

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss:
COUNTY OF PIERCE)

NO.

ORDER TO SEAL

This matter having come before the above entitled court on the affidavit to seal the affidavit and order in the court file and the court having read the affidavit submitted in support of said order.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the affidavit and court order be sealed in the court file and file not be opened, except upon order of the above entitled court.

DONE IN ~~WITNESS~~ this 7 day of May, 2011.

JUDGE

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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**COMPLAINT FOR SEARCH WARRANT
(Evidence)**

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) **ss:** **NO.** _____
COUNTY OF PIERCE)

COMES NOW Detective Gary Sanders, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, being first duly sworn, under oath, deposes and says:

That, on or about the 6th day of December, 2009 in West Valley, Utah, felonies, to-wit: **Murder in the First Degree, a violation of R.C.W. 9A.32.030, Kidnapping, a violation of R.C.W. 9A40.020, and Obstructing a Public Servant, a violation of R.C.W. 9A76.020**, were committed by the act, procurement or omission of another, that the following evidence, to-wit:

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3. Images and or paper(s) written or typed that contain or reference password information to access password protected and or encrypted digital media. Any and all tokens that would contain passwords and or encrypted permissions to access computers and or digital files.
4. Any other fruits or instrumentalities determined to be evidence of the crimes of, aggravated kidnapping, homicide, and obstruction of justice of justice.
5. Photographs and videotape of the interior and exterior of the home, garage, any other structures located on the property, and any evidence found;
6. Any trace evidence to include, but not limited to, blood, hair, fingerprints, and fibers;
7. Documents demonstrating dominion and control.

is material to the investigation or prosecution of the above described felony for the following reasons:

1. Journals belonging to Susan Powell would illustrate Susan Powell's first hand perspective of the relationship with Joshua Powell and what was transpiring in her life prior to her disappearance.
2. Digital media could contain evidence related to Susan Powell's disappearance.
3. Images and or paper written or typed that contain or reference password information to access password protected or encrypted digital media would allow investigators to access computers and digital files to search for evidence.
4. Any items determined to be evidence of the crimes listed would enable investigators to successfully complete the investigation.
5. Photographs and videotape would show the listed residence and evidence at the time of the service of this warrant.
6. Trace evidence would tie the victim to the suspect(s).
7. Documents showing dominion and control would demonstrate who resides and / or had access to the residence.

that the affiant verily believes that the above evidence is concealed in or about a particular house or place, to-wit:

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that the affiant's belief is based upon the following facts and circumstances:

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Your Affiant was assigned to assist the West Valley Police Department, Utah, reference an aggravated kidnapping, homicide, obstruction of justice that occurred in their jurisdiction. Detective Ellis Maxwell the lead detective advised that their person of interest, Joshua Powell, in the aggravated kidnapping and homicide of Susan Powell is currently has been since January 2010 living in Pierce County with his father, Steven Powell, which both have obstructed in this investigation. Detective Maxwell requested assistance with obtaining a search warrant for the residence of Joshua Powell and Steven Powell.

The probable cause prior to Pierce County Sheriff Department's involvement in the investigation was relayed to me by Detective Maxwell and is as follows:

Your Affiant advises the court that on December 07, 2009, victim Susan Powell (date of birth, October 16, 1981), was reported as missing by her Mother-in-law Terrica Powell. Susan Powell was last seen on Sunday, December 06, 2009; at 5:00 PM by family friend Jovanna Owings who was visiting Susan Powell at the Powell residence located at 6254 West 3945 South, West Valley City, Utah. Detective Maxwell conducted an interview with Jovanna Owings and learned that Susan Powell became tired after eating a meal that was prepared by her husband, Joshua Powell and Susan went to bed leaving Jovanna Owings to attend to some tangled yarn while Joshua Powell was preparing to take Susan and Joshua Powell's two small children sledding. Susan Powell did not show up for work on, Monday, December 07, 2009. Neither, Susan Powell nor Joshua Powell called in sick to their employers. Susan Powell and Joshua Powell's phone records were subpoenaed and revealed the following information, the last phone call made or received on Susan Powell's mobile phone was at 2:29 PM on December 06, 2009 when she called Jovanna Owings. Joshua Powell's mobile phone records revealed that he last used his mobile phone on December 06, 2009 at 12:14 PM when he called his father, Steven Powell.

Joshua Powell's next mobile phone activity was not until December 07, 2009 at 3:02 PM when he received a phone call from Jovanna's son's mobile phone, Alex Owings. When Joshua Powell answered the phone Alex Owings panicked disconnected the phone and immediately advised his mother, Jovanna Owings that Joshua Powell had just answered his mobile phone. Jovanna Owings called Joshua Powell back at 3:03 PM and spoke to Joshua Powell. Joshua Powell told her that he was out driving around the West Valley City area with his two children and did not know that his wife had not shown up for work, however the Powell's have only one car and he usually drives Susan Powell to work and picks her up from work according to interviews with friends and family. Based from subpoena information Joshua Powell's mobile phone utilized cellular towers in West Valley City, Utah when he spoke to Jovanna Owings. Joshua Powell then drove nearly 20 miles south out of West Valley City, Utah where he called his voicemail at 3:34 PM. Joshua Powell then called Susan Powell's mobile phone at 3:34 PM leaving a voice message indicating that he and their two boys had just arrived in town from their camping trip. Joshua Powell ends this voice message asking Susan Powell if she will need a ride home from work. Jennifer Graves, (sister to Joshua Powell), called Joshua Powell at 5:27 PM and asked him where he had been. Joshua Powell responded saying he was at work. When Jennifer Graves told Joshua Powell she knew he was lying, Joshua Powell then

changed his story telling her that he was camping. Jennifer Graves told Joshua Powell that he needed to return home that the police were there and that Susan Powell was missing. Joshua Powell asked her, how much she knew, Jennifer Graves didn't understand why Joshua Powell asked this question and Joshua Powell disconnected. Detective Maxwell was able to establish phone contact with Joshua Powell by using Jennifer Graves mobile phone at 5:48 PM. Detective Maxwell told Joshua Powell to return home, Joshua Powell advised he had to stop and get his children something to eat first. Detective Maxwell informed your Affiant that Joshua Powell didn't arrive at the residence until 6:40 PM.

When Joshua Powell arrived at the residence Detective Maxwell approached Joshua Powell on the passenger side of Joshua Powell's vehicle while Joshua Powell was still in his vehicle. Detective Maxwell asked Joshua Powell why he didn't answer his mobile phone or call anyone earlier in the day. Joshua Powell told Detective Maxwell that he had to keep his mobile phone off to preserve the battery that he didn't have a phone charger. Detective Maxwell clearly saw Joshua Powell's mobile phone sitting on the center console plugged into a cigarette lighter phone charger.

Detective Maxwell later interviewed Joshua Powell at the police station on December 07, 2009. Detective Maxwell informed your Affiant that Joshua Powell advised in the interview he had went camping out in the west desert which is west of the Cedar Fort area in Tooele County with his two children ages two and four. Joshua Powell advised he left to go camping on Monday, December 07, 2009 at 12:30 AM, leaving behind Susan Powell. Joshua Powell advised he went camping to check his new generator and that he actually thought that it was Sunday and not Monday. Due to his confusion he missed work and he believed he would be fired that's why he never called into his employer. Joshua Powell advised he did not know where his wife, Susan Powell was and did not appear to be concerned about her welfare only offering to detectives that she should be at work.

After the interview, Joshua Powell provided consent to search his vehicle and residence. During the search of the vehicle a generator, blankets, a gas can, tarps and a shovel were located. Susan Powell's cellular phone was located in the center front console in the off position. Joshua Powell voluntarily gave Detective Maxwell, Susan Powell's cellular phone, however we later discovered it was missing the digital sim card. Joshua Powell did not have an answer as to why Susan Powell's cellular phone was in the vehicle. During the search of the residence, two fans were set up and blowing onto the living room sofa that appeared to have just been cleaned. Joshua Powell advised Detective Maxwell during the interview that he cleaned the sofa on Sunday, December 06, 2009 prior to leaving on his camping trip because Susan told him to. Also, during the search of the residence Susan's purse containing all of her credit cards, cash, identification, and keys was located in the master bedroom undisturbed.

Detective Maxwell was briefed by Detective Larry Marx who spoke with Scott Hardman, who stated Joshua Powell once made comments about how to kill someone, dispose of the body and not get caught. Several family members and friends were interviewed

regarding Susan Powell's disappearance. It was explained, that Susan Powell and Joshua Powell have had marital problems, financial problems and that Susan Powell had made comments about divorcing Joshua Powell. Amber Hardman, Kiirsi Hellewell, Jovanna Owings, Charles Cox, Debra Caldwell, Jennifer Graves, Terrica Powell, several other family, friends and co-workers expressed this was unusual and uncharacteristic of Susan adding that she would have never left without her children. Information was also received during this investigation that Josh Powell was the beneficiary of several life insurance policies totaling one and a half million dollars on Susan Powell.

