

Film No.

File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

In the General Court of Justice

Wake County

District Court Division

In the Matter of

Cary Police Department OCA 08-3863 regarding the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper

Date Issued

Time Issued

4-16-09

1:10

pm

Name of Applicant

Detective J.A. Young

Name of Additional Affiant

N/A

Name of Additional Affiant

N/A

RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that this search WARRANT was received and executed as follows:

Date Received

04-12-09

Time Received

1:10

am

pm

Date Executed

04-17-09

Date and Time of Return

04-30-09 @ 12:35

I made a search of ONE CARBON

DIGITAL CAMERA, ONE SADDLE

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CELL PHONE, ONE MOTOROLA CELL

PHONE, TWO THUMBDRIVES, ONE

TRA RECORDED, ONE as commanded.

ENCLOSURES TWO AND TWENTY-EIGHT

I seized the items listed on the attached DISCS--

Inventory

I did not seize any items

This warrant was not executed within 48

hours of the date of issuance and I hereby

return it not executed

Signature of Officer Making Return

J.A. Young

Department or Agency Officer

CARY POLICE

AOC-CR-119

Rev. 8/83

To any officer with authority and jurisdiction to conduct the search authorized by this Search Warrant:

I, the undersigned, find that there is probable cause to believe that the property and person described in the application on the reverse side and related to the commission of a crime is located as described in the application.

You are commanded to search the premises, vehicle, person, and other place or item described in the application for the property and person in question. If the property and/or person are found, make the seizure and keep the property subject to Court Order and process the person according to law.

USCA are directed to execute this Search Warrant within forty-eight (48) hours from the time indicated on this Warrant and make due return to the Clerk of the Issuing Court.

This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath by the person or persons shown.

This Search Warrant was returned to me on the date and time shown below

Date

4/30/09

Time

4:23

am

pm

Signature

Rene Baber

Deputy CSC

Asst. CSC

Clerk of Superior Court

Date

4-16-09

Signature

[Signature]

Deputy CSC

Asst. CSC

District Ct. Judge

Clerk of Superior Court

Superior Ct. Judge

PAUL CARROLL

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SECTION I: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED

1. Any and all temporary Internet files or other digital history files indicating computer and/or Internet usage
2. Any and all file (word documents, video clips, audio files, audio recordings, image files, e-mails and other digital files), to include any and all file attachments, related to the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper and/or illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper
3. Financial documents and other documents indicating financial inquires, withdrawals or other transactions which illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Bradley and Nancy Cooper
4. Files relating to instructions, methods or means of committing the crime of homicide
5. Files relating to instructions, methods or means of disposing of a human body
6. Any and all documents and photographs pertaining to the purchase, sale, ownership or repair of jewelry believed to have been the property of Nancy Lynn Cooper
7. Any and all documents, journals and writings which record or illustrate the actions of either Nancy Lynn Cooper or Bradley Graham Cooper on Friday, July 11, 2008 and/or Saturday, July 12, 2008


SECTION II: NAME OF CRIMES

1. Murder, N.C.G.S. 14-17


SECTION III: DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE SEARCHED

1. One (1) Canon digital camera, Serial Number 1020603038
2. One (1) Sanrio digital camera, Serial Number 060912063
3. One (1) Samsung cellular telephone, Serial Number R1UP700193T
4. One (1) DVD-RW 1.4 GB disc seized from a 2001 BMW 325i assigned VIN WBAAV33481EE76815 and bearing North Carolina Registration Plate of STN-8649
5. One (1) Sony MP3 IC recorder seized from the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C.

