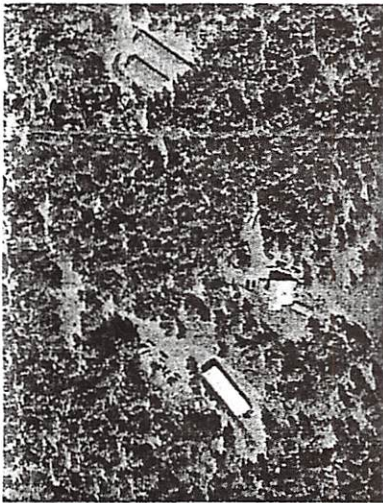


AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I state under oath that I have reason to believe that at the place and the vehicle known or described as:

[REDACTED] Road is a single family two story residence, located in Jefferson County Colorado parcel Identification number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Road is located on approximately 40.26 acres and is surrounded by dense trees and vegetation. Jefferson County Colorado Assessors website states that there is a two story residence with the first floor being 2348 square feet and the second floor being 424 square feet and a 400 square foot detached garage and a 3600 square foot detached barn on the property. Google earth imaging shows a residential home, three greenhouses, one large detached metal barn and several additional detached structures located on the curtilage within [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is located at Latitude/Longitude [REDACTED] in the County of Jefferson and the State of Colorado.



Forgoing photograph is of [REDACTED] captured by your Affiant from Google earth on January 22nd, 2015.

Blue Ford F350 truck, bearing Colorado license plate [REDACTED]

in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, there is now located the following described property or contraband:

Controlled substances (including but not limited to coca leaves, coca leaf derivatives, stimulants, opium derivatives, depressant drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, tranquilizers) and marijuana and marijuana concentrate all as defined in Colorado Revised Statutes 18-18-102, as amended, together with such vessels, safes, implements and furniture used in connection with the manufacture, production, storage, sale, distribution or dispensing of such substances and articles of personal property tending to establish the identity of person or persons in control of or possession of the place or vehicle or in control of the contraband related paraphernalia consisting in part and including, but not limited to fingerprints, utility company receipts, rent receipts, canceled mail envelopes, photographs, keys, currency, coins, firearms, vehicle registration(s), credit card receipts, repair bills, and articles of clothing.

For which a Search Warrant may be issued pursuant to the provisions of Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure, CRS 16-3-301 and CRS 19-2-504, on the grounds that property is stolen or embezzled; or is designed or intended for use as a means of committing a criminal offense; or the possession of which is illegal; or would be material evidence in subsequent criminal prosecution in this state or in another state; or the seizure of which is expressly required, authorized, or permitted by any statute of this state; which is kept, stored, maintained, transported, sold dispensed in violation of a statute of this state, under circumstances involving a serious threat to public safety or order or to public health; which would aid in the detection of the whereabouts of or in the apprehension of a person for whom a lawful arrest warrant is outstanding.

The facts tending to establish the grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

Your affiant, Detective Brian Matos 05107, has been a Police Officer for over twelve years and was employed by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff from September of 2003- July of 2005. Your Affiant is currently a duly sworn Police/Peace Officer of the Denver Police Department, and has been so employed since July of 2005. Your affiant was assigned to the District Four Street Crimes Arrest Team (SCAT) from January, 2007- March, 2010 as a Patrol Officer, a Detective in the Public Nuisance Abatement Unit from March, 2010-November, 2012 and is currently assigned as a Detective to the Vice/Drug Control Bureau, Marijuana Team.

Your Affiant has attended numerous training seminars and schools in the area of police work. Some of these include the Highlands Ranch Academy Narcotics Investigation, the Denver Police Academy Narcotics Investigation, Denver Police Department Vice/Narcotics Control Bureau Undercover Operations Certification, and Multi-Jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force –Use of Informants and Undercover Operations. As a Police Officer, your Affiant has received training, and has experience in the area of drug identification, undercover techniques, surveillance techniques, the identification of activity related to drug trafficking, and numerous narcotics related arrests.