Detective Larry Marx recovered information from a safe deposit box at Wells Fargo Bank located at 5580 West Amelia Earhart Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah. Detective Maxwell reviewed and inspected these items. Safe deposit records indicated that Susan opened this safe deposit box and had only accessed it two times. There were no other authorized persons with access to this. Inside this safe deposit box was a folded letter, stapled around the edges addressed to her family and friends specifically asking that it not be shown or given to her husband Joshua Powell, writing that she did not trust him. This letter is dated June 28, 2008, addressed as being written by Susan Powell, signed with a signature which appears similar to the signature on Susan Powell's Utah State driver's license number, 172504259, and the signature on the safe deposit box form. The letter is titled, "Last will & testament for Susan Powell". This is hand written and Susan Powell writes how she does not trust her husband and that he has threatened to destroy her if they get divorced and her children will not have a mother and father. The letter states that Susan Powell and her husband Joshua Powell have been having marital problems for the past four years and if something were to happen to her, she requests the reader to speak with her sister-in-law Jennifer Graves. Also, stated in the letter is a statement about, if Susan Powell dies it may not be an accident, even if it looks like one.

Detective Larry Marx spoke to Amber Hardman; she stated while attending an employee party for Wells Fargo with her husband and other co-workers, along with Joshua and Susan Powell; Joshua Powell talked about how he liked to go camping in the west desert of Utah and the area is full of mine shafts, tunnels that are very unstable so you could dispose of someone and no one would ever search for the body.

Detective Maxwell conducted a second interview with Joshua Powell on December 08, 2009. Joshua Powell arrived nearly four hours late past the scheduled appointment. Joshua Powell offered the same information as he did in the first interview. Joshua Powell never asked about Susan Powell or what the police were doing to locate her. Joshua Powell later requested an attorney and refused to answer any further questions. Joshua Powell requested to leave the police station which he was allowed. Joshua Powell voluntarily gave Detective Maxwell his cellular phone for forensic review, but prior to providing his phone he removed the digital sim card without detectives knowing. During the course of this interview assisting detectives conducted a search of the Powell's residence accompanied with a search warrant. Blood evidence was located on the tile floor next to the carpet adjacent to the sofa. Forensic tests of this blood indicated it was Susan Powell's. A search warrant was conducted on Joshua Powell's vehicle during this interview and was later completed after Joshua Powell chose to leave the interview.

Initially Joshua Powell was waiting around the police lobby area for his vehicle. When I returned from completing the search of his vehicle Joshua Powell had left the police station. Later that week after receiving subpoenaed mobile phone records, speaking with Terrica Powell, and examining a rental car that Joshua Powell had rented on December 08, 2009. It was discovered that Joshua Powell left the police station and had rented a Ford Focus from Hertz Rental car at the Salt Lake International Airport on December 08, 2009 at about 10:30 PM. Joshua Powell purchased a new mobile phone which was activated in Tremonton, Utah 80 miles north of Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 09, 2009 at about 4:20 PM. The rental car was returned by Joshua Powell on December 10, 2009 at about 7:00 PM. It was verified that Joshua Powell had traveled over 800 miles.

Since this interview Joshua Powell has not been willing to communicate with police further. Detective Maxwell had to obtain a search warrant to obtain Joshua Powell's DNA even at that time Joshua Powell's attorney wouldn't allow Joshua Powell to answer simple questions regarding Susan Powell.

During the course of this investigation Detective Maxwell and other detectives of the West Valley City Police Department have made contact and spoke with over 300 people, including neighbors, co-workers, family, friends, acquaintances, sex offenders, parolees, prior co-workers and church members. Several subpoenas and search warrants have been prepared and served to obtain evidence and personal information on Joshua Powell, Steven Powell, and Susan Powell. Credit reports have been obtained and credit card companies have been served subpoenas for their records. Digital data from hard drives and computers have been reviewed and there is over one terabytes of information that is encrypted preventing law enforcement additional access. Detective Maxwell asked Joshua Powell for the passwords through his attorney, although Joshua Powell stated he couldn't remember them. Areas of the west desert have been searched with no evidence or sign of Susan Powell. Forensic evidence has been processed by the Utah State Crime Laboratory.

