your situation has made me
274 a disaster" "HEARING ABOUT IT"
275 1713hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "Oh I'm sorry"
276 1713hrs Text from Sarah Caple to Lizzie Foster: "I just can't even imagine going through that"
277 1713hrs Text from Lizzie Foster to Sarah Caple: "But yall have dealt with other stuff that I
278 haven't"

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281 22. On September 27th, 2024 Lt. Daniel Howell reapproached Lizzie at Highland Park Middle
282 School. When approached, Lizzie seemed surprised to see him there. When Lt. Daniel Howell
283 said he had new information Lizzie initially agreed to meet with him that day to talk about this
284 new information. Then Lt. Daniel Howell received a text message from Lizzie who said she did
285 not have anything additional to say to him and refused to speak any further. Then, Lt. Daniel
286 Howell approached her in person. He told Lizzie what Thad Mellentine had told investigators.
287 Lt. Daniel Howell then offered her a polygraph test based on this information and she refused to
288 polygraph and said she needed to make some phone calls. Lizzie went to make a phone call and
289 reassured Lt. Daniel Howell that she will not take a polygraph. Lt. Daniell Howell asked who she
290 called and she said she talked with her ex-husband Kelly Foster. Lt. Daniel Howell attempted to
291 approach Kelly Foster at his residence on September 28th 2024. When he approached the house,
292 he saw a little girl in the window but no one would come to the door.

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294 23. On February 10th, 2025 Lt. D. Howell reapproached Lizzie Grace Foster. She became very
295 emotional and agreed to take a polygraph test. Lizzie Foster was asked whether she was
296 concealing information and was found to be deceptive. Also during the interview, Lizzie Foster
297 made the statement, "If my Dad did it, he did it but I had nothing to do with it." The IMEI of this
298 device is known due to the return of the Apple account records for Roy Lee Dedmon. Mr.
299 Dedmon did not back up his iCloud messages so the contents are unknown.

February 13th 2025

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Superior Court Judge
Magistrate

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For the reasons outlined above, I believe probable cause exists to search the specified device, an APPLE IPHONE

11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon

BIOMETRIC ACCESS TO DEVICE

58. I am seeking authority for law enforcement to compel any individual present at the at the time of the search to unlock any electronic or computer devices requiring or permitting biometric access subject to seizure pursuant to this warrant. The grounds for this request are as follows:

a. I know from my training and experience, as well as from information found in publicly available materials published by device manufacturers, that many electronic devices, particularly newer mobile devices and laptops, offer their users the ability to unlock the device through biometric features in lieu of a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password. These biometric features include fingerprint scanners, facial recognition features and iris recognition features. Some devices offer a combination of these biometric features, and the user of such devices can select which features they would like to utilize.

b. If a device is equipped with a fingerprint scanner, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device through his or her fingerprints. For example, Apple offers a feature called "Touch ID," which allows a user to register up to five fingerprints that can unlock a device. Once a fingerprint is registered, a user can unlock the device by pressing the relevant finger to the device's Touch ID sensor, which is found in the round button (often referred to as the "home" button) located at the bottom center of the front of the device. The fingerprint sensors found on devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Touch ID.

c. If a device is equipped with a facial-recognition feature, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device through his or her face. For example, this feature is available on certain Android devices and is called "Trusted Face." During the Trusted Face registration process, the user holds the device in front of his or her face. The device's front-facing camera then analyzes, and records data based on the user's facial characteristics. The device can then be unlocked if the front-facing camera detects a face with characteristics that match those of the registered face. Facial recognition features found on devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Trusted Face.

d. If a device is equipped with an iris-recognition feature, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device with his or her irises. For example, on certain Microsoft devices, this feature is called "Windows Hello." During the Windows Hello registration, a user registers his or her irises by holding the device in front of his or her face. The device then directs an infrared light toward the user's face and activates an infrared-sensitive camera to record data based on patterns within the user's irises. The device can then be unlocked if the infrared-sensitive camera detects the registered irises. Iris-recognition features found on devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Windows Hello.

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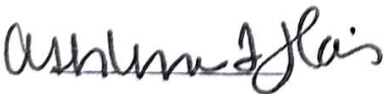
341 e. In my training and experience, users of electronic devices often enable the
342 aforementioned biometric features because they are considered to be a more convenient way to
343 unlock a device than by entering a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password. Moreover, in
344 some instances, biometric features are considered to be a more secure way to protect a device's
345 contents. This is particularly true when the users of a device are engaged in criminal activities
346 and thus have a heightened concern about securing the contents of a device.

347 f. As discussed in this Affidavit, I have reason to believe that one or more digital devices
348 will be found during the search. The passcode or password that would unlock the devices
349 subject to search under this warrant currently is not known to law enforcement. Thus, law
350 enforcement personnel may not otherwise be able to access the data contained within the
351 devices, making the use of biometric features necessary to the execution of the search authorized
352 by this warrant.

