

STATE OF MICHIGAN	AFFIDAVIT FOR	CASE NO.
54-A JUDICIAL DISTRICT	SEARCH WARRANT	15-0528-35

Police Agency: Lansing Police Department  
Report Number LLA150521022536

Officer Damian Manson AFFIANT, States that:

**1. The person, place or thing to be searched is described as and is located at:**

310 S Francis Ave, City of Lansing, Ingham County, State of Michigan. 310 S Francis Ave is the fourth structure north of E. Kalamazoo on the west side of Francis Ave. 310 S Francis is more particular described as a single family ranch with a detached two car garage having blue vinyl siding and white trim. The numbers 310 are on a mailbox to the north of the stairs to the porch. The stairs and porch face east. Also to be searched are all vehicles located on the premises or parked near the premises that are under control of occupants of 310 S Francis Ave.

**2. The PROPERTY to be searched for and seized, if found, is specifically described as:**

Evidence of delivery, possession and manufacturing of marijuana, including but not limited to, an unknown quantity of marijuana or any other controlled substances; paraphernalia used for mixing, packaging, using, and/or delivery, books, records, notes, and other writings, properties used for the delivery and/or manufacturing of marijuana or any other controlled substances; article of identification such as post-marked envelopes, utility or other bills, driver's license and weapons and ammunition used for protection of above-stated criminal activities; finger and palm prints, computer records, computers, cellular telephones and contents, flash drives, photographs, and video tapes; safes and lock-boxes, money; firearms and ammunition. DNA for Sherie Ward and John Morin to compare with the handgun inside

**3. The FACTS establishing probable cause or the grounds for the search are:**

- A. Damian Manson, hereafter AFFIANT, is employed as a police officer by the City of Lansing Police Department, having served for approximately twenty years, and she is currently assigned to the Special Operations Section, serving approximately eleven months in SOS.
- B. AFFIANT says that Special Operations Section (SOS) as part of its duties with the Lansing Police Department investigates suspected murder for hire within the City of Lansing.
- C. AFFIANT used CI 2057 in the course of his investigation as follows:
  1. On 5/21/2015 CI 2057 stated that he/she could obtain marijuana from the 300 block of S. Francis Ave. CI 2057 did obtain marijuana in this block that tested positive for marijuana.
  2. CI 2057 has provided video footage from inside the 310 S Francis Ave address. The video showed the grow operations in the basement of the house. It also shows the Ward telling CI 2057 about the safe and what's inside them.
  3. CI 2057 has provided the interior layout of the house at 310 S Francis Ave. He has also provided other information regarding criminal activity and controlled substance violations

- D. AFFIANT states that on **May 19, 2015** CI 2057 advised that a Sherie Ward approached him for a **murder for hire**. Ward wanted to kill her boyfriend, John Morin. They both reside at 310 S Francis Ave. in the city of Lansing county of Ingham
- E. AFFIANT states that Ward showed CI 2057 the inside of the house at 310 S Francis Ave. **The CI was shown a handgun that was underneath the mattress**. There was also a **marijuana grow in the basement and garage**. **The handgun belongs to John Morin who is a convicted felon**.
- F. AFFIANT states the marijuana grow op is controlled by John Morin. Ward doesn't have access to the grow op in the garage. Ward has given CI 2057 bags of marijuana that was harvested from the grow op at 310 S. Francis.
- G. AFFIANT states CI 2057 has several audio & video recordings of Ward talking about **John Morin for insurance money**. Ward was also making plans on how to carry out the **killings** Ward has been asking **CI 2057 to kill Morin for months now**.
- H. AFFIANT states John Morin is a convicted felon **4/17/1980 convicted for armed robbery; 12/19/1984 convicted for safe breaking; 5/15/1984 convicted for burglary; 12/12/1984 convicted for burglary; 4/1/1985 convicted for larceny in a building**.
- I. AFFIANT states that the City of Lansing Assessor's Office website showed that 310 S Francis was purchased by John Morin on **5/22/2000**. Secretary of State records show that John Morin resides at 310 S Francis.
- J. Based on AFFIANT'S training and experience, it is common for persons violating the controlled substances laws to possess firearms to protect their drugs and their profits, and to maintain firearms and ammunition at their place of residence and/or the location from which the sales of drugs are occurring
- K. AFFIANT from his training and experience in investigating controlled substances know that individuals often use and keep US currency and controlled substances in the residence in locked boxes and safes.
- L. AFFIANT knows that persons who violate the Controlled Substances Act frequently keep records on the following media: books, notes, and other writings, computer devices, photographs, video tapes, cellular telephones and other similar electronic equipment.
- M. Articles of identification such as driver's licenses, post-marked envelopes, and utility or other bills can be used as evidence of the identity of person or persons possessing or delivering controlled substances in the location to be searched.
- N. AFFIANT from her experience investigating controlled substance violations knows that persons often keep the controlled substances within their vehicles, garages and outbuildings.
- O. That based on AFFIANT's training and experience, individuals involved in the sale and trafficking of narcotics often store and save information in their cellular telephones that document contacts of or with purchasers of narcotics, text message information evidencing sale of narcotics, and phone numbers which evidence contact for future/past sales and purchases.
- P. Based on the foregoing, AFFIANT believes that the Controlled Substances Act is being violated from and within 310 S Francis, City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan.

CA

CA Killings

All assumptions

Work Phone

AFFIANT further sayeth not.

State of Michigan

5/28/15

Date

Deputy Clerk, 54-A District Court  
(SEAL)

This affidavit consists of 3 pages.

Affiant

MAY 28 2015 @ 447p.

Reviewed on May 28, 2015 4:15p

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

by

Andrew M Stevens, P73680

Prosecuting Official

W. A. [unclear] 16147.

Judge/Magistrate

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**TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER**

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IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

I have found that probable cause exists and you are commanded to make the search and seize the described property. Leave a tabulation (a written inventory) of all property taken with the person from whom the property was taken or at the premises. You are further commanded to promptly return this warrant and tabulation to the Court.

Issued: MAY 28 2015 @ 4:47p Lu A. Ingham 101477  
Date Judge/Magistrate

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RETURN AND TABULATION

Search was made on (date) 5/28/15 and the following property was seized:

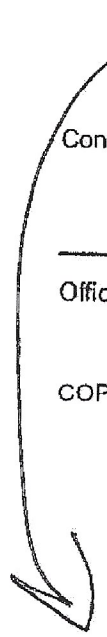
5/28/15 d.p

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[Signature] 10145

Officer

COPY of affidavit, warrant and tabulation served on: 5/28/15



1. Drugs
2. Drug Equipment
3. US Currency / Coins
4. Cell Phones / Computers
5. Guns & Ammo
6. Drug Paraphernalia
7. Scales & tools
8. Plants / Processed Marijuana
9. Residency Papers
10. Patient Paper work