On December 14, 2009, seven days after Susan Powell was reported as missing, Joshua Powell contacted the day care provider advising the children would not be coming back and she probably will not ever see them again. Joshua Powell contacted Susan Powell's chiropractor, by phone, on December 15, 2009, advising the office to cancel all of Susan Powell's future appointment. Joshua Powell provided a power of attorney to Wells Fargo Bank withdrawing Susan Powell's IRA accounts on December 17, 2009.

Joshua Powell has continually refused to communicate with police and retained an attorney. Joshua Powell left Utah on December 19, 2009 and spent about two weeks in Pierce County, Washington. Joshua Powell returned to Utah the weekend of January 08, 2010 with a moving van. Joshua Powell packed the contents of his home into the moving van and moved to the address of 18615 94th Avenue Court E, Puyallup, Washington, where he currently resides with his father, Steven Powell.

A forensic interview was conducted with C.P. the son to Joshua and Susan Powell on December 8, 2009 by Detective Kim Waelty of the West Valley City Police Department,

Utah; C.P. advised during this forensic interview that his mommy went camping with them although she did not come back home with them and he did not know why. Several weeks later, January 3, 2009, C.P. was attending church in Puyallup WA. During primary class the teacher told C.P. she was going to have to go get his mom or dad due to him misbehaving; C.P. stated with no emotion and with no hesitation, "my mom is dead". An interview of the Sunday school teacher, Crystal Lewis (date of birth, 11-17-82), was conducted in Puyallup, Washington, on January 13, 2009; Crystal Lewis confirmed the statement made by C.P. and explained that at the time of the statement made by C.P. she did not know he was the son of Susan and Joshua Powell. Since traveling to Puyallup Washington, December 19 2009, the children of Susan and Joshua Powell have not returned to, or been available for contact for further interviews in the State of Utah.

On May 11, 2010, a second consent search of Steven and Joshua Powell's residence was conducted which involved multiple detectives from West Valley City, FBI SA Gary France, and Deputy USM Derryl Spencer. With consent from Steven Powell, FBI SA Gary France located in a locked cabinet in Steven Powell's bedroom multiple images of Susan Powell. Some images Susan Powell was clothed some she was in her underwear. SA France described one image of Susan Powell in a bathroom doing her hair while dressed only in her underwear. Based off of the photograph it appeared the photographer was taking this picture through the slightly opened door without Susan Powell knowing. Another image was that of Susan Powell while she was sitting at a table wearing a dress. Based off of the image the photographer photographed Susan Powell while she was looking away from the camera. The image show's Susan Powell's legs slightly open exposing her underwear. SA France saw several images of completely nude female bodies with the original heads replaced with the face of Susan Powell. There were photographs of Steven Powell masturbating to an image of Susan Powell on a television screen. SA France explained there were close up photographs which showed a close up view of a masturbating erect male penis to images of Susan Powell. Also inside this locked cabinet there were video cassette tapes labeled "Susan" and women's underwear. When SA France asked Steven Powell how he obtained these images of Susan Powell, Steven replied that he took some of the photographs himself and he also took copies off of Joshua Powell's computer without him knowing.

Steven Powell has been interviewed multiple times by law enforcement to include the West Valley City Police, FBI, and the USM. In all interviews Steven Powell described his love and his infatuation for Susan Powell.

Your Affiant was told by Detective Maxwell, that assisting detectives recovered a journal belonging to Susan Powell from her place of employment, Wells Fargo, in December 2009. Detective Maxwell reviewed this journal and advised your Affiant of the following information. Susan Powell dated the first page of this journal as being January 03, 2002. Susan Powell writes about how she has written in personal journals since she was eight years old and that these journals are packed away. Susan articulates when she was 19 years of age she was engaged to Joshua Powell. This journal also contains writings from Susan Powell describing marital discord between her and Joshua Powell from 2005 through and to her last entry on October 26, 2009. Susan Powell writes about Steven

Powell in this journal starting in December 2002 to 2007, describing him as a negative influence on Joshua Powell, pedophile, and how hard it is for her to forgive Steven Powell for what has said. Susan states how she does not want Steven Powell involved in her life, her children's life, and how she wishes Joshua Powell would eliminate Steven Powell from his life.

