

File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

In the Matter of

William Scott Morris

Issued 9-24-08 Time Issued 11:12 AM PM

Name of Applicant Special Agent Brian Fleming

Name of Additional Affiant

Name of Additional Affiant

RETURN OF SERVICE

I Certify that this Search WARRANT was received and executed as follows:

Date Received 9-24-08 Time Received 11:12 AM PM

Date Executed 9-24-08 Date and Time of Return 9/25/08 1:15 pm

I made a search of 1995 Ford Ranger NC Registration 5PM-4848

as commanded.

I 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 [Signature] Department or Agency of Officer SBI

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Granville 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 9-25-08 Time 1:13 PM

Signature [Signature] Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court

Date 9-24-08 Signature [Signature] Deputy CSC Asst. CSC Clerk of Superior Court Magistrate District Ct. Judge Superior Ct. Judge

[Handwritten Signature]

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Brian Heming, Special Agent, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation

(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 A

(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,

Homicide and/or arson

(Name Crime)

, and is located

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

in the following premises

(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)

(and)

on the following person(s)

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

(and)

in the following vehicle(s) 1995 Ford pickup. NC Registration SPM-4848, \

(Describe vehicle(s))

(and)

(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 A

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

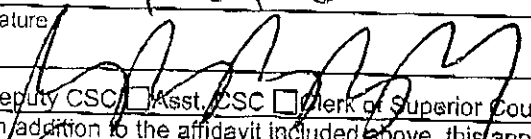
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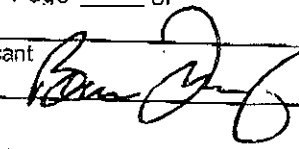
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Signature



Notary Public

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

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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 the applicant and issuing official.

Attachment A

Continuation page attached to search warrant application of SA B.S. Fleming, NC SBI, in support of a search warrant for a 1995 Ford pickup truck, North Carolina registration SPM-4848, VIN #

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

I have been employed with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NC SBI) for the past 4 years. I attended the twenty six week agent academy and have since attended several training classes and seminars dealing with the enforcement of violent crimes as well as the Controlled Substances Act. Since being employed with the NC SBI I have investigated violent crimes as well as narcotics-related crimes. I have prepared search and other affidavits, executed search and arrest warrants, seized evidence, assisted various North Carolina Districts Attorney's offices in case preparation, dealt with informants and conducted surveillance. I have participated in numerous investigations that resulted in successful prosecutions. I have questioned suspects, interviewed witnesses, debriefed informants, have conferred with other Agents and Prosecuting Attorneys, and as a result, have gained considerable experience.

"PROBABLE CAUSE"

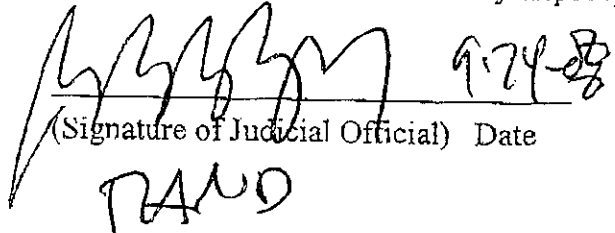
At approximately 11:19 a.m. on September 4, 2008, a 911 caller reported that the house of Kelly and William Scott Morris, located at 3220 Tump Wilkins Road, Stem, NC, was on fire. Scott Morris and Kelly Morris were married and lived at that residence together.

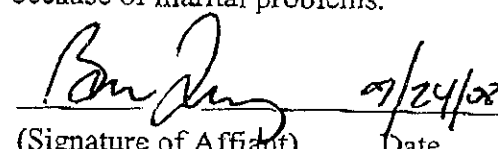
An initial fire scene examination indicated the cause of the fire was arson.

To the best of your affiant's knowledge, Scott was the last person to see Kelly alive on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. Kelly never reported to work on the morning of Thursday, September 4, 2008.

Between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday, September 4, 2008, the vehicle last driven by Kelly Morris was located on Glasgow Road in the Highlands of Prestwick subdivision, which is approximately 1 mile from her residence. Morris' cell phones, pocketbook and other personal belongings were left inside her vehicle.

When interviewed, Scott said he last saw Kelly on the evening of September 3, 2008, at approximately 9:30 p.m. when Kelly went outside looking for a lost dog. After that time, Scott took a shower and went to bed in a separate room from the room Kelly slept in. Scott said he slept in a different room that night because he did not want to be awakened by Morris when she returned from looking for the dog. Family and friends, however, indicated Scott and Kelly slept separately because of marital problems.


