

Film No. File No.

# SEARCH WARRANT

In the Matter of @hotmail.com

Date Issued 7-28-11 Time Issued 10:54 AM  PM

Name of Applicant Detective Z.A. Morse

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 7-28-11 Time Received 10:54 AM  PM

Date Executed 7-28-11 Date and Time of Return 8-19-11 4:44 PM

I made a search of \_\_\_\_\_ 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  
Department of Justice  
Morse ZA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA In the General Court of Justice  
Wake County 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.

Date 7/28/11  
Signature [Signature]  
 Deputy CSC  Asst. CSC  Clerk of Superior Court  
 Magistrate  District Ct. Judge  Superior Ct. Judge

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

Date 8-18-11 Time 4:44 AM  PM

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

### APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Det. Z.A. Morse, Raleigh Police Dept.  
*(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 attached.

*(Describe property to be seized; or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place*

See attached.  
*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 G.S. 14-17, and is located

*(Name Crime)*

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

in the following premises \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)*

*(end)*  
 on the following person(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))*

*(end)*  
 in the following vehicle(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe vehicle(s))*

*(end)*  
 See Attached  
*(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 Attached.

**SEE ATTACHED**

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#### SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date 7/28/11

Signature [Signature]

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Signature of Applicant [Signature]

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.

H 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.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:  
@hotmail.com

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION  
FOR SEARCH WARRANT BY:

Detective Z.A. Morse  
Date: 7/28/2011

Description of Items to be Seized

1. Any and all information for the Hotmail/MSN username " or Hotmail e-mail account  
" @hotmail.com," to include but not limited to:
  - Basic Subscriber information for user profile such as name and address; any alternate email addresses; Date and time of registration; account status.
  - IP Address Logs associated with session dates and times.
  - Any and all opened and unopened emails stored in the subscriber's Hotmail account
  - Any and all information from an address book or contact list stored in the subscriber's Hotmail account.
  - Any and all contents of electronic files that the subscriber may have stored in his/her Hotmail account.
  - Any and all chat records or private messages that may be stored in the subscriber's account.
  - Transactional Records such as historical account activity including Email Addresses of Correspondents.
  - Any and all other Hotmail/Microsoft services that this subscriber may utilize.

Description of Crimes


1. Murder G.S. 14-17


Description of Items to be Searched

1. All e-mail correspondence associated with the e-mail accounts of  
@hotmail.com.

Probable Cause Affidavit

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME  
THIS THE 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2011.

  
MAGISTRATE/JUDGE

  
APPLICANT

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Date: 7/28/2011

I, Detective Z.A. Morse have been a Law Enforcement Officer with the Raleigh Police Department for 15 years and 9 months. I am currently assigned to the Homicide unit of our investigative division. The primary types of cases I am assigned are death investigations. I have received training in crimes through the North Carolina Justice Academy, Raleigh Police Department's Academy, and regularly scheduled in-service training sessions dealing with laws of arrest, search and seizure, interviewing, the preparation of a search warrant and criminal investigation. I have conducted investigations that have led to the arrest and conviction of individuals for violations of North Carolina general statutes. I have obtained and executed numerous search warrants in the past that have led to the arrest and conviction of suspects.

On July 19, 2011 the Raleigh Police Department began to investigate the disappearance of Laura Alkerson who was last seen at 4021-322 Bella Park Tr. Raleigh, NC. This address is within the city limits of Raleigh, NC and falls in the jurisdictional boundaries of the Raleigh Police Department. The investigation revealed that the victim had been murdered. Therefore, this case is being investigated as a homicide.

On July 24, 2011 probable cause was established for the issuance of arrest warrants for Grant Hayes b/m/4-30-79 for the offenses of murder in regards to this investigation. Those warrants were served the same day and Grant Hayes was arrested for murder. During the course of the investigation the victim's computer was seized from her residence in Kinston, NC. Also, during the course of the investigation it was determined that Grant Hayes has used the alias "Grant Haze", this was evident by his "Facebook" page and his personal internet site.

During a subsequent forensic examination of that computer an e-mail address has been identified as belonging to Grant Hayes. This search warrant is requested to search the e-mail accounts for possible evidence related to this homicide investigation.

During the course of this investigation, I spoke with Courtney M. Tremul, of the Raleigh Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit. Courtney M. Tremul investigates crimes related to the use of Computers and/or Computer systems. She has received training in the field of computer system seizures and computer forensic analysis.

Courtney M. Tremul told me that e-mail accounts may be useful to a criminal investigation in two distinct and important respects:

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE

  
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1. the e-mails themselves may be instrumentalities, fruits, or evidence of the crime,  
and/or
2. the e-mails may have been used to collect and store information about crimes in the form of  
electronic data.

From my own personal experience, and the information provided to me by Courtney M. Tremul, I know that users of e-mail accounts often save and communicate information and examinations have revealed data or information that connected the e-mails to criminal activity.

Therefore it is my opinion that a search of the e-mail accounts referred to above may reveal evidence related to the murder of Laura Ackerson. This evidence may include the following:

1. Digital e-mails that show communication with others that discuss the murder of Laura Ackerson.
2. Any other communications, graphical images, documents or email files which may refer to Laura Ackerson in anyway.
3. Any other e-mails which could reveal planning or motivation for the murder of Laura Ackerson or which could reveal planning, or motivation for future crimes that are similar in nature.
4. Any other e-mails that could be deemed related to the offenses mentioned above.

As a result I am requesting that this search warrant be issued authorizing the search of the e-mail account belonging to Grant Hayes b/m/4-30-79.

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MAGISTRATE/JUDGE

  
APPLICANT

Seized Items Continued

I am leaving a copy of this inventory with the person named below, who is:

- the owner of the place searched.
- the owner of the vehicle searched.
- the person in apparent control of the place searched.
- the person in apparent control of the vehicle searched.
- the person from whom the items were taken.

As no person was present, I am leaving a copy of this inventory:

- in the place searched, identified on the reverse.
- in the vehicle searched, identified on the reverse.

Name And Address Of Person To Whom A Copy Of This Inventory Was Delivered

The law enforcement agency identified below will hold the seized property

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Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer

Date 8-18-11

Title Of Law Enforcement Officer

Signature Cisty Meff

Name And Address Of Agency

- Deputy CSC
- Assistant CSC
- Clerk Of Superior Court
- Magistrate

RALEIGH PD

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

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

Date

Signature Of Person Receiving Inventory