Detective Maxwell advised your Affiant that Joshua and Steven Powell openly admitted in 2010 to media and friends that they had in their possession seven to nine journals which belonged to Susan Powell. Your Affiant was informed by Detective Maxwell that on November 16, 2010, Lieutenant William Merritt of the West Valley City Police Department and Deputy USM Spencer made contact with Joshua and Steven Powell at their residence in Puyallup, Washington. Joshua and Steven Powell admitted they did in fact have in their possession several of Susan Powell's journals. The investigators requested the originals and or a copy of these journals belonging to Susan Powell to further assist in the investigation of the missing mother, Susan Powell. Joshua and Steven Powell agreed to release only a copy of the journals and under the condition that they receive the most recent journal of Susan Powell's that was currently possessed by the West Valley City Police Department, Utah. Subsequent to this meeting, Steven Powell called Deputy USM Spencer and advised he and Joshua Powell were no longer interested in releasing any journals and they were not going to cooperate any longer.

Your Affiant was advised by Detective Maxwell that Joshua Powell manages a web site named, susanpowell.org. Joshua Powell and or Steven Powell posted on this web site, six scanned images that appear to be hand writing entries into Susan Powell's journal(s). Joshua or Steven Powell titles this section of the website, "Letter to Susan written directly into her journal". There is another title that Joshua or Steven Powell provides, "Links to view the full letter". The link is labeled, "Typed Transcript: August 03, 1999 Brittainy writes about Judy Cox's abuse as it is happening". Joshua or Steven Powell provides a scanned copy of the journal entry followed with a typed transcript after each scanned copy. This scanned journal copy was added to the susanpowell.org website on about December 07, 2010. Within days of this posting on the web site Detective Maxwell contacted Brittainy Cornett and verified this was in fact her writing into one of Susan Powell's journals. Brittainy confirmed that Susan Powell consistently wrote in journals and on this particular day Brittainy Cornett wrote this letter to Susan Powell in Susan Powell's journal. Based off of your Affiant's training and experience a person must use a scanner and or a camera to capture a image or document. This image or document is typically saved and stored on a computer and or another source of digital media storage device such as a flash drives and or a external hard drives. Once this image is saved and stored it can be introduced through links and or shared with other persons.

Detective Maxwell described to your Affiant that on July 14, 2011, Joshua Powell and Steven Powell appeared on the NBC Today Show. The following facts were broadcasted on national television. Joshua and Steven Powell admitted to possessing 2000 pages of journal entries belonging to Susan Powell. While the reporter was interviewing and recording Steven Powell, in the background was an opened and operating lap top computer. Steven and Joshua Powell allowed the reporter/cameraman to record the

journals they currently possess. Detective Maxwell described the following seven journals; one journal with a gold inlay of a feather pen in a pen holder, one journal with silver inlay lettering "journal", one black journal with the imprint "journal", one maroon journal with gold inlay lettering "journal", one green hardback journal, one pink hardback journal, and one black hardback journal. The reporter/cameraman was also allowed to record the content of these journal(s). Pages 148 and 149, dated Wed. Dec. 10, 97 in blue writing and Fri. Dec. 12, 97 in blue writing. Detective Maxwell recognized this handwriting to be that of Susan Powell's based off of reviewing hundreds of pages of writings by Susan Powell. Detective Maxwell contacted Jennifer Graves, the sister to Joshua Powell and was recently in the residence in 2010. Jennifer Graves verified a segment of the interview with Steven Powell was conducted in the dining room of Steven Powell's residence.

Steven Powell has announced to the media the importance of these journals to the investigation because Susan Powell describes her relationships with males prior to Joshua Powell; her sexually fantasies, and it shows how unstable Susan Powell really is. Steven Powell also announced that he and Joshua Powell plan on sharing/releasing more journal entries in the coming weeks using the susanpowell.org website. Your Affiant believes based off of Joshua and Steven Powell's actions in December of 2010 displaying scanned images of Susan Powell's journal entries. The statement that they plan on releasing more journal entries leads your Affiant to believe that they have, and are in the act of, or will be scanning and digitally storing additional copies of Susan Powell's journals on their computers and or digital media devices such as external hard drives and or flash drives in addition to what they already have, the six pages from 1999. .

