

File No.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SEARCH WARRANT

MECKLENBURG County

In The General Court Of Justice District/Superior Court Division

IN THE MATTER OF

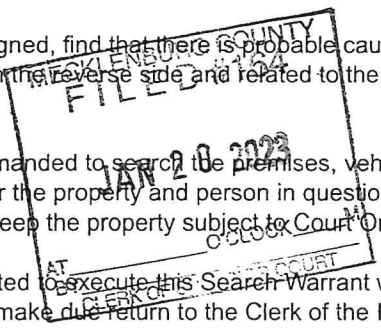
CAPITAL ONE BANK ACCOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRISTOPHER JAMES PALMITER

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 or affirmation by the person(s) shown.

Name Of Applicant

W.C. Cannon

Name Of Additional Affiant(s)

RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:

Date Received 12-19-22 Time Received 6:05 AM PM

Date Executed 12-19-22 Time Executed 6:49 AM PM

I made a search of Records held by Capital One Bank for Christopher James Palmiter

Date Issued 12/19/2022 Time Issued 6:05 AM PM Name (type or print) George Bell Signature

Deputy CSC Assistant CSC CSC Magistrate District Ct. Judge Superior Ct. Judge

NOTE: When issuing a search warrant, the issuing official must retain a copy of the warrant and warrant application and must promptly file them with the clerk. G.S. 15A-245(b).

I seized the items listed on the attached inventory. I did not seize any items. This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date and time of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

This Search Warrant was delivered to me on the date and at the time shown below when the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court is closed for the transaction of business. By signing below, I certify that I will deliver this Search Warrant to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court as soon as possible on the Clerk's next business day.

Name Of Officer Making Return (type or print) W.C. Cannon Date Time AM PM Name Of Magistrate (type or print) Signature Of Magistrate

Signature Of Officer Making Return This Search Warrant was returned to the undersigned clerk on the date and time shown below.

Department Or Agency Of Officer NCSBI Incident Number 2022-03451 Date 1-20-23 Time 11:02 AM PM Name Of Clerk (type or print) Terese Lopez Signature Of Clerk Dep. CSC Asst. CSC CSC

## APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, W.C. Cannon, Special Agent, NC 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 *(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)*

SEE ATTACHMENT 1 "Property/Evidence to be Seized"

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constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, (Name crime) NCGS 14-318.5 Failure to Report the Disappearance of a Child to Law Enforcement

and is located (Check appropriate box(es) and fill in specified information)

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

SEE ATTACHMENT "Location/premises to be Searched"

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(and)

on the following person(s) (Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))

SEE ATTACHMENT

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(and)

in the following vehicle(s) (Describe vehicle(s))

SEE ATTACHMENT

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(and)

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

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

Probable Cause Statement

SEE ATTACHMENT

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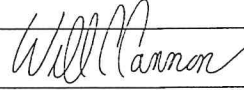
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<b>SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME</b>	Date
Date	12/18/2022
Signature	Name Of Applicant <small>(type or print)</small> Will C. Cannon
	Signature Of Applicant 
<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate <input type="checkbox"/> Dep. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge	

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavits, 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  recorded, and I have filed any such writing/recording with the clerk.

**NOTE:** *If more space is needed for any section, 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.*

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL ONE ACCOUNT FOR CHRISTOPHER PALMITER

ATTACHMENT I: Description of Property to be seized:

Copies of records and documents for the Capital One account(s) pertaining to belonging to, or under the control of CHRISTOPHER JAMES PALMITER (SSN: [REDACTED] 364-84-8023) or for which this individual had signatory authority and/or the right of withdrawal for the period of 10/1/2022 through present including but not limited to:

CREDIT CARD RECORDS: Including customer's application, signature card, credit or background investigations conducted, correspondence, other persons associated with the card, transaction history, payment records disclosing the accounts/financial institution, dates, amounts and method (cash or check) of repayment, and copies of checks used to make repayments (front and back)

HOT WATCH: transaction monitoring



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12/19/22

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SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DATE



12/19/2022

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SIGNATURE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

DATE

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL ONE ACCOUNT FOR CHRISTOPHER PALMITER

ATTACHMENT 2- Premise to be Searched

Capital One Bank, USA N.A., 8705 Henderson Road, Tampa, Florida 33634

ATTACHMENT 5- PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

**AFFIDAVIT** OF SPECIAL AGENT W.C CANNON

Applicant, W.C. Cannon, is a sworn law enforcement officer (Special Agent) with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. I have completed 657 hours of training in Basic Law Enforcement Training through the North Carolina Training and Standards Commission. Courses taken include criminal investigations, crime scene search, interviewing, constitutional law, and elements of criminal law among others. I have attended 80 hours of advanced instruction in law and search warrant preparation through the Police Law Institute. I have attended and completed the NC SBI Special Agent Academy consisting of 791 hours of advanced law enforcement instruction focusing on criminal investigations. Since then, I have received hundreds of additional hours in law enforcement training in my career. I have two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree with coursework involving investigations, scene analysis, criminal justice, forensics, abnormal psychology, and medicine. I hold an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission. I am currently assigned to the NCSBI Human Trafficking Unit. The following is based upon the affiant's personal knowledge, or reliable knowledge conveyed to me by other sworn law enforcement officers involved in this particular investigation:

On Thursday, December 15, 2022 at approximately 1312 hours, Officer responded to Bailey Middle School, located at 11900 Bailey Road in Cornelius. The complainant, Diana Cojocari, who resides at 18413 Victoria Bay Drive in Cornelius, reported her juvenile daughter, [redacted] as been missing since approximately 2200 hours on Wednesday, November 23, 2022. On Monday, December 12, 2022, at approximately 1400 hours, Bailey Middle School Resource Officer J. Nobles attempted a home visit with 6<sup>th</sup> grade school counselor Mrs. D. Lampkin in reference to [redacted] Mrs. Lampkin stated Madalina Cojocari has not been to school since Monday, November 21, 2022. There was no answer at the door, and a truancy packet was left by Mrs. Lampkin.