Your Affiant has also participated in the execution of numerous search warrants, most of which were narcotics related. Your Affiant has been involved in numerous investigations of parties involved in the illegal sale and distribution of narcotics and/or drugs, and has personally been involved in excess of a hundred arrests for narcotics related charges since becoming a Police Officer. Your Affiant has debriefed, interviewed, and discussed with defendants and confidential sources the methods of narcotics using and dealing. Your Affiant has also worked with experienced narcotics investigators in the techniques and methods used within the illegal drug culture to manufacture, conceal, package, distribute, and consume controlled substances. Your Affiant keeps himself informed regarding current trends in the trafficking of controlled substances by talking with other Law Enforcement Officers at the Local, State, and Federal level. Your Affiant has also received extensive training in the area of search and seizure law over the course of his career.

On January 7th, 2015 Your Affiant learned from a previously reliable confidential informant (CI) that a male know to the CI as John Pettit with phone number 970-688-6335 wanted to sell the CI fifteen pounds of marijuana for \$2000.00 a pound. In the last three months the CI has provided your Affiant with credible information that has resulted in drug seizures, asset seizures and arrests. To your Affiant's understanding the CI hasn't provided your Affiant with any information that wasn't credible.

With this information, your affiant searched for John Pettit with phone number 970-688-6335 in a law enforcement database. Your affiant found that John Pettit's date of birth was 04/11/55. Your affiant ran John Pettit's information through NCIC/CCIC. Your affiant requested a Colorado Dossier of Pettit through The Colorado Department of Motor Vehicle. Your Affiant showed the CI a picture of Pettit and the CI positively identified John Pettit as the person who he/she contacted to purchase the fifteen pounds of marijuana. Through further investigation your Affiant learned that Pettit lives at 9345 S. Hwy 285 Conifer, Colorado.

On January 21st, 2015 Your Affiant had the CI contact Pettit to confirm that Pettit could deliver the fifteen pounds of marijuana on January 22nd, 2015. The CI advised your Affiant that Pettit would be able to deliver the fifteen pounds on January 22nd, 2015. Detective Brett Starnes 99004 responded to Pettit's house located at 9345 S. Hwy 285 and observed a silver Jeep, Grand Cherokee.

On January 22nd, 2015 at approximately 0930 hours Detective Chris Shotts 92014 responded to the area of 9345 Hwy 285 S. Detective Chris Shotts conducted surveillance of Pettit's house and vehicle. Through high powered binoculars Detective Chris Shotts could clearly see the 1994 silver Jeep Cherokee parked along the west side of the suspect's residence. Detective Chris Shotts had previously been provided with a DMV photograph of Pettit and during surveillance Detective Chris Shotts observed Pettit exit the house and enter the Jeep cleaning off snow and warming it up.

At approximately 1048 hours Detective Chris Shotts observed a blue Ford F350 extended cab truck pull onto the property. Detective Chris Shotts observed a tall heavy set white male with a beard; wearing blue jeans and a black "Carhartt" style jacket exit the truck. The male was later identified as [REDACTED] opened the rear driver's side door of the blue Ford F350 and removed a large black canvas suit case. Detective Chris Shotts then observed the west facing door of the 9345 S hwy 285 open and Pettit came out to meet with [REDACTED] Both Pettit and [REDACTED]

██████████ walked directly over to the Jeep and Pettit opened up the rear lift gate. At that time Detective Chris Shotts observed ██████████ put the black canvas suit case into the back of the Jeep and Pettit shut the lift gate. Pettit and ██████████ then shook hands and then ██████████ walked back to the truck and drove away South on HWY 285 towards Conifer. Detective Chris Shotts alerted other Detectives in the area and Detective Jeff Masciangelo 05005 followed Smith away.

Detective Masciangelo was able to verify ██████████'s blue Ford F350's license plate as ██████████. This plate was checked through the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles as being registered to ██████████ to an address at ██████████ Conifer Colorado. A short time later Detective Chris Shotts observed Pettit again exited the house and entered the Jeep. Pettit exited the property and entered HWY 285 driving north towards Denver. Surveillance followed Pettit until he arrived at the location, which was pre-established with the CI for the sale of marijuana at 3100 South Sheridan Boulevard.