Due to the fact these journals are evidence and could provide further intelligence and or investigative leads. These journals must be recovered. With the lack of cooperation and criminally obstructive behavior from Steven and Joshua Powell refusing to provide the journals to law enforcement in November 2010, a search warrant must be executed to recover this evidence and in addition, any and all digital copies that would be stored on Joshua Powell's computer(s) or digital storage devices, Steven Powell's computer(s) or digital storage devices, and any other computer(s) or digital storage devices that Joshua and Steven Powell would have access to in any common part of the residence. Obtaining this evidence would provide further leads furthermore it would preserve and safeguard the ongoing investigation.

Detective Maxwell has learned through this investigation while working with multiple agencies such as the FBI, Secret Service, and private firms that individuals will use what they call "tokens". This "token" must be introduced to the computer or lap top device in order to access encrypted files, folders, or even the computer/lap top it's self. Detective Maxwell also knows through training and experience that individuals that encrypt and or password protect digital media most often write these characters down on a piece of paper or type and print these characters for future reference. As mentioned earlier in this affidavit, Joshua Powell had over one terabyte of digital storage that was encrypted preventing law enforcement from further review of the seized evidence that was taken from the Powell's residence in December 2009, in West Valley City, Utah.

Detective Maxwell advised your Affiant of all the above information and requests the court issue a search warrant allowing members of the Pierce County Sheriff's office and the West Valley City Police Department, Utah, to search the residence of Steven and Joshua Powell for evidence related to this investigation. Your affiant also requests the court issue a search warrant allowing members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and the West Valley City Police Department, Utah, to search the listed vehicles for evidence related to this investigation. The vehicles listed are owned by Joshua Powell and Steven Powell or are the assigned vehicles that Steven Powell uses for employment.

Your Affiant has assisted Detective Maxwell and other detectives of the West Valley City Police Department, Utah since their first visit to Puyallup, Washington in December 2009. Your Affiant has assisted in coordinating and conducting interviews with Steven Powell, C.P. (Susan Powell's son), coordinating and carrying out consent search of Steven Powell's residence, submitting to the courts mobile tracking orders, and search warrants.

Your Affiant strongly believes the recovery of any and all information and or property belonging to or associated to Susan Powell is critical in the continued investigation of Susan Powell's disappearance. This additional evidence could lead to additional responsible parties and or eliminate persons of interest. In addition the recovery of this evidence could solve the disappearance of Susan Powell and or lead investigators to specific location where Susan Powell could be recovered. Your Affiant requests that all evidence recovered from the execution of this search warrant to be released from Pierce County Sheriff's Department to the authorities of the West Valley City Police Department, Utah, for their prosecution in the Third District Courts

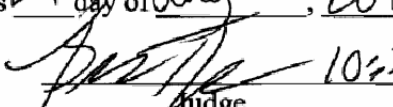
Detective Maxwell requests this court order to be sealed as all the Third District Court issued documents are sealed to preserve the integrity of the investigation until any filing of charges so that it does not hinder further investigation.

The affiant believes that the above listed items of evidence may be concealed and/or located on the premise described as the location of the intended search.

The affiant learned the above facts through examination of the crime scene, interviewing witnesses, and the examination and comparison of other officer's notes and findings regarding this investigation.

 #230
Detective Gary Sanders #230

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of Aug, 2011

 10:29 AM
Judge

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**SEARCH WARRANT
(Evidence)**

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COUNTY OF PIERCE) **ss:** **NO.** _____

**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER
OF SAID COUNTY:**

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THEREFORE, in the name of the State of Washington, you are commanded that within ten days from this date, with necessary and proper assistance, you enter into and/or search the said house, person, place or thing, to-wit:

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and then and there diligently search for said evidence, and any other, and if same, or evidence material to the investigation or prosecution of said felony or any part thereof, be found on such search, bring the same forthwith before me, to be disposed of according to law. *All vehicles must be returned to registered owners after the*

A copy of this warrant shall be served upon the person or persons found in or on said house or place, a copy of this warrant shall be posted upon any conspicuous place in or on said house, place, or thing, and a copy of this warrant and inventory shall be returned to the undersigned judge or his agent promptly after execution.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 24th day of August 2011

*Search by
Pierce
County
Sheriff
is
Completed,*

[Signature] 10:29 AM
Judge

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
)
 COUNTY OF PIERCE)

No.
 AFFIDAVIT FOR
 ORDER TO SEAL

COMES NOW DETECTIVE GARY SANDERS #230 (affiant), who being first duly sworn on oath complains and says: that on or about December 6, 2009 in West Valley, Utah, felonies, to wit: **MURDER R.C.W. 9A.32.030, Kidnapping R.C.W. 9A.40.020, and Obstructing a Public Servant R.C.W. 9A.76.020** were committed by the act, procurement or omission of another, and that the sealing of following documents, to wit

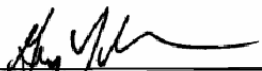
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- 2) **SEARCH WARRANT**

is necessary to the investigation of the above-described felony for the following reasons.

PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEAL

The affidavit in this matter involves a high-profile investigation in which evidence is still being developed. The premature disclosure of this information could hinder any further investigation and damage the possibility of prosecution of the suspect. Therefore the affiant believes that the successful conclusion of this investigation could be hampered, should the order and affidavit, incorporated here by this reference, not be sealed by the court in the file.

Due to the above information your affiant requests that the Complaint for Search Warrant and the Search Warrant be sealed in the court file and the file not be opened, except upon the order of the above-entitled court.

 #230/PCSD
 Detective Gary Sanders #230 (affiant)
 Pierce County Sheriff's Department

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 24th day of, August, 2011.

 10:30 AM
 PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Return of Service

State of Washington)
) ss: No. _____
County of Pierce)

This is to certify that I received the within Search Warrant on the 25th day of August ,2011 and that pursuant to the command contained therein, I made due and diligent search of the person, place or thing described therein and found the following items;

See attached property report.

Names of persons found in possession of property;

 The Powells

Names of persons served with a true and complete copy of Search Warrant;

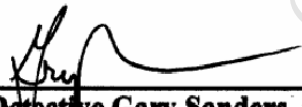
 Alina Powell

Description of door or conspicuous place where a copy of Search Warrant was posted;

 Dining/entry room table

The property is now kept at the Pierce County Property Room located at the County City Building.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2010.



Detective Gary Sanders #230
Pierce County Sheriff's Department

Witnessed:

**Pierce County Sheriff's Department (PCSD)
Evidence Inventory Report**

112370743

Subject: Pending | EC - Search
Warrant/Agency Assist

Incident Location: 18615 94th Ac E

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Item #	Property Description	Qty	Serial #	Disposition	Disp Location
1	Other - Evidence - White notepad found on headboard of bed in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
2	Other - Evidence - Dell laptop computer, SN: CN-0H204948643-4CS-1081 found on the headboard of bed of master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
3	Other - Evidence - W.D. external hard drive, SN: WXG0A99U3468 and cable found in headboard of bed in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
4	Other - Evidence - Green sticky note found in National Geographic magazine found in headboard of bed in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
5	Other - Evidence - HP Desktop Computer tower SN: US21385153 found in northeast family office	1		Released to Other Agency	
6	Other - Evidence - Thumb drive found on box in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
7	Other - Evidence - White Micron Desktop computer tower found on floor in the northeast corner of master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
8	Other - Evidence - Book containing purple post-it note found on bookshelf in childrens room (southwest corner bedroom)	1		Released to Other Agency	
9	Other - Evidence - Note on notepad found on sofa along east wall of master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
10	Other - Evidence - Dell Laptop SN:JPCYXM1 found northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
11	Other - Evidence - Packet of photographs found in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
12	Other - Evidence - Microsoft Window's XP Professional CD found in master bedroom on sofa along east wall	1		Released to Other Agency	
13	Other - Evidence - Desktop Computer Tower found in hallway on floor stacked in corner	1		Released to Other Agency	
14	Other - Evidence - Desktop Computer Tower found in hallway on floor stacked in corner	1		Released to Other Agency	
15	Other - Evidence - Desktop Computer Tower found in hallway on floor stacked in corner	1		Released to Other Agency	
16	Other - Evidence - Desktop computer Tower found in northside middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
17	Other - Evidence - Desktop computer Tower found in north side middle bedroom under table	1		Released to Other Agency	
18	Other - Evidence - Laptop found in north side middle bedroom	1		Left at Scene	
19	Other - Evidence - Desktop computer tower found in north middle bedroom	1		Left at Scene	
20	Other - Evidence - Misc. envelopes containing misc. computer CD's found in north middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	