On Wednesday, December 14, Mrs. Lampkin advised [redacted] Madalina Cojocari's mother, Diana Cojocari, called her requesting a meeting in reference to [redacted] Mrs. Lampkin advised Diana Cojocari stated she would bring [redacted] Madalina to school on Thursday and meet with Mrs. Lampkin in reference to the truancy.

*Will Cannon*

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12/19/22

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DATE

*[Signature]*

12/19/22

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IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL ONE ACCOUNT FOR CHRISTOPHER PALMITER

On Thursday, December 15, 2022, Diana Cojocari arrived at the school without [redacted] and met with Mrs. Lampkin. Mrs. Lampkin requested Officer Nobles step into the meeting. When Officer Nobles arrived, Mrs. Lampkin and Diana advised me that [redacted] has been missing since Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at approximately 2200 hours.



Officer Nobles spoke to Diana Cojocari who advised she last saw [redacted] on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 2200 hours. She stated that [redacted] went into her room that night to go to bed. Diana stated her and her husband, Christopher Palmiter, argued that night and the next morning he drove to his family's house in Michigan to recover some items. Diana Cojocari stated she went to check on [redacted] around 1130 hours on the 24th and noticed [redacted] was not in her room. Diana Cojocari stated she waited until Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours, when Christopher Palmiter returned home before asking if he knew where [redacted] was. Christopher stated he did not and asked the same question in return. I asked Diana why she did not report [redacted] missing until now. Diana stated she was worried it might start a "conflict" between her and Christopher. Officer Nobles requested she contact Christopher and have him come to the school. Officer Nobles then contacted Det. G. Patterson and Det. B. Nichols for assistance.

Det. Patterson questioned Ms. Diana Cojocari regarding her missing daughter. She explained that she believed her husband put her family in danger but did not know what happened to Madalina. She stated that she contacted her family in Moldova, who advised she contact the police and still hesitated to call.

Diana stated [redacted] did not have a phone. [redacted]'s backpack and some clothes were missing from the residence. Diana stated [redacted] did not have any friends she would stay with, and they have no family around due to Diana being from Moldova.

Det. Nichols and Det. Patterson went to 18413 Victoria Bay Drive in Cornelius, to search [redacted]'s room. Ms. Cojocari and Mr. Palmiter were adamant that they did not know where [redacted] could be.

On Friday, December 16, 2022, Christopher Palmiter was interviewed by Special Agents of the NCSBI. Palmiter denied [redacted] being with him on or before December 2, 2022.

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In a text message on December 2, 2022, Diana Cojocari indicated she was in the presence of the missing child. On December 4, 2022, Diana Cojocari traveled towards the NC mountains claiming to be searching for Madalina.

On December 3, 2022, Diana was seen at a service station in Hickory, North Carolina getting an oil change in her car. The attendant verified that while children's toys were inside the car, no minor child Madalina was present in the car.

On December 16, 2022, Sugar Mountain Police Department provided surveillance photographs of a man and a young female. The man in the surveillance images was physically consistent in appearance to Octavian Cebanu, the only blood relative known to live in the United States. The young female in the surveillance images was physically consistent with the missing child, Madalina Cojocari.

SBI Financial Crime Special Agent M.E. Smith confirmed the existence of Palmiter's account with Capital One. It is an active and open account since at least October 2022 and was in use around the time of Cojocari's last known sighting at school and in the time since. Based on my training and experience, financial records for individuals related to a missing person can provide crucial evidence of the location of the missing person or associated persons around the time of the disappearance.

Madalina Cojocari is a missing minor who is considered endangered. Affiant believes it probable that a review of the Capital One account history of CHRISTOPHER PALMITER will provide inculpatory or exculpatory information critical to the investigation and potentially leading investigators to locate the missing or kidnapped minor child. A review of the time period prior to the last known sighting of Madalina Cojocari will allow investigators to establish a pattern of activity for Palmiter prior to and after she went missing.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Name

Capital One Bank Accounts associated with Christopher J. Palmiter

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED
PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

Capital One Bank Accounts associated with Christopher J. Palmiter

Date Of Search

12/19/2022

This search was made pursuant to

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

The following items were seized:

1) Digital content/records from the requested account(s)
NOTHING FOLLOWS//////////WCC////

Original - File

Copy - For Search by Warrant of a Person, to Person from Whom Items Taken

Copy - For Search by Warrant of Vehicle/Premises, to Owner or Person in Apparent Control; if No Such Person Present, Leave Copy Affixed Thereon

Copies - For Search by Consent, to Person Giving Consent and Owner of Vehicle/Premises Searched, if Known

Items Seized Continued:  
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- 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  
 Not Applicable. Digital Records from Records Custodian

The law enforcement agency identified below will hold the seized property subject to court order.

<b>SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME</b>		Name Of Law Enforcement Officer (type or print) W.C. Cannon
Date 1-20-23	Name (type or print) Theresa Lopez	Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer <i>[Signature]</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Notary	Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Special Agent
<b>SEAL</b>	Date My Commission Expires	Name And Address Of Agency NCSBI, 5994 Caldwell Park Drive, Harrisburg, NC 28075
	County Where Notarized	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court <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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