

22-05-24

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UVALDE**

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY PERSONALLY APPEARED THE AFFIANT HEREIN, A PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS, WHO BEING DULY SWORN, ON OATH MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

My name is [REDACTED], I am a commissioned peace officer by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers Division.

Affiant, [REDACTED] is a certified Master Peace Officer in the State of Texas with continuous 18 plus years of law enforcement service. Affiant is employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety and is currently appointed to the Texas Rangers Division. Affiant's duties with the Texas Rangers involve several areas of criminal investigations within law enforcement to include local crime, aggravated assault, sexual assault, theft, theft by a public servant, robbery, fugitive arrests, manslaughter, murder as well as conducting criminal investigations for the La Salle County Sheriff, Zavala County Sheriff and the Crystal City Police Department Chief of Police. Prior to being appointed to the Texas Rangers, Affiant was assigned to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Criminal Investigations Division as a Special Agent to investigate organized crime to include illegal narcotics, weapons, and bulk cash smuggling for 6 plus years, (11/01/2014 to 12/01/2020).

Affiant, has received specialized training on criminal patrol, drug interdiction tactics, organized drug trafficking, interview and interrogation tactics, advanced criminal investigations, and advanced 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendment training as early as 2003. Affiant has conducted investigations on manslaughter, sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, aggravated robbery, drug trafficking organizations and violent Texas gangs which resulted in Affiant writing and executing multiple search warrants at locations concealing evidence, illegal narcotics, weapons to include the seizure of bulk cash in U.S. currency and possession of child pornography within the State of Texas. Affiant has conducted interviews and interrogations of numerous suspects to further his understanding during criminal investigations which led to felony arrests, State and Federal indictments and convictions.

1. There is in Uvalde County, Texas, a suspected item and property described as and located as follows: A cellular/mobile phone, namely an **I-Phone 13 Pro Max, Black in Color**, containing data storage media such as Subscriber Identity Module (SIM card), internal memory, or other media. Said mobile/cellular phone is presently located at [REDACTED] Uvalde, Texas 78801. There is at said place, stated suspected item constituting evidence of a criminal offense or constituting evidence tending to show that a particular person committed a criminal offense:

- a. Data stored within a mobile/cellular phone or other processing and storage devices

contained therein, to include photographic data, digital images, text messages, video, voice messages, or other data that may be decoded, reconstituted, or otherwise manipulated to produce, utilize, transmit, receive, encrypt, encode, or display such photographic data, digital images, digital data, text messages, address books, video, voice messages, encryption routines, and algorithms. Any and all downloaded applications and their content, GPS (Global Positioning System) or remote tracking system information.

- b. Electronic communications stored within mobile/cellular phone or other processing and storage devices such as voice messages, digital data, text messages, video, photographic data, address books, or digital images. Such information and/or communications that may be in the form of electronic communications (such as text messages, video, voice messages, digital data, photographic data, or digital images) residing on any media (e.g., Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) cards, or mobile/cellular phone data storage device contained therein). That information may include electronic communications held or maintained in electronic storage by an electronic communication service or remote computing service, as those services are defined within 18 U.S.C. 2703. These communications are referred to herein as "stored communications". These communications related to this case stored in the suspect's mobile/cellular phone or other electronic devices as text messages, video, photographic data, digital images, digital data, and/or voice messages. Any and all downloaded applications and their content, GPS (Global Positioning System) or remote tracking system information.

2. Said suspected item is in charge of and controlled by each of the following persons:

Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Ranger Division, Eagle Pass, Maverick County, Texas by Texas Ranger [REDACTED] and Federal Bureau of Investigations Forensic Analyst [REDACTED]

3. **It is the belief of the Affiant, and he hereby charges and accuses, that:** Said suspected item is the following: A cellular/mobile phone, black in color, **I-Phone 13, Pro-Max**, IMEI: **356796484236396**, used by and seized from Salvador Rolando Ramos, H/M, DOB: 05/16/2004 on May 24, 2022, in connection with: **Capital Murder**: Penal Code 19.03.

4. Affiant has probable cause for said belief by reason of the following facts:

On 05/24/2022, Affiant was contacted by Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Ranger Lieutenant [REDACTED] who briefed Affiant regarding an active shooter and multiple casualties in the Uvalde County area.

On 05/24/2022, Affiant traveled to Robb Elementary School located at 715 Old Carrizo Road, Uvalde, Texas 78801. Upon arrival, Affiant was briefed by lead investigator, Company "D" Texas Ranger Jose M. Sanchez. Ranger Sanchez stated the Suspect: Salvador Rolando Ramos, DOB: 05/16/2004, Hispanic, Male, arrived at the rear property of Robb Elementary

School, 715 Old Carrizo Springs Road, Uvalde, Texas 78801 while operating a Gray in color, 2008, Ford, Texas Registration ([REDACTED]). Ramos exited the Ford, while armed with a long rifle and began shooting towards the buildings of Robb Elementary School. Ramos abandoned the Ford and continued to advance towards the interior of Robb Elementary School and gained access inside the school. While inside the school, Ramos fatally shot multiple students and injured several others.

On 05/24/2022, I was briefed by Company "F" Texas Ranger Nick Hill regarding two male witnesses which were identified by Ranger [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. According to Ranger [REDACTED] he learned that the two male witnesses observed a male subject dressed completely in black with long shoulder length black hair standing by the passenger side of the Ford, Texas ([REDACTED]). According to Ranger [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] walked towards the subject after he had crashed into a ditch behind the elementary school. As [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] approached the male subject, the male subject was holding a long rifle and proceeded to load the rifle with a magazine. According to Ranger [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] retreated towards the Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home located at 424 Geraldine St., Uvalde, Texas when the male subject began to fire multiple gunshots in their direction. According to Ranger [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] witnessed the male subject, approach the school and begin shooting towards the buildings.

On 05/24/2022, local, state, and federal law enforcement officers responded to the scene and entered the mentioned property. While attempting to locate Ramos, law enforcement officers encountered multiple injured students who had suffered apparent gunshot wounds and discovered multiple casualties throughout the hallways and classrooms. Law enforcement officers encountered Ramos inside one of the classrooms. Ramos fired multiple gunshots towards their direction. Law enforcement officers returned gunfire where Ramos was fatally shot. Among Ramos' belongings, a, Black in color, Apple, 1-Phone, 13 Pro-Max was located next to Ramos. Upon further investigation, Ramos was wearing all black clothing and had long black hair.

5. Based on my training and experience, I know that cell phones are often used by individuals who are involved in illegal activity. And said cell phones being one of the primary tools commonly used to keep contact information and /or a particular criminal activity which is readily available. It is common practice for individuals to store photographs, voicemails, text messages (SMS/Short Message Service), and multimedia messages (MMS) and email messages involving the illegal acts. It is common practice for individuals involved in criminal activity such as the drug trade, sexual assaults, prostitution, child pornography, and smuggling of persons to store pictures of themselves and/or individuals they conduct business with such as "Trophy shots" of (drugs, guns, victims, and large amounts of cash) in order to show proof of criminal activity "Street Cred". Based on my training and experience, individuals involved in illegal activity store information on their cell phone to include maps, routes and other indicia of places and persons involved in criminal acts. Individuals involved in the drug trade, human smuggling and human trafficking also use social media (such as My Space, Facebook, Twitter, and other similar sites) to conduct their business. A cell phone is often used by individuals involved in human smuggling and human trafficking to record video or audio format actual transactions associated with human

smuggling and human trafficking. Based on my training and experience, I believe all of the above methods are commonly used to store information on cell phones that are recoverable both manually and electronically or by a detailed forensic examination of same. Affiant believes based on the information that said suspected cell phone contains information confirming [REDACTED] is involved smuggling of persons or may have recorded a criminal act on his cellular phone storage device.

Affiant request authority from the Court to transport, remove, or take any property or evidence seized pursuant to the warrant requested herein to any location deemed necessary for purposes of safekeeping and completion of any investigation or proceeding related to the activities described in this affidavit.

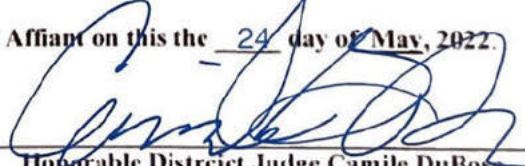
WHEREFORE, based on the facts, circumstances, the training of Affiant and the information noted in this document, Affiant asks for issuance of a warrant that will authorize affiant to search for and seize said mobile/cellular phone(s), media, software, and documentation. Furthermore, said items are to be analyzed by a trained computer evidence recovery specialist in order to retrieve, restore, and/or reproduce any or all information believed to be evidence of said offenses.

Affiant: 

Texas Ranger [REDACTED]
Texas Ranger Division



Subscribed and sworn to before me by said Affiant on this the 24 day of May, 2022.


Honorable District Judge Camille DuBose
38th Judicial District Uvalde, Texas

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22-05-24

SEARCH WARRANT

The State of TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Peace Officer of UVALDE County, State of TEXAS, or any Peace Officer of the State of TEXAS:

The affiant whose name appears on the affidavit in support of this warrant is a peace officer under the laws of TEXAS and did swear to that affidavit before me or someone authorized to take the affiant's oath under the laws of this state. I find the verified facts stated by affiant in the affidavit show that affiant has probable cause for affiant's belief expressed in the affidavit, and those facts establish proper grounds for issuance of this Warrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE ORDERED to search the premises, persons, and vehicles described in the affidavit, as follows: A cellular/mobile phone, black in color, **I-Phone 13 Pro-Max, IMEI: 356796484236396**

At the above-described premises, persons, or vehicles you shall search for and seize the following items:

- a. Data stored within a mobile/cellular phone or other processing and storage devices contained therein, to include photographic data, digital images, text messages, video, voice messages, or other data that may be decoded, reconstituted, or otherwise manipulated to produce, utilize, transmit, receive, encrypt, encode, or display such photographic data, digital images, digital data, text messages, address books, video, voice messages, encryption routines, and algorithms. Any and all downloaded applications and their content, GPS (Global Positioning System) or remote tracking system information.

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CHRISTINA J. OVALLE
CLERK DISTRICT COURT, UVALDE COUNTY TEXAS
By Amanda Sanchez Deputy

If you find the above described items, you are to seize that property and dispose of the items as provided by law.

Affiant request authority from the Court to transport, remove, or take any property or evidence seized pursuant to the warrant requested herein to any location deemed necessary for purposes of safekeeping and completion of any investigation or proceeding related to the activities described in this affidavit.

YOU ARE ORDERED TO EXECUTE THIS WARRANT within 3 whole days of the issuance of the warrant, exclusive of the day of its issuance and of the day of its execution, and then return the warrant and show how you have executed this Warrant.

WARRANT ISSUED this 24 day of May, 2022, at 11:33 o'clock P.M. by the below signed magistrate.



Honorable Distreict Judge Camile DuBose
38th Judicial District Uvalde County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UVALDE

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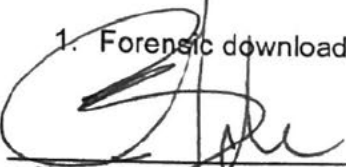
RETURN AND INVENTORY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, PERSONALLY APPEARED THE AFFIANT HEREIN, A PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS, WHO, BEING DULY SWORN, ON OATH MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am commissioned as a peace officer by The Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers Company "D".

The attached Search Warrant came to hand on the day it was issued and it was executed on the 24th day of May, 2022, by conducting the search directed therein and by seizing during such search the following described property:


1. Forensic download of the Apple iPhone 13 Pro Max.



Affiant

6-1-2022
Date

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME BY THE SAID AFFIANT ON THIS THE
1 DAY OF ~~MAY~~, 2022.
JUNE



Honorable District Judge Camille DuBose
38th Judicial District
Uvalde County

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CLERK DISTRICT COURT, UVALDE COUNTY TEXAS
By Amanda Sanchez Deputy