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APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF STORY

Ames Police Department

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Being duly sworn, I, the undersigned, say that at the place (and on the person(s) and in the vehicle(s)) described as follows:

Area of temporary residence and immediate surrounding area, located approximately 50 yards south of the southern termination of S. Maple Avenue in Ames at approximately 600 S. Maple Avenue. Temporary residence includes a red and white Ozark Trail tent and a red/orange dome tent, along with the immediate area of curtilage.

Black backpack with white tag labeled "C. Richards"located east of orange tent near aforementioned camp.

in Story County, there is now certain property, namely:

Red and white Ozark Trail tent
Orange/red dome tent
Photographs of general area and tent interiors.
Any knives, razor blades, stilettos, sharp edged objects, cutting instruments
Sheath, scabbard, holster, or device used to secure or store knives, razor blades, stilettos, sharp edged objects, or cutting instruments
Blood stained clothing
Soiled clothing
Any female clothing or garments potentially belonging to victim
Examination of any freshly disturbed soil
Any golf related items potentially belonging to victim
Any cellular or electronic devices including removable media i.e. SD cards or other remote storage devices

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Which is:

☒ Property that has been obtained in violation of law.

☒ Property, that possession of which is illegal.

☒ Property used or possessed with the intent to be used as the means of committing a public offense or concealed to prevent an offense from being discovered.

☒ Property relevant and material as evidence in a criminal prosecution.

The facts establishing the foregoing ground(s) for issuance of a search warrant are as set forth in the attachment(s) which are made part of this Application.

Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of September 2018.

Magistrate/Judge
Second Judicial District
Story County, Iowa

WHEREFORE, the undersigned asked that a Search Warrant be issued.

Story County Attorney

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

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ATTACHMENT A

Applicant's Name: Cole Hippen

Occupation: Criminal Investigator No. of Years: 9

Assignment: Criminal Investigations No. of Years: 2

Your applicant conducted an investigation and received information from fellow officers and other sources as follows:

(☐ See attached investigative and law enforcement reports.)

On September 17, 2018 at 1024 hours, officers were dispatched to the Coldwater Golf Course at 1400 S. Grand avenue in Ames for a report of a missing female. The initial report indicated the female was last seen golfing on the course at tee 4, with an additional report that several items including clothing and a cellular phone were located strewn about at hole 9. An officer was flagged down by witnesses at 1103 hours, reporting a body located in a pond near a trail within the golf course. Officers ultimately located a deceased female with what appeared to be several stab wounds to the victim's upper torso area. The victim appeared to be missing clothing, as they were only clad in a sports bra and golf type skirt.

On September 17, 2018 at 1335 hours, officers located a male leaving the area north of the Coldwater Golf Course, as the male was walking north on the walking trail near the 400 block of Grand Avenue. Officers made contact with and identified the male, identified as Dalton Barnes DOB: 03.22.1996. Officers made contact with the male, who stated something to the effect, what did Collin do to her? Barnes went on to state that he had recently camped at a temporary encampment with a male named Collin Richards. Barnes reported within the past several days, he had been told by Richards that Richards had an urge to rape and kill a woman. Barnes said he last saw Richards crossing the creek bed near their camp at approximately 1000 hours on September 17, 2018. Barnes described the camp as a temporary set of two tents, one described as a red and white large tent, with the other being described as a red or orange dome tent. Barnes stated the camp was west of the S. Grand walking trail, north of the creek or river (Squaw Creek). The location described by Barnes placed the camp on the north side of Squaw Creek, with Coldwater Golf Course lining the south end of Squaw Creek in that area. Additionally, a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy K9 unit was called to the scene. The deputy reported the K9 unit obtained a fresh scent trail using the victim's items left behind at the golf course. The K9 unit followed the trail of fresh scent, which led to an area consistent with the temporary encampment described by Barnes. The K9 unit specifically found an area of fresh scent around the red and white tent in that area.

On September 17, 2018 officers were sent to the encampment, which was ultimately located approximately 50 yards south of S. Maple, which terminates in approximately the 500-600 block. The encampment's location placed it between the dead end of S. Maple and Squaw Creek, which was thus located directly across the creek from Coldwater Golf Course. Upon locating the camp, Barnes accompanied officers and confirmed the camp located by officers was the one he had shared with Richards. Additionally, while officers were located at the encampment, a male was located walking toward the camp. That male was identified as Collin Richards by officers on scene. At the time of contact, officers noted Richards had fresh scratches on his face. Officers also reported Richards sat down at the scene, and immediately stuck his left hand into the dirt. At the time of contact, Richards was in possession of a black backpack with a white tag labeled "C. Richards," which Richards dropped at the camp approximately 10 feet east of the orange tent. Upon further examination after Richards had removed his hand from the dirt while speaking with officers, Richards had a deep laceration on his left hand, which appeared fresh, with officers reporting dirt still stuck into the blood emanating from the wound.

Barnes reported Richards carried a large knife with a serrated back edge, which Barnes reported Richards would cut wood with. Additionally, Ames PD officers reported previous contacts with Richards, in which Richards was in possession of various knives.

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INFORMANT'S ATTACHMENT B

(Prepare a separate attachment for each informant)

Peace Officer Cole Hippen received information from an informant whose name is: Dalton Barnes

☐ Confidential because disclosure of the informant's identity would:

☐ Endanger the informant's safety.

☐ Impair the informant's future usefulness to law enforcement.

The informant is reliable for the following reason(s):

☐ The informant is a concerned citizen who has been known by the above peace officer for _____ years and who:

☐ Is a mature individual.

☐ Is regularly employed.

☐ Is a student in good standing.

☐ Is a well-respected family and/or business person.

☐ Is a person of truthful reputation.

☐ Has no motivation to falsify the information.

☐ Has no known association with known criminals.

☐ Has no criminal record.

☐ Has otherwise demonstrated truthfulness. (State in the narrative the facts that led to this conclusion.)

☐ Other

☐ The informant has supplied information in the past _____ times.

☐ The informant's past information has helped to provide the basis for ___ search warrants.

☐ The informant's past information has led to the making of _____ arrests.

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INFORMANT'S ATTACHMENT B (continued)

☐ Past information from the informant has led to the filing of the following charges:

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☐ Past information from the informant has led to the discovery and seizure of stolen property, drugs or other contraband.

☒ The informant has not given false information in the past.

☒ The information supplied by the informant in this investigation has been corroborated by law enforcement personnel. (Indicate in the narrative the corroborated information and how it was corroborated.)

☐ Other : _____

The informant has provided the following information:

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ENDORSEMENT ON SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATION

1. In issuing the search warrant, the undersigned relied upon the sworn testimony of the following person(s) together with the statements and information contained in the application and any attachments thereto. The court relied upon the following witnesses:

Name	Address
Cole Hippen	515 Clark Avenue, Ames IA 50010

2. Abstract of Testimony. (As set forth in the application and the attachments thereto, plus the following information.)_____

3. The undersigned has relied, at least in part, on information supplied by a confidential informant (who need not be named) to the peace officer(s) shown on Attachment(s)_____

4. The information appears credible because (select):
   - _____ A. Sworn testimony indicates this informant has given reliable information on previous occasions; or,
   - _____ B. Sworn testimony indicates that either the informant appears credible or the information appears credible for the following reasons (**if credibility is based on this ground, the magistrate must set out reasons here**):

5. The information (is/~~is not~~) found to justify probable cause.
6. I therefore (do/~~do not~~) issue the warrant.

Magistrate/Judge