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21	Other - Evidence - Misc computer CD's found in north middle bedroom closet	1		Released to Other Agency	
22	Other - Evidence - Desktop computer tower found in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
23	Other - Evidence - 5- misc. USB drives from desk in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
24	Other - Evidence - Misc. papers from desk in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
25	Other - Evidence - orange post-it note found northeast corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
26	Other - Evidence - Desktop computer tower found in music room first floor southwest corner	1		Released to Other Agency	
27	Other - Evidence - Maxtor 300GB external hard drive with power cord and USB connector found in music room, attached to #26	1		Released to Other Agency	
28	Other - Evidence - green spiral notebook, found in master bedroom night stand	1		Released to Other Agency	
29	Other - Evidence - Misc. documents found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
30	Other - Evidence - desktop computer tower found in hallway on second floor	1		Released to Other Agency	
31	Other - Evidence - Packard-Bell computer tower found in hallway on second floor	1		Released to Other Agency	
32	Other - Evidence - Misc documents in manilla folders found in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
33	Other - Evidence - Zip-lock baggie of Hair found in north middle bedroom closet	1		Released to Other Agency	
34	Other - Evidence - Three ring binder with poems and songs found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
35	Other - Evidence - Box containing 9 binded books found in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
36	Other - Evidence - yellow post-it note found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
37	Other - Evidence - Post-it note found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
38	Other - Evidence - notebook with hand writing inside found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
39	Other - Evidence - Video cam-corder SN: 1336065 found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
40	Other - Evidence - two pieces of paper containing passwords and "bit-lock" received from Josh Powell	1		Released to Other Agency	

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41	Other - Evidence - VHS tape found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
42	Other - Evidence - Misc VHS tapes from master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
43	Other - Evidence - Post-It note found in book in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
44	Other - Evidence - manilla folder master bedroom east side night stand	1		Released to Other Agency	
45	Other - Evidence - Box of photos, misc. 8mm tapes and backup disks found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
46	Other - Evidence - pieces of paper from notepad found in south side bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
47	Other - Evidence - Hard drive from closet of northwest bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
48	Other - Evidence - Hard drive from closet of northwest bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
49	Other - Evidence - 3-ring binder and two file folders found in closet in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
50	Other - Evidence - misc document closet in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
51	Other - Evidence - (Wht-1) Box of journals and misc photo albums found on top of book case in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
52	Other - Evidence - (Wht-2) Typed letter found in Steve's locked cabinet in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
53	Other - Evidence - (Wht-3) Misc photo's of Susan from Steve's locked cabinet in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
54	Other - Evidence - (Wht-4) misc. underclothing and womans hygiene found in Steve's locked cabinet in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
55	Other - Evidence - (Wht-5) Multiple note books from master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
56	Other - Evidence - (Wht-6) Packof photos from Steve's locked cabinet in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
57	Other - Evidence - (Wht-7) written documents from Steve's locked cabinet	1		Released to Other Agency	
58	Other - Evidence - (Wht-8) 4- CD's containing encryption Keys from safe in Garage	1		Released to Other Agency	
59	Other - Evidence - (Wht-9) Blue/Green winter gloves from mud room under stairs	1		Released to Other Agency	
60	Other - Evidence - (Wht-10) misc. VHS tapes from Steve's locked cabinet in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	

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1	Other - Evidence - (Wht-11) HP Pavillion Laptop computer, SN: CNF8042GW2 with power supply found in south middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
2	Other - Evidence - (Wht-12) Mario Notebook computer SN: 51012199AAA00012 found in south middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
3	Other - Evidence - (Wht-13) HP Laptop SN: CNF4391SW4 found in south middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
4	Other - Evidence - (Wht-14) Desk top computer tower with power supply, Modle ASUS, SN: 012130160 found in south middle bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
5	Other - Evidence - (Wht-15) Folder of misc documents found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
6	Other - Evidence - (Wht-16) Book "Dreams of love and..." found on bookshelf in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
7	Other - Evidence - (Wht-17) pack of pictures found in master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
8	Other - Evidence - (Wht-18) box of 8mm video cassette tapes found in closet of master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
9	Other - Evidence - (Wht-19) CD found in the northwest bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
10	Other - Evidence - (Wht-20) flashdrive found in the northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
11	Other - Evidence - (Wht-21) Misc documents from northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
12	Other - Evidence - (Wht-22) Olympus Digital recorder found in northwest corner bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	
13	Other - Evidence - (Wht-23) single VHS tape from master bedroom	1		Released to Other Agency	

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