

# SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE MATTER OF

98 Nاسترثان Lane, Scotland Neck, NC parcel#1100678

Date Issued 03/11/2010 Time Issued 3:30 AM  PM

Name Of Applicant Special Agent E. D. Smith

Name Of Additional Affiant Major B. Temple

Name Of Additional Affiant

### RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:

Date Received	3-11-2010	Time Received	3:31	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Executed	3-11-2010	Time Executed	4:27	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I made a search of 98 Nاسترثان Ln, Scotland Neck.

\_\_\_\_\_ as commanded.

I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.

I did not seize any items.

This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

Signature Of Officer Making Return

Department Of Agency Of Officer NCSBI Incident Number

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Haltfax County

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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.

You 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(s) shown.

Date	3/11/10	Signature		Deputy CSC Magistrate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assistant CSC District Ct. Judge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSC Superior Ct. Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>
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This Search Warrant was returned to me on the date and time shown below.

Date	3-12-10	Time	9:15	AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signature	Warrant Salmon	Deputy CSC Clerk Of Superior Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Elliott D. Smith, Special Agent, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation  
*(Insert name and address; or if law enforcement officer, name, rank and agency)*

being duly sworn, request that the Court issue a warrant to search the person, place, vehicle, and other items described in this application and to find and seize the property and person described in this application. There is probable cause to believe that *(Describe property to be seized; or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place to serve an arrest warrant or other process, name person to be arrested)*

fluids, hair fiber, prints, clothing, articles, jewelry, photographs, personal identification of women, miscellaneous papers/documents and any other items of evidentiary value

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* murder

and is located *(Check appropriate boxes) and fill-in specified information)*

in the following premises *(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)*  
98 Nasurtium Lane, Scotland Neck, NC parcel # 1100678; light colored single wide abandoned trailer

*(and/)*  on the following person(s) *(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))*

*(and/)*  in the following vehicle(s) *(Describe vehicle(s))*

*(and/)*

*(Name and/or describe other places or items to be searched)* Application AM 9:13

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BY SP

The applicant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:

See attached application for search warrant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

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Date

3/11/2010

Signature

*(Handwritten signature)*

*(Handwritten signature)*

Magistrate  Dep. CSC  Asst. CSC

Clerk of Superior Court  Judge

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavits, attached, made by \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by sworn testimony, given by \_\_\_\_\_

This testimony has been *(check appropriate box)*  reduced to writing

tape recorded and I have filed each with the clerk.

NOTE: If more space is needed for any section, continue the statement on an attached sheet of paper with a notation saying "see attachment." Date the continuation and include on it the signatures of applicant and issuing official.

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I, Special Agent ED Smith, (hereafter referred to as applicant), state that I am a sworn Law Enforcement Agent with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI). This applicant has been employed in this capacity since October 2000. Prior to this applicant's employment with the NCSBI, the applicant received a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in Criminal Justice from an accredited North Carolina Institution. Upon graduation from college in 1995, this applicant became employed as a Correctional Officer with the North Carolina Department of Corrections, Division of Prison and later in 1996 the applicant was employed with the Division of Community Corrections as an Adult Probation Parole Officer.

The applicant has received training in many different subject areas in the NCSBI BLET/Special Agent Academy which included but are not limited to: arrest search and seizure, constitutional law, criminal law, report writing, crime scene investigations, sex crime investigations, computer crimes investigations, financial crimes investigations, street gang investigations, drug investigations and homicide investigations. The applicant has received approximately 50 hours of additional training related to homicide investigations and interview and interrogation.

The applicant has participated in at least 20 homicide investigations. The applicant has conducted interviews of witnesses and suspects in the homicide investigations that he has participated in.

**\*\*SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEET\*\***

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In mid February 2009, Taraha Shenice Nicholson was reported missing by a family member. Nicholson was known to frequent the Rocky Mount area in North Carolina. Nicholson was known to be a prostitute and drug user. On March 7, 2009, Nicholson's body was found partially nude in a wooded area beside a field off of Marriot Farm Road in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.


The autopsy by the Medical Examiners Office revealed that Nicholson's cause of death was manual strangulation.

