

File No. **SEARCH WARRANT**

In the Matter of **Cary Police Department OCA 08-3863 regarding the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper**

Date Issued **July 25, 2008** Time Issued **7:30 am** am pm

Name of Applicant **Detective J.A. Young**

Name of Additional Affiant **N/A**

Name of Additional Affiant **N/A**

RETURN OF SERVICE
I certify that this search WARRANT was received and executed as follows:

Date Received **07-25-2008** Time Received **4:30 pm** am pm
Date Executed **07-25-2008** Date and Time of Return

made a search of **TWO (2) LAPTOP COMPUTERS, TWO (2) CPU TOWER'S, TWO EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES AND ONE THUMB DRIVE**
as commanded.

- seized the items listed on the attached Inventory
- I did not seize any items
- This warrant was not executed within 48 hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed

Signature of Officer Making Return **E. TA BOOGS**
Department of Justice Officer **CARY POLICE**

AOC-CR-119 Rev. 8/83

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Wake County

In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division

To any officer with authority and jurisdiction to conduct the search authorized by this Search Warrant:

I, the undersigned, find that there is probable cause to believe that the property and person described in the application on the reverse side and related to the commission of a crime is located as described in the application.

You are commanded to search the premises, vehicle, person, and other place or item described in the application for the property and person in question. If the property and/or person are found, make the seizure and keep the property subject to Court Order and process the person according to law.

You are directed to execute this Search Warrant within forty-eight (48) hours from the time indicated on this Warrant and make due return to the Clerk of the Issuing Court.

This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath by the person or persons shown.

This Search Warrant was returned to me on the date and time shown below

Date **7-28-08** Time **11:10 am** am pm

Signature **Suzanne B. Reiber**
 Deputy CSC Assst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court

Date **July 25, 2008**
Signature **Wendell J. Stephens**
 Deputy CSC Assst CSC Clerk of Superior Court
 Magistrate District Ct. Judge Superior Ct. Judge

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Detective J.A. Young

(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 See Attachment

(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)

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime,
Murder, N.C.G.S. 14-17

(Name Crime)

(check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)

in the following premises

(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)

(and)

on the following persons(s)

(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))

(and)

in the following vehicle(s)

(Describe vehicle(s))

Two laptop computers, two CPU towers, two external hard drives and one thumb drive - all which are described in attachment

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

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

See Attachment

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

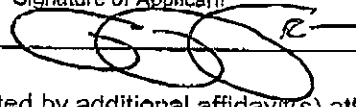
Date

July 25, 2008

Signature

Donald W. Stephens

Signature of Applicant



Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court Mag. Judge

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavit(s) attached, made by

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.

"If a continuation is necessary, 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

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF WAKE

CONTINUATION OF SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATION IN THE MATTER OF: CARY POLICE DEPARTMENT OCA 08-3863 REGARDING THE HOMICIDE OF NANCY LYNN COOPER

SECTION I: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED

1. Any and all temporary Internet files or other digital history files indicating computer and/or Internet usage.
2. Any and all file (word documents, video clips, audio files, audio recordings, image files, e-mails and other digital files), to include any and all file attachments, related to the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper and/or illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper.
3. Financial documents and other documents indicating financial inquires, withdrawals or other transactions which illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper.
4. Files relating to instructions, methods or means of committing the crime of homicide.
5. Files relating to instructions, methods or means of disposing of a human body.

SECTION II: NAME OF CRIMES

1. Murder, N.C.G.S. 14-17

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE SEARCHED

1. One (1) IBM Thinkpad T43P laptop computer, Serial Number
2. One (1) HP XW4400 Workstation Tower, Serial Number
3. One (1) Dell Dimension 8300 Tower, Serial Number
4. One (1) MacBook Pro laptop computer, Serial Number
5. One (1) Maxtor external hard drive, Serial Number
6. One (1) Cruzer Micro 2.0 GB thumb drive, Model
7. One (1) Western Digital external hard drive, Serial Number

SECTION IV: DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS TO BE SEARCHED

None

Donald W. Stephens

 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DATE

July 25, 2008

[Signature]

 AFFIDANT

07-25-08

 DATE

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SECTION V: DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLES TO BE SEARCHED

None

SECTION VI: FACTS THAT ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE

A. I, J.A. Young (Affiant), am a law enforcement officer with the Cary Police Department holding the rank of Senior Police Officer. I have been employed as a law enforcement officer with the Cary Police Department since 1994 with the exception of the time period of 1997 to 2001 when I was employed as a law enforcement officer with the Greensboro Police Department. I received my Advanced Certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission in November, 2000. I am currently assigned as a Detective with the Criminal Investigations Division of the Cary Police Department. Prior to my assignment as a Detective, I investigated and arrested individuals regarding numerous incidents of breaking and entering to businesses and residences, larceny offenses, possession of stolen property and traffic offenses as an officer assigned to the Field Operations Bureau of both the Cary Police Department and the Greensboro Police Department. Since my assignment as a Detective in January, 2005, I have investigated and arrested individuals regarding the criminal offenses of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, armed robbery, rape, sex offenses, financial crimes and drug crimes. I have more than 1,400 hours of law enforcement training which includes advanced training in the investigation of natural deaths, suicides and homicides.