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6. One (1) Motorola V551 cellular telephone, MSN D60GFBM074
7. One (1) IBM thumbdrive, Serial Number 2354865 seized from the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C.
8. One (1) Verizon 64 MB thumbdrive seized from the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C.
9. Nine (9) Sony DVD mini-discs, twelve (12) CD-R discs and six (6) DVD-R discs seized from the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C.
10. One (1) eMachines CPU, Serial Number GCJ85B0007198

SECTION IV: DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS TO BE SEARCHED

None

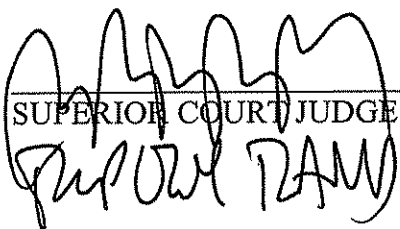
SECTION V: DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLES TO BE SEARCHED


None

SECTION VI: FACTS THAT ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE

A. I, J.A. Young (affiant), am a law enforcement officer with the Cary Police Department holding the rank of Senior Police Officer. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Criminal Justice degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in August, 1993. I have been employed as a law enforcement officer with the Cary Police Department since 1994 with the exception of the time period of 1997 to 2001 when I was employed as a law enforcement officer with the Greensboro Police Department. I earned the Advanced Certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission in November, 2000. I am currently assigned as a Detective with the Criminal Investigations Division of the Cary Police Department. Prior to my assignment as a Detective, I investigated and arrested individuals regarding incidents of breaking and entering to businesses and residences, larceny offenses, possession of stolen property and traffic offenses as an officer assigned to the Field Operations Bureau of both the Cary Police Department and the Greensboro Police Department. Since my assignment as a Detective in January, 2005, I have investigated and arrested individuals regarding the criminal offenses of murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, armed robbery, rape, sex offenses,

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financial crimes and drug crimes. I have more than 1,400 hours of law enforcement training which includes advanced training in the investigation of natural deaths, suicides and homicides.


B. On Saturday, July 12, 2008, the Cary Police Department initiated an investigation regarding a 'missing person', Nancy Lynn Cooper, who was last seen at the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C. which she shared with her husband, Bradley (Brad) Graham Cooper and their two (2) minor children.

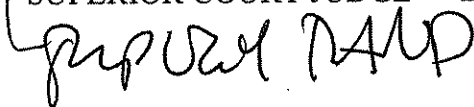
On Monday, July 14, 2008, a body was located by a resident of Wake County, North Carolina lying face down in a 'drainage pond' in an undeveloped phase within 'The Oaks at Meadowridge' subdivision. The body was determined to be that of a white female, who was deceased.

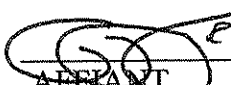
On Tuesday, July 15, 2008, the deceased white female was identified as Nancy Lynn Cooper by Dr. John Butts, the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of North Carolina. The manner of death was determined to be a homicide based upon an autopsy which was completed on that date.

On July 16 and 17, 2008 a search warrant for the residence of Brad and Nancy Cooper at 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, North Carolina (Wake County) was executed. Two (2) digital cameras, which are identified as Items #1 and #2 under 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched', were seized from the residence pursuant to the search warrant. A forensic preview of these items showed numerous photographs of Nancy Cooper. These photographs provide relevant evidence pertaining to this investigation regarding statements made by friends and relatives of Nancy Cooper that she owned a diamond pendant necklace which she wore continuously regardless of her activities (sleeping, showering, running, etc.).

Brad Cooper made inconsistent statements pertaining to the actions of himself and Nancy Cooper on Friday, July 11, 2008 and Saturday, July 12, 2008 during the course of the investigation pertaining to the homicide of Nancy Cooper. Affiant seeks to gain documents, journals, writings or other forms of recorded information which illustrate and show the actions of both Brad and Nancy on these dates. On August 25, 2008, affiant learned that Brad Cooper had purchased a laptop computer, of which the CPU is



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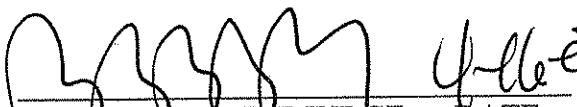
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identified in Item #10 of 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched', from a business in Cary, N.C. on August 2, 2008 and a digital voice recorder, identified in Item #5 of 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched', from the same business on August 23, 2008. In a deposition by Brad Cooper on October 2, 2008, Brad testified that he had created two (2) e-mails accounts on the 'Yahoo' website since July 12, 2008 in order to communicate via the internet. An examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a laptop computer seized from the residence on 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, NC on July 16, 2008 showed evidence that Brad Cooper had received and read two (2) e-mails on a 'Samsung Blackjack' cell phone, identified in Item #3 of 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched', which was in the custody and control of Brad Cooper during an interview with him at the residence on Monday, July 14, 2008 by Cary Police Detective Daniels and affiant.