A Sexual Assault Kit was collected from the body of Nicholson and submitted to the NCSBI laboratory for analysis on March 19, 2009. Examination of the Sexual Assault Kit performed by the Forensic Biology Section of the NCSBI Laboratory revealed the presence of spermatozoa.

A DNA profile was then obtained from the Sexual Assault Kit. This unknown profile was entered into the NCSBI's DNA Database files using a computer program called CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). The CODIS system is a National DNA computer database that can compare DNA profiles from forensic casework with the DNA profiles of convicted felons. The CODIS is a National system operated jointly by state and local crime laboratories as well as the FBI.

The DNA profile obtained from the sexual assault kit matched a DNA profile contained within the NCSBI's DNA Database of convicted offenders identified as belonging to Antwan Maurice Pittman (SID # NC0620814A).

Furthermore, in early May 2009, Jarniece Hargrove was reported missing by a family member. Hargrove was known to frequent the Rocky Mount area in North Carolina. Hargrove was known to be a prostitute and a drug user. On June 29, 2009, Hargrove's deceased body was found nude and unclothed in a wooded area behind a field on Seven Bridges Road in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

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Hargrove was last reported being seen by a member of her family on April 25, 2009.

During the morning hours of April 25, 2009, North Carolina State Highway Patrol Trooper J.J. Scott responded to an accident/vehicle in a ditch call on Seven Bridges Road in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Trooper Scott found Antwan Maurice Pittman asleep and in the driver's seat of his 1996 Pontiac Bonneville. Pittman had dirt on his boots and his zipper was unzipped.

Trooper Scott estimated Pittman's vehicle was approximately 200 yards from the location that Hargrove's body was found during an interview with NCSBI Agents.

The deceased bodies of two other black females, Jackie Nikelia Thorpe and Ernestine Battle, who were also known to be prostitutes and drug users in the Rocky Mount area in North Carolina were found in wooded areas in the vicinity of Seven Bridges Road in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The approximate distance between the location of Thorpe and Battle's body was .6 miles.

Thorpe's deceased body was found in mid August of 2007 and Battle's deceased body was found in mid March 2008. Thorpe and Battle were both found nude and unclothed at their respective crime scenes. Minimal clothing items were located as a result of the crime scene searches.

On Friday, March 5, 2010, a search team was conducting a search in the area of Mary Chapel Road and Cemetary Road in Halifax County, North Carolina for another investigation. During the search, a member of the Halifax County Sheriff's Office noticed a round, white object lying in leaves beside a muddy area and a small creek. The Officer recognized what he believed to be a human skull.

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The area was immediately secured and members of the Medical Examiners Office/East Carolina Department of Anthropology collected additional skeletal remains on Friday, March 5, 2010 and Saturday, March 6, 2010. The skeletal remains were identified as human bones by the Medical Examiners Office/Anthropology Department from East Carolina University.

The skeletal remains were identified as Kristine Boone on Wednesday, March 11, 2010. Boone was also known to be a prostitute and drug user.

Through the investigation, it was learned that Pittman grew up in the area and worked on a farm in the vicinity of where the bodies of the women were found in Edgecombe County.

It was also discovered by the Halifax County Sheriff's Office that Pittman lived at 98 Nasturtium Lane in Scotland Neck, North Carolina in 2006. The residence that Pittman resided in was a single wide, light colored trailer that is currently abandoned and has a parcel number of 1100678 and is owned by Barbara Moore of Tarboro, North Carolina. Nasturtium Lane is located off of Cemetary Road. Nasturtium Lane is in the immediate vicinity of where Kristine Boone's skeletal remains were found.

Pittman has been charged with Loitering for Prostitution in Rocky Mount, North Carolina in July 2007.

The applicant believes that Boone could have possibly been killed in the trailer where Pittman resided in Halifax County. The trailer may contain DNA, body fluids, hair, fiber, prints, clothing articles, jewelry, photographs, personal identification of women, miscellaneous papers/documents and any other items of evidentiary value related to the crime of homicide.

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Based on the above information, there is probable cause to believe that Antwan Maurice Pittman was involved in the Homicide of Thorpe, Battle, Nicholson, Hargrove and Boone.

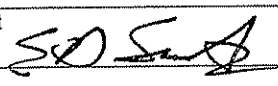