(Signature of Judicial Official) Date


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Call detail and cell site information were obtained on September 10, 2008, from Scott's cell phone via a court order signed by Superior Court Judge A. Leon Stanback.

The call records indicated Scott called the residence of his mother and father, Carolyn and James "Jimmy" Morris, on Church Street in Creedmoor, NC, at 9:45 p.m. on the evening of September 3, 2008. Their number was

Also according to the records, at 10:59 p.m. Scott received a call from _____, which was the work cell phone of his father, Jimmy Morris.

The call records indicated Scott made an outbound call to _____ at 11:56 p.m. Scott said in his initial statement to law enforcement that he showered and went to bed around or shortly after 9:30 p.m. At no time in any interview did Scott indicate he was awake after that time or made or received any telephone calls. Specifically, Scott said he slept throughout the night.

In an interview with Jimmy Morris on September 12, 2008, Jimmy Morris said Scott called him around 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, and asked him to come to Scott's residence. Scott wanted Jimmy to sit with the Morris' two children while Scott went to look for Kelly, because he thought Kelly was cheating on him. Scott made no mention of a missing dog, as he had made to this affiant in his initial statement.

Jimmy said he drove his green, 1995 Ford pickup to Scott's residence and arrived there within 15 to 20 minutes of Scott's phone call, which would have been approximately 10:00 to 10:05 p.m. based on the call records.

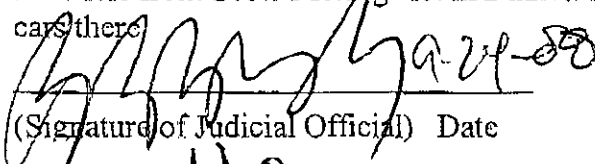

Jimmy said he remained at the Morris residence while Scott left, driving Scott's green 1996 Toyota pickup. Jimmy claimed he did not see anything suspicious in the house and did not see Kelly or Kelly's vehicle. Jimmy said Scott had never called him and asked him to do anything like that prior to the night of September 3, 2008.

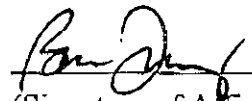
Jimmy said Scott was gone for about 45 minutes when he called and asked Scott to come home. Jimmy said Scott returned to the house within 15 to 20 minutes of that phone call, but Jimmy added that Scott did not return home before calling Jimmy back. When Scott called Jimmy that time, Scott said he had accidentally made the phone call.

Contrary to Jimmy's statement regarding the times of the calls, the records indicated that Jimmy made an outbound call to Scott's cell phone at 10:59 p.m. and received an inbound call from Scott's cell phone at 11:56 p.m., indicating Scott did not return home in the 15 to 20 minute time window as stated by Jimmy.

The cell site records also indicated Scott's cell phone utilized a Creedmoor, NC, tower during the 10:59 p.m. call, further indicating Scott was not at his residence at that time.

Scott also said in his initial statement with your affiant that around 5:45 a.m. on September 4, 2008, he was awakened by a tow truck driver who called wanting to pick up a vehicle from Scott's storage lot in Butner. Scott owned a wrecker service and stored cars there.


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According to Scott, the driver, later identified as Tim Rice, wanted to meet Scott at 6:00 a.m. at Scott's storage lot. Scott told Tim he could not meet him until around 8:00 a.m.

During an interview with Tim, however, Tim indicated he had previously agreed to meet Scott at 6:00 a.m. and Scott was the one who called him at approximately 5:45 a.m. and pushed their meeting time back to 8:00 a.m.

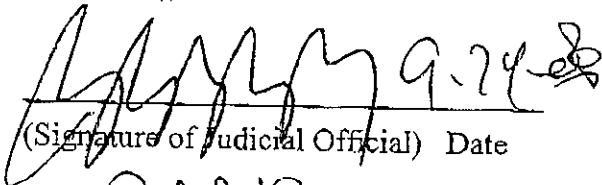
Scott said after the 5:45 a.m. phone call, he waited for Morris to come in and wake him up like she usually did, but Morris never did. Scott fell back asleep after a little while and eventually woke up around 6:30 a.m., then got the two children ready for school and drove them in his rollback to the BP Station located at 101 South Main Street in Creedmoor where Scott worked as a mechanic and also temporarily stored his personally owned Geo Tracker. Scott took the children to Mt. Energy Elementary School in the Tracker and left the rollback at the gas station while doing so. Scott then returned to the BP station, put some gas in the Tracker, and went to meet Tim at Scott's storage lot in Butner located on Wilkins Road.