B. On Saturday, July 12, 2008, the Cary Police Department initiated an investigation regarding a 'missing person', Nancy Lynn Cooper, who was last seen at the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C. which she shared with her husband, Bradley (Brad) Graham Cooper and their two (2) children.

On Monday, July 14, 2008, a body was located by a resident of Wake County, North Carolina lying face down in a 'drainage pond' in an undeveloped phase within 'The Oaks at Meadowridge' subdivision, which is located in close proximity to the 4700 Block of Fielding Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina in Wake County and reported to the Wake County Sheriff's Office. The body was determined to be that of a white female, who was deceased. The deceased white female had died as a result of 'suspicious circumstances'

Donald W. Stephens July 25, 2008
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DATE

[Signature] 07-25-08
AFFIANT DATE

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based upon a joint investigation by the Wake County Sheriff's Office, the Cary Police Department, the City-County Bureau of Identification (Wake County) and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

On Tuesday, July 15, 2008, the deceased white female was identified as Nancy Lynn Cooper by Dr. John Butts, the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of North Carolina. The manner of death was determined to be a homicide based upon the preliminary autopsy which was completed on that date.

During interviews with numerous friends, to include Jessica Adam and Diana Duncan, Cary Police Detective G. Daniels, Cary Police Detective A. Dismukes and affiant learned that Nancy Cooper was seeking a divorce from Brad Cooper due to an admission of an extramarital affair with another female. In addition, individuals interviewed provided statements regarding an additional extramarital affair by Brad Cooper involving a female whom Brad Cooper met while attending graduate school and visited while overseas during the course of his employment with Cisco Systems, Inc. in February, 2008.

A search warrant for the residence of Brad and Nancy Cooper at 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, North Carolina (Wake County) was executed on July 16 and 17, 2008. Documents believed to illustrate marital discord were located during the execution of the search warrant and seized pursuant to the search warrant. In addition, a IBM Thinkpad laptop computer (serial number _____), a HP XW4400 Workstation tower (serial number _____), a Dell Dimension 8300 tower (serial number _____), a MacBook Pro laptop computer (serial number _____) and a Maxtor external hard drive (serial number _____) were seized from the interior of the residence pursuant to the search warrant due to these items believed to contain information pertaining to the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper or illustrate and/or provide evidence of marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper.

On July 21, 2008 a search warrant was executed at the office, identified as R3-317 in Building #9 at 7100 Kit Creek Road, Morrisville, North Carolina, of Bradley Cooper at Cisco Systems, Inc. A Cruzer Micro 2.0 GB thumb drive (model _____) and a Western Digital external hard drive (serial number _____) were seized pursuant to the search warrant due to these items believed to contain information

Ronald W. Stephens

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

July 25, 2008

[Signature]

AFFIANT

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pertaining to the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper or illustrate and/or provide evidence of marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper.

Based on the above information provided in this affidavit, the affiant requests that a search warrant be issued to search the property items detailed under 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched' for the property items listed under 'Section I: Description of Property to be Seized' which illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Brad and Nancy Cooper and/or provide evidence regarding the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper.

Ronald W. Stephens
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

July 25, 2008

[Signature]
AFFIANT

07-25-08
DATE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE

County

File No.

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Superior Court Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

Name: GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT OCA
08-38263 REGARDING THE MURKIDE
OF NANCY LYNN COOPER

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

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

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

ONE(1) EBW THIDKPAD, 5IN
ONE(1) JRCBCK HCO, 5IN
HARD DRIVE, 5IN

Date Of Search

This search was made pursuant to

- a search warrant issued by: EXTERRAL WOODS SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DONALD STEPHENS
- 2. consent to search given by:
- 3. other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized:

① DIGITAL EVIDENCE

— NO FURTHER —

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) **WITH THE PROPERTY** 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

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 <i>S. E. ZA YOUNG</i>
Date <i>7-28-08</i>		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer DETECTIVE
Signature <i>Suzanne A Leiker</i>		Name And Address Of Agency CARY POLICE DEPARTMENT 120 WILKINSON AVE CARY, NC 27512
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory.

Date	Signature Of Person Receiving Inventory
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