353 g. I also know from my training and experience, as well as from information found in
354 publicly available materials including those published by device manufacturers, that biometric
355 features will not unlock a device in some circumstances even if such features are enabled. This
356 can occur when a device has been restarted, inactive, or has not been unlocked for a certain
357 period of time. For example, Apple devices cannot be unlocked using Touch ID when: (1) more
358 than 48 hours has elapsed since the device was last unlocked; or, (2) when the device has not
359 been unlocked using a fingerprint for 8 hours *and* the passcode or password has not been entered
360 in the last 6 days. Similarly, certain Android devices cannot be unlocked with Trusted Face if
361 the device has remained inactive for four hours. Biometric features from other brands carry
362 similar restrictions. Thus, in the event law enforcement personnel encounter a locked device
363 equipped with biometric features, the opportunity to unlock the device through a biometric
364 feature may exist for only a short time.

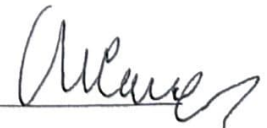
365 h. Due to the foregoing, if law enforcement personnel encounter any devices that are subject
366 to seizure pursuant to this warrant and may be unlocked using one of the aforementioned
367 biometric features, this warrant permits law enforcement personnel to: (1) press or swipe the
368 fingers (including thumbs) of any individual present at the time of the search to the fingerprint
369 scanner of the device found at the suspect's premises; (2) hold the device found at the suspect's
370 premises, in the suspect's vehicle or on the suspect's person in front of the face of any individual
371 present at the suspect's premises, in the suspect's vehicle, or on the suspect's person at the time
372 of the search and activate the facial recognition feature; and/or (3) hold the device found at the
373 suspect's premises, in the suspect's vehicle, or on the suspect's person, in the suspect's vehicle
374 or on the suspect's person in front of the face of any individual present at the suspect's premises
375 at the time of the search and activate the iris recognition feature, for the purpose of attempting to
376 unlock the device in order to search the contents as authorized by this warrant. The proposed
377 warrant does not authorize law enforcement to compel any individual present at the suspect's
378 premises, in the suspect's vehicle, or the suspect at the time of the search state or otherwise
379 provide the password or any other means that may be used to unlock or access the devices.
380 Moreover, the proposed warrant does not authorize law enforcement to compel or require any
381 individual present at the suspect's premises in the suspect's vehicle, or the suspect at the time of
382 the search to identify the specific biometric characteristics (including the unique finger(s) or
383 other physical features) that may be used to unlock or access the device described in this

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390 Based on my training and experience, I know that computer hardware, software, documentation,
391 passwords, smartphones and data security devices may be important to a criminal investigation
392 in two distinct and important respects: (1) the objects themselves may be instrumentalities, fruits,
393 or evidence of crime; and/or (2) the objects may have been used to collect and store information
394 about crimes or violations of a North Carolina criminal statute (in the form of electronic data).

395 The purposes of this search is to locate evidence in violation of North Carolina law that has been
396 collected on the computer, mobile cellular "smartphone", SD cards, digital camera, and compact
397 disk, and search said items for images or material depicting photographs of any persons involved
398 in the criminal conduct, and all of the above records, together with any evidence or items which
399 would be used to conceal the forgoing or prevent discovery.

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402 Based on the foregoing information, I have probable cause to believe that evidence of the
403 crime(s) Felony Obstruction of Justice as set forth herein are currently within the records
404 described above.

February 13th 2025

Ashley J. Glais

Superior Court Judge

Magistrate

Date

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

CLEVELAND County

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Superior Court Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990
owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of: APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

APPLE IPHONE 11 PRO IMEI:353240104138990 owned and operated by Roy Lee Dedmon

Date of Search

02/13/2025

This search was made pursuant to

- 1. a search warrant issued by: Magistrate A. Harris
- 2. consent to search given by:
- 3. other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized:

1. Any electronic information that can be gathered through a logical or physical analysis of any seized electronic device to include, but not limited to, text messages, phone call logs, notes, internet history, social media applications, pictures and/or videos.
2. Correspondence, including, but not limited to electronic mail, chat logs, and electronic messages.
3. Any and all SMS, MMS, iMessages, messages, or any other messaging applications.
4. Any and all photographs, movies, videos, notes, and calendars.
5. All device information.
6. All data stored on the device or in "the Cloud" which is associated with this device.
7. All recoverable deleted information from the devices.
8. All contacts.
9. Any other data from the device or any other data from any SD Card or external memory associated with this device.
10. All data from SD Card/external memory associated with this device.
11. All Information from applications downloaded on this device.
12. Any and all data stored on this device that is pertinent to this investigation.

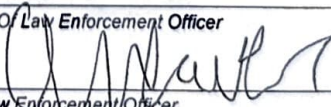
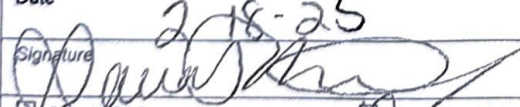
Items Seized Continued:

- 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

COPY OF SEARCH WARRANT IN CASE FILE

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 2-18-25		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer INV. C. WEAVER
Signature 		Name And Address Of Agency CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 100 JUSTICE PLACE SHELBY NC 28150
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input checked="" 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