On January 22nd at approximately 1110 hours Pettit was contacted due to the agreement with the CI to distribute marijuana and Detective Shotts observation and identification with Pettit. When contacted, Pettit was found to have an estimated amount in excess of 15 pounds of marijuana in the back of the Jeep Cherokee. Inside of the Jeep Detectives located a small pink piece of paper that had notes written on it that appeared to be amounts of marijuana and cost amounts. One of the notes read 10 D@ 22. Which appeared to mean, and was later proven to be; 10 pounds from ██████████ at \$2200.00 a pound. Detective Chris Shotts observed the black canvas suit case that he observed ██████████ deliver and it contained approximately 10 pounds of marijuana. Pettit was arrested and transported to Denver Police Headquarters along with all of the evidence. Once at DPD Headquarters Detective Chris Shotts ran a Department of Motor Vehicles search along with a Criminal History search for ██████████. Detective Chris Shotts found that ██████████ address according to his Colorado Drivers license ██████████ is ██████████ Road Conifer Colorado 80433 which is the same address that his vehicle listed to. Detective Chris Shotts noted that ██████████ is a multi state offender and also had a Denver arrest in 2006. ██████████ has several DUI's and traffic related offenses along with a resisting arrest charge, theft, and possession of marijuana less than 8 ounces. Detective Chris Shotts then obtained ██████████ Denver arrest photograph from 2006 and immediately recognized him minus the beard as the male driving the Ford Truck.

Detective Brett Starnes contacted Pettit and showed him the photo of ██████████. Pettit positively identified ██████████ as the person who delivered him ten pounds of marijuana to sell to the CI that had arranged the marijuana transaction on this date. Pettit also wrote a statement stating that ██████████ dropped off ten pounds of marijuana to him in a black, diesel, Ford pickup. Pettit said that he has received marijuana from ██████████ on two other occasions. Your Affiant asked Pettit where ██████████ lives and Pettit stated off of ██████████ Rd in Jefferson County. Your Affiant presented a Google maps picture of ██████████ property to Pettit. Pettit confirmed ██████████ lives at the location. Pettit stated that he has been to the location during Thanksgiving week and observed approximately 100 marijuana plants growing in a metal building. Pettit stated the ██████████ marijuana grow is a perpetual system with a harvest every month.

Your Affiant asked Pettit if ██████████ was growing marijuana in the two large green houses on the property. Pettit stated that ██████████ was growing marijuana in the green houses but it has been harvested because the green houses aren't equipped for winter conditions. Pettit stated that the marijuana growing in the green houses was the largest marijuana plants that he's seen. Detective Shotts zoomed in on the green houses via Google earth and could see green foliage growing within the green houses which is consistent with Pettit's comments. Your Affiant notes that the date of the Google earth photo is unknown to you Affiant.

On January 22nd, 2014 8:35p.m. the foregoing affidavit was electronically approved by Chief Deputy District Attorney Tim Twining, Reg. No. 18436.

Based on the above listed facts, your affiant believes ██████████ Road is being used to cultivate marijuana. Your affiant requests that a search warrant be issued for ██████████ Road so this investigation can be continued. ██████████ Road is a single family two story residence, located in Jefferson County Colorado parcel Identification number ██████████. Road is located on approximately 40.26 acres and is surrounded by dense trees and vegetation. Jefferson County Colorado Assessors website states that there is a two story residence with the first floor being 2348 square feet and the second floor being 424 square feet and a 400 square foot detached garage and a 3600 square foot detached barn

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Signature of Affiant _____

Review & Approval

Email review	Chief Deputy D.A. Tim Twining 18436	January 22 nd , 8:35pm
District Attorney - Signature	District Attorney - Printed name & Registration #	Date and Time

Subscribed under oath before me on this ____ day of _____, 20__ at _____ in the City and County of Denver, CO

Signature of Judge _____

Printed Name of Judge _____