

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF
THE SEARCH OF

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
HARD DRIVE MODEL XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,
SERIAL NUMBER XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I, XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

INTRODUCTION

I am a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service have reason to believe that on a XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXXXXX-XXXXXX, serial number XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, manufacturer date of xx July 200x, which was seized by the Emporia Kansas Police Department and shipped to the United States Secret Service Kansas City Office, 1150 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, for Forensic Analysis, contains data to include but not limited to electronic data, records, images of counterfeit documents to include but not limited to; Western Union Money Orders, personal checks, travel's checks, documents of identification such as driver's licenses, Social Security Cards, birth certificates, vehicle titles, and registrations, which are evidence and instrumentalities of crime, concerning violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371,2, and 513(a) counterfeiting the Western Union Money Order; 18 U.S.C. § 513(a) possessing a forged security Western Union Money Order; 18 U.S.C. § 1029(1) manufacture of fictitious identification documents.

The facts to support a finding of probable cause are as follows:

1. I have been a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service since XXXXXXXXXXXX XX, XXXX. I am currently assigned to the United States Secret Service Kansas City Field Office. Prior to my appointment to the Secret Service, I was a police officer for the Topeka, Kansas Police Department from XXXXXXX of XXXX until XXXXXXXXXXX, XXXX. Prior to the Topeka Police Department, I was a police officer for the Kansas Highway Patrol from XXXX of XXXX until XXXXXXX of XXXX. I also served in the Kansas Army National Guard as a military policeman from XXXXX XXXX to XXXXX XXXX. In my official capacity, I have investigated federal, state, and local financial crimes violations for the past six years. During the course of my employment, I have received training in investigations at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) as well as over 200 hours of advance officer training. I have participated in the execution several search warrants that have resulted in felony arrests and the confiscation of financial records, documents, computer equipment and other equipment used to facilitate financial and other crimes.

2. This affidavit contains information necessary to support probable cause for this application. It is not intended to include every fact or matter observed by me or known by law enforcement. The information provided is based on my personal knowledge and observations during the course of this investigation, information conveyed to me by other law enforcement officials, and my review of records, documents, and other physical evidence obtained during this investigation.

3. I have reason to believe that the xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxxxx-xxxxxxx, serial number xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, manufacturer date of xx July 200x, which was seized by the Emporia Kansas Police Department and shipped to the United States Secret Service Kansas City Office, 1150 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, for Forensic Analysis, contains data to include but not limited to electronic data, records, images of counterfeit documents to include but not limited to; Western Union Money Orders, personal checks, traveler's checks, documents of identification such as driver's licenses, Social Security Cards, birth certificates, vehicle titles, and registrations, which are evidence and instrumentalities of crime, concerning violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371,2, and 513(a) counterfeiting the Western Union Money Order; 18 U.S.C. § 513(a) possessing a forged security Western Union Money Order; 18 U.S.C. § 1029(1) manufacture of fictitious identification documents.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE

12. Based on the foregoing facts, and the training and experience of myself and others involved in this investigation with whom I have conferred, there is probable cause that the xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxxxx-xxxxxxx, serial number xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx contains data concerning the counterfeiting of Western Union Money Orders and identification documents previously mentioned. As such, the data is considered as both an instrumentality and evidence of the violations designated.

13. The term "data concerning the counterfeiting of Western Union Money Orders" includes all of the foregoing items of evidence in whatever form and by whatever means such as records, documents, or materials, their drafts, or their modifications may have been created or stored, included any photographic form; any electrical, electronic, or magnetic form.

14. Data analysts may use several different techniques to search electronic data for evidence or instrumentalities of crime. These include, but are not limited to the following: examining file directories and subdirectories for the lists of files they contain;

“opening” or reading the first few “pages” of selected files to determine their contents; scanning for deleted or hidden data; searching for key words or phrases (“string searches”).

15. Therefore, based on the facts as recited above, the affiant requests the issuance of a search warrant to search the xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxxxxx-xxxxxx, serial number xxxxxxxxxxxxxx and data stored on the device concerning the counterfeiting of Western Union Money Orders and identification documents to include but not limited to social security cards, birth certificates, and state issued driver’s licenses, which are instrumentalities and evidence of the violations described herein.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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U.S. Secret Service

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ___ day of xxx 2005.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE