

IN THE MATTER OF:
421 Perry St.
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION
FOR SEARCH WARRANT

ATTACHMENT III - PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT:

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

I, Investigator D. Ryan Meads, of the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office and herein after referred to as "Affiant", do hereby depose and state:

Affiant has been employed with the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office since September 2015 and currently holds the position of Investigator, assigned to the Albemarle Drug Task Force. Prior to holding this position, Affiant was employed with the Dare County Sheriff's Office for approximately three (3) years holding the position of patrol deputy. Affiant has completed in excess of 1000 hours of law enforcement training to include, but not limited to, the areas of death and crime scene investigations, recovery of mobile devices, drug enforcement, narcotics investigations, narcotics identification, conspiracy investigations, surveillance operations and arrest, search and seizure procedures. Affiant has been involved in investigations that have led to the arrest and successful prosecution of violations of North Carolina General Statutes in a variety of matters. While employed as a law enforcement officer, Affiant has dealt with informants, conducted surveillance, arrested suspects, seized evidence and executed search warrants. Affiant has successfully developed narcotics investigations and made felony and misdemeanor arrests for violations of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

The information received during the course of this investigation is discussed in this affidavit and is believed to be true and accurate by Affiant.

In March of 2021, Affiant received information from agents of the Dare County Narcotics Task Force, regarding the illegal

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THIS 20th DAY OF April 2021

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Signature of Applicant

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Sales of controlled narcotics by Andrew Brown residing on Perry St. in Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909. Affiant is familiar with Andrew Brown and know same to be Andrew Brown, Jr., hereinafter referred to as BROWN, for the purpose of this affidavit.

Agent R.D. Johnson of the Dare County Narcotics Task Force, advised he was in communication with a confidential source of information, which he refers to as CI#1. CI#1 informed Johnson that they have been purchasing narcotics from BROWN for over one (1) year. CI#1 stated they have purchased different quantities of cocaine, "crack" cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine from BROWN on numerous occasions. CI#1 informed Johnson that BROWN would sometimes travel to Dare County and deliver said narcotics. CI#1 also informed Johnson that they have been to Elizabeth City, North Carolina to purchase narcotics from BROWN at various locations including numerous hotels/motels and BROWN's residence on Perry St. on at least three (3) occasions.

On March 17, 2021 members of the Dare County Narcotics Task Force utilized CI#1 to conduct a controlled purchase of a quantity of cocaine from BROWN. This controlled purchase was recorded with audio/video (A/V) recording device(s). CI#1 identified BROWN as the person they purchased cocaine from.

On March 29, 2021 members of the Dare County Narcotics Task Force utilized CI#1 to conduct a controlled purchase of a quantity of methamphetamine from BROWN. This controlled purchase was recorded with audio/video (A/V) recording device(s). CI#1 identified BROWN as the person they purchased methamphetamine from.

Affiant and agents of the Albemarle Drug Task Force are familiar with BROWN and know him to be a source of supply of "crack" cocaine, cocaine, heroin/fentanyl and methamphetamine to the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County area. Affiant has spoken with

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other Law Enforcement Officers who are familiar with BROWN and know him to be a source of supply of "crack" cocaine, cocaine, cocaine, heroin/fentanyl and methamphetamine to Elizabeth City/pasquotank County and surrounding areas. Affiant has received a copy of BROWN's criminal history and verified that he has been charged with numerous narcotics violations beginning in 1997, including convictions for Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

Affiant and Albemarle Drug Task Force agents are familiar with vehicles which BROWN is in apparent control of. BROWN is known to operate a 2004 BMW, four (4) door sedan, green in color displaying a North Carolina registration number plate RBD-3295, registered to BROWN. Said vehicle was used by BROWN on March 17, 2021 to transport cocaine to Dare County, during a controlled purchase conducted by the Dare County Narcotics Task Force. Brown has recently been seen, on numerous occasions, operating a BMW, four (4) door sedan, gray in color displaying a fictitious North Carolina registration number plate BLE-4543. BROWN has been seen frequenting the Quality Inn of Elizabeth City, North Carolina while operating said gray BMW. Affiant and agents of the Albemarle Drug Task Force know BROWN to utilize the Quality Inn as a location for sale and distribution of illegal narcotics.

Affiant has met with a confidential human source (CHS) of information that stated they are familiar with BROWN selling controlled substances to include but not limited to "crack" cocaine from 421 Perry St.

Affiant had previously interviewed the CHS. CHS has made statements against their own penal interest and they have been deemed truthful and reliable by Affiant and other Albemarle Drug Task Force agents.

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THIS 20th DAY OF August 2021

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APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

D. Ryan Meads Investigator with the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office

(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 I - PROPERTY/EVIDENCE TO BE SEIZED"

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* Violation(s) of North Carolina Controlled Substance Act; N.C.G.S. 90-95

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 II - PLACES TO BE SEARCHED"

(and) on the following person(s) *(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))* SEE "ATTACHMENT II - PLACES TO BE SEARCHED"

(and) in the following vehicle(s) *(Describe vehicle(s))* SEE "ATTACHMENT II - PLACES TO BE SEARCHED"

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

The applicant swears or affirms to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:
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SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date 4-20-21	Date 04/20/2021
Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Name Of Applicant (Type or print) D. Ryan Meads
<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate <input type="checkbox"/> Dep. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Assl. CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge	Signature Of Applicant <i>[Signature]</i>

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 with a notation saying "see attachment." Date the continuation and include on it the signature of applicant and issuing official.

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CHS has stated that they are familiar with BROWN and know him to be a drug dealer in the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County area. CHS has stated that they are familiar with "crack" cocaine in all forms, how it is packaged, how it is used and how it is introduced into the body. CHS admits to purchasing "crack" cocaine from BROWN numerous times.

Within fourteen (14) days of application for this search warrant CHS has seen "crack" cocaine in the listed residence, 421 Perry St. Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909.

Affiant has worked numerous drug investigations and Affiant's training and experience show that person(s) involved in the sales of controlled substances will routinely store their drugs, currency and recordation of sales or monies owed in a place they feel is secure. It is reasonable to think that a person will feel that the premise and or establishment, previously stated, is a secure location.

Based on the information provided, Affiant believes the establishment 421 Perry St. Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909 is being used to store, package and distribute narcotics, namely "crack" cocaine. Furthermore, Affiant believes the two (2) vehicles listed in this affidavit and attachment(s) are in BROWN's apparent control and are being used by BROWN to store, traffic and distribute illegal narcotics.

Affiant contends the information contained in this affidavit, taken in its entirety, provides probable cause to believe that a search of 421 Perry St. Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909, a 2004 BMW, four (4) door sedan, green in color and a BMW, four (4) door sedan gray in color will result in the discovery of controlled substances and other evidences of criminal activity and respectfully requests the court to issue a search warrant for the items described above.

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