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**SEARCH WARRANT ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE SEIZURE OF
TARGET VEHICLE 1**

SEARCH WARRANT

Date 07/14/2023

Officer Brad Bowers

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AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, one NVCU Sergeant Brad Bowers
who, being duly sworn, says that there is probable cause to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, is located on the following premises in this County:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SOUGHT

Evidence related to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES: (a) "trophies," e.g. personal items that may have belonged to any of the victims, including but not limited to their telephones, articles of clothing, jewelry, identification, notebooks, ledgers, Bibles, personal effects and/or photographs or recordings depicting the victims described herein; (b) forensic and/or trace evidence, including but not limited to DNA materials obtainable through, but not limited to, fingernails, toenails, animal hair or fur, human hair and human skin fibers, bodily fluids, as well as any latent fingerprints and palm prints, or any other indicia utilized to determine the identities of occupants of said locations/premises/vehicle during the planning, commission, and/or concealment of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, as well as any materials, or a "cutting" of the following materials, that could contain the aforementioned forensic and/or trace evidence including, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, carpets, rugs, flooring, animal cages, crates, litters, playpens, beds, towers, steps, clothing; (c) electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular phones, tablets, any and all "computers" (as that term is defined in section 156.00(1) of the New York Penal Law) including but not limited to modem, mouse, monitor, tablets, auxiliary drives and peripheral devices; any and all computer or digital storage media including, but not limited to, servers, external hard drives, solid state drives, USB or USB flash drives (also known as thumb drives or jump drives), memory cards, digital tapes, zip-discs, floppy discs, jaz disc drives, Blu-ray discs, DVDs, CD-ROMs and CD-Rs, and/or digital audio players (known as MP3 players); photographic cameras, digital cameras, video cameras, video digital cameras, VHS recorders and players, and any other video recording devices; any and all VHS/cassette tapes, paper photographs, books or magazines containing images or communications pertaining to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES; (d) any records, whether they be in physical or electronic form, including but not limited to journals, ledgers, notebooks, books, or photo albums, or other information relating to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, wherein evidence may be recovered including, but not limited to, notations, photographs, new clippings/articles/literature/books, etc., regarding any of the victims described herein, or serial killers generally, as well as any documents, such as notebooks, journals, photo albums, word documents or software manuals, containing passwords or other notations, such as notes regarding the various phones/email/social media accounts utilized in furtherance of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES; (e) any documents relating to the recent occupation/renting/tenancy/purchasing of known instrumentalities utilized in the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, wherein evidence may be recovered including, but not limited to, mail, bills, or other similarly situated documents that tend to show ownership and/or occupancy of the items sought to be searched and/or seized; (f) any of the known instrumentalities involved in the commission of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, including but not limited to hunting paraphernalia, including but not limited to burlap, camouflage burlap fabric, "jute-like" fabric, hunting blinds, restraints, belts, textile yarns, polyester fibers, cotton fibers, tapes whether it be white or clear duct tape, "strapping tape" and/or "filament tape"; (g) any "trophy" instrumentalities utilized by and kept by the suspect after the commission of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, including but not limited to, cellular phones, condoms, cut distal ends of black leather belts, devices utilized to "stamp" letters onto leather goods such as belts, as well as knives, scissors, cutting implements, Bounty paper towels specifically from the "Bounty Modern Print Collection;" (h) any firearms, magazines, cases,

attachments, ammunition, bullet fragments and shell casings; (i) any locked or unlocked containers, including but not limited to, locked rooms, storage areas, vaults, cabinets, safes, closets, containers, including but not limited to, locked rooms, storage areas, vaults, cabinets, safes, closets, strong boxes, desks, drawers, suitcases, briefcases, boxes, hidden compartments, or other such enclosures where items (a) – (h) can be kept, hidden, or secreted; (j) and any further evidence that may constitute fruits, contraband, evidence or instrumentalities regarding the DESIGNATED OFFENSES;

**DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES (PERSON, PLACE OR THING)
TO BE SEARCHED**

A dark green in color 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche, bearing Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 3GNEK13T42G248561 (hereinafter "TARGET VEHICLE 1"), bearing South Carolina registration SRX 328 and registered to Craig Heuermann of 1031 Rippling Brooke Drive, Chester, SC 29706, which is believed to be located in South Carolina, and proof having been made by said application and affidavit that there is contraband, evidence or instrumentalities regarding the charge of, inter alia, Murder in the First Degree (New York State Penal Law Section 125.27 (1)(x)(i)), Murder in the Second Degree (New York State Penal Law Section 125.25(1)), Patronizing a Person for Prostitution in the Third Degree (New York State Penal Law Section 230.04), and Conspiracy to Commit said offenses in violation of Article 105 of the New York State Penal Law (hereinafter the "DESIGNATED OFFENSES"), it is **ORDERED** that, once TARGET VEHICLE 1 is transported to Suffolk County, a search of TARGET VEHICLE 1 be conducted to search and seize the following evidence related to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES.

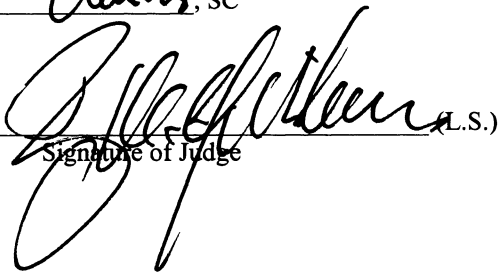
If seized from the above described residence and/or seized while in transit away from the associated, registered address, TARGET VEHICLE 1 will subsequently be forensically searched at a different location. TARGET VEHICLE 1 will be securely transported to Suffolk County, where TARGET VEHICLE 1 is subject to the lawful order of search and seizure.