On October 27, 2008 an indictment pertaining to the crime of murder of Nancy Cooper was issued by a Grand Jury in Wake County, N.C. for Brad Cooper. Brad Cooper was arrested on that date by Cary Police Detective Dismukes and affiant pursuant to an Order for Arrest.


During interviews with numerous friends, to include Jessica Adam and Diana Duncan, Cary Police Detective G. Daniels, Cary Police Detective Dismukes and affiant learned that Nancy Cooper was seeking a divorce from Brad Cooper due to an admission of an extramarital affair with another female. Individuals interviewed by the same Cary Police Detectives provided statements regarding an additional extramarital affair by Brad Cooper involving a female whom Brad Cooper met while attending graduate school at North Carolina State University and visited while overseas during the course of his employment with Cisco Systems, Inc.

In addition, during the investigation, Cary Police Detectives G. Daniels, Dismukes and affiant learned from Brad Cooper and family members and close personal friends of Nancy Cooper that Brad and Nancy Cooper had arguments between themselves relating to financial spending within the household, particularly by Nancy Cooper. These disagreements resulted in Brad Cooper limiting the access of Nancy Cooper to the financial accounts held by either or both of them.



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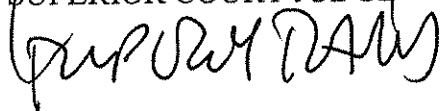
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On October 29, 2008 a search warrant for the residence of 104 Wallsburg Court, Cary, N.C. and two (2) motor vehicles, a 2001 BMW 325i assigned VIN WBAAV33481EE76815 bearing North Carolina Registration Plate of STN-8649 and a 2004 BMW X5 assigned VIN 5UXFA13594LU21464 North Carolina Registration Plate of WPN-6001 was obtained and executed by affiant. During the course of the execution of the search warrant, Items #3 to #9 under 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched', were seized. Item #10 was seized pursuant to the same search warrant on October 31, 2008.

Based on the above information provided in this affidavit, the affiant requests that a search warrant be issued to search the property items detailed under 'Section III: Description of Items to be Searched' for the property items listed under 'Section I: Description of Property to be Seized' which illustrate and/or provide evidence of the marital discord of Brad and Nancy Cooper and/or provide documentation or information pertaining to the financial accounts of Brad and/or Nancy Cooper. Any and all financial account(s) information pertaining to either Brad or Nancy Cooper will be examined as a whole via a forensic accounting examination to gain evidence and/or relevant information pertaining to the homicide of Nancy Lynn Cooper.



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Items Seized Continued:

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1. I left a copy of this inventory with the person named below, who is:

- a. the owner of the premises searched.
- b. the owner of the vehicle searched.
- c. the person in apparent control of the premises searched.
- d. the person in apparent control of the vehicle searched.
- e. the person from whom the items were taken.

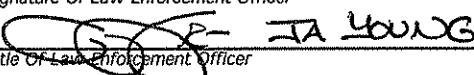

2. As no person was present, I left a copy of this inventory:

- a. in the premises searched, identified on the reverse.
- b. in the vehicle searched, identified on the reverse.

Name And Address Of Person To Whom A Copy Of This Inventory Was Delivered, If Any

Bradley Graham Cooper in care of his appointed attorney, Howard Kurtz at Kurtz and Blum, 16 West Martin Street, 10th Floor, Raleigh, N.C. 27601

The law enforcement agency identified below will hold the seized property subject to court order.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME		Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer 
Date 4/30/09		Title Of Law Enforcement Officer Detective
Signature 		Name And Address Of Agency Cary Police Department 120 Wilkinson Ave, Cary, N.C. 27513
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory.

Date	Signature of Person Receiving Inventory
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