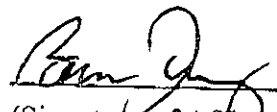
According to Tim, Scott arrived at the lot between 8:05 and 8:15 a.m. and stayed just two or three minutes before leaving and asking Tim to lock the gate. Video surveillance footage at Pallet 1 in Butner, NC, showed Scott leaving the area of Scott's storage lot at approximately 8:14 a.m.

Scott said he left the storage lot and went straight to Hardee's, located at 2568 West Lyon Station Road, Butner. Scott indicated he traveled down C Street in Butner to Hardee's, then left Hardee's and went "straight" to the BP station in Creedmoor, taking Highway 56 to Main Street.

Scott, however, did not arrive at Hardee's for approximately 55 minutes. At 9:09 a.m. video footage from the Shell gas station next door to the Hardee's showed what appeared to be a Geo Tracker traveling on West Lyon Station Road and coming from the direction of Scott's residence. Scott would not have approached Hardee's from that direction had he traveled the way he stated from his storage lot.

At 9:10 a.m. Hardee's video surveillance footage showed Scott entering the restaurant. The footage showed Scott's Geo Tracker leaving the parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and turning right onto West Lyon Station Road, which was the direction of Scott's residence and not the direction Scott indicated he traveled to get to his workplace at the BP Station.


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Kelly's daughter, _____, was interviewed and said when she and her sister, Haley Morris, left for school, their two dogs were locked in dog crates inside the house, but when firefighters arrived, the dogs were outside.

Interviews with some of Kelly's friends and family indicated Kelly and Scott had marital problems, had separated in the past, and discussed divorce. In the past, Scott had punched holes in the wall during arguments and once threw a computer out of a window. Kelly had never left home before and no witness was interviewed who believed Kelly would ever leave her children.

As of September 23, 2008, none of Kelly's family or friends had seen or spoken with her since the evening of September 3, 2008.

No evidence has been located that indicates Kelly's disappearance was voluntary.

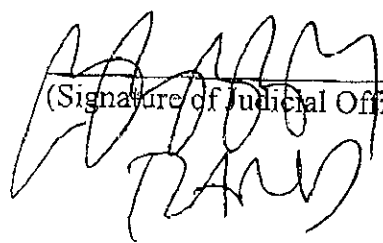
Based on Scott's numerous inconsistent statements and Jimmy's admission that he went to Scott and Kelly's residence at the approximate time Kelly disappeared, driving his 1995 green Ford pickup, investigators believe a search of that vehicle would be beneficial to this investigation and that there is probable cause to believe that additional evidence of the crimes of homicide, arson, and/or kidnapping may be located.

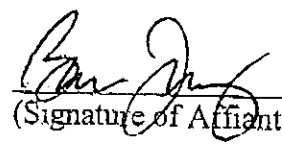
"PROPERTY TO BE SEARCHED"

The property to be searched in this case is a green, 1995 Ford pickup, bearing North Carolina registration SPM-4848, and VIN # _____. The vehicle is registered with NC DMV to James Elliott Morris, 113 W. Church Street, Creedmoor, NC.

"ITEMS TO BE SEIZED"

This Affiant is requesting a search warrant based on the above probable cause to search Jimmy Morris' green, 1995 Ford pickup, bearing North Carolina registration SPM-4848, VIN # _____ for any hair, fiber, blood, items appearing to blood-stained, items that could contain DNA evidence, latent or patent prints, firearms, ammunition, shell casings, fired projectiles, other items that could be used as weapons, or any other objects that could be pertinent or have evidentiary value for the crimes of homicide, kidnapping or arson.


(Signature of Judicial Official) _____
Date 9-24-08


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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

Granville County

District Superior Court Division

In The General Court of Justice

IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

William Scott Morris

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises or Vehicle Searched

Date of Search

1995 Ford Pick up NC Reg SPM-4848

9-24-08

This search was made pursuant to:

- 1. a search warrant issued by: Superior Court Judge R. Rand
- 2. consent to search given by:
- 3. other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized:

1995 Ford Pick up NC Registration SPM-4848

VIN#

Papers

Trig

(Over)

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

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 9-25-08

Title of Law Enforcement Officer

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Name And Address of Agency

Special Agent

Deputy CSC

Assistant CSC

Clerk of Superior Court

Magistrate

SBI
116 E. Rowan St., Suite 500
Raleigh, NC 27609

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

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

Date

Signature of Person Receiving Inventory