**REASON FOR AFFIANT'S BELIEF THAT THE
PROPERTY SOUGHT IS ON THE SUBJECT PREMISES**

Your affiant conducted a physical surveillance of 1031 Rippling Brooke Drive, Chester, SC 29706 at approximately 10:50PM on July 13, 2023. Surveillance has been conducted on the property since that time and your affiant knows the vehicle to still be housed at that location. Your affiant is requesting authority to seize TARGET VEHICLE 1 and relinquish custody of TARGET VEHICLE 1 to Suffolk County, NY officers, agents or their designee, authorized to take custody and transport TARGET VEHICLE 1 in accordance with their signed **ORDER. CHESTER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE WILL BE ASSISTED BY OUR STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL PARTNERS. BB**

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
This ___ day of ___ 7/14, 2023

County Chester, SC



Signature of Judge



Affiant

Brad Bowers
2740 Dawson Drive Drive Chester, SC 29706
(803) 581-5131

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TO ANY BONDED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR COUNTY OR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF Chester:

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It appearing from the attached affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that certain property subject to seizure under provisions of Section 17-13-140, of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, is located on the following premises:

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Now, therefore, you are hereby authorized to search the subject premises for the property described below and to seize such property if found:

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hard drives, solid state drives, USB or USB flash drives (also known as thumb drives or jump drives), memory cards, digital tapes, zip-discs, floppy discs, jaz disc drives, Blu-ray discs, DVDs, CD-ROMs and CD-Rs, and/or digital audio players (known as MP3 players); photographic cameras, digital cameras, video cameras, video digital cameras, VHS recorders and players, and any other video recording devices; any and all VHS/cassette tapes, paper photographs, books or magazines containing images or communications pertaining to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES; (d) any records, whether they be in physical or electronic form, including but not limited to journals, ledgers, notebooks, books, or photo albums, or other information relating to the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, wherein evidence may be recovered including, but not limited to, notations, photographs, new clippings/articles/literature/books, etc., regarding any of the victims described herein, or serial killers generally, as well as any documents, such as notebooks, journals, photo albums, word documents or software manuals, containing passwords or other notations, such as notes regarding the various phones/email/social media accounts utilized in furtherance of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES; (e) any documents relating to the recent occupation/renting/tenancy/purchasing of known instrumentalities utilized in the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, wherein evidence may be recovered including, but not limited to, mail, bills, or other similarly situated documents that tend to show ownership and/or occupancy of the items sought to be searched and/or seized; (f) any of the known instrumentalities involved in the commission of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, including but not limited to hunting paraphernalia, including but not limited to burlap, camouflage burlap fabric, "jute-like" fabric, hunting blinds, restraints, belts, textile yarns, polyester fibers, cotton fibers, tapes whether it be white or clear duct tape, "strapping tape" and/or "filament tape"; (g) any "trophy" instrumentalities utilized by and kept by the suspect after the commission of the DESIGNATED OFFENSES, including but not limited to, cellular phones, condoms, cut distal ends of black leather belts, devices utilized to "stamp" letters onto leather goods such as belts, as well as knives, scissors, cutting implements, Bounty paper towels specifically from the "Bounty Modern Print Collection;" (h) any firearms, magazines, cases, attachments, ammunition, bullet fragments and shell casings; (i) any locked or unlocked containers, including but not limited to, locked rooms, storage areas, vaults, cabinets, safes, closets, containers, including but not limited to, locked rooms, storage areas, vaults, cabinets, safes, closets, strong boxes, desks, drawers, suitcases, briefcases, boxes, hidden compartments, or other such enclosures where items (a) – (h) can be kept, hidden, or secreted; (j) and any further evidence that may constitute fruits, contraband, evidence or instrumentalities regarding the DESIGNATED OFFENSES;

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This Search Warrant shall not be valid for more than ten days from the date of issuance.

A written inventory of all property seized pursuant to this Search Warrant shall be made to the Chester County Magistrate within ten days from the date of this warrant, such inventory to be signed by the officer executing this warrant, and a copy of such inventory shall be furnished to the person whose premises are searched if demand for such copy is made.

A copy of this Search Warrant shall be delivered to the person in charge of the premises searched at the time of such search if practicable, and, if not, to such person as soon thereafter as is practicable; in the event the identity of the person in charge is not known or if such person cannot be found after reasonable diligence in attempting to locate the person, a copy shall be attached to a prominent place on such premises.

Chester, S.C.
(City/ Town/ County)

(L.S.)
7/14, 2023
(Date)


(Signature of Judge)

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Return

I received the attached Search Warrant _____, 20 23, And have executed it as follows:
On JULY 14, 20 23 at 1103 o'clock P M, I searched
(the person) described in the warrant and (the premises)

I left a copy of the warrant with CRAIG HEUERMAN

Name of the person searched or "at the place of search"
with. ↳ OWNER

Together with a receipt for the items seized.
The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the warrant:

GREEN CHEV AVALANCHE
VIN - 3GNEK13T112G248561
+ KEYS

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The contents of all digital storage media referenced above:

This inventory was made in the presence of BOWEN, FBI AGENT HANNESEN
AND _____

I swear that this Inventory is a true and detailed account of all property taken by me on the warrant.

SWORN to before me this
day of _____ 2023
[Signature] (L.S.)
Signature of Judge

[Signature]
Signature of Officer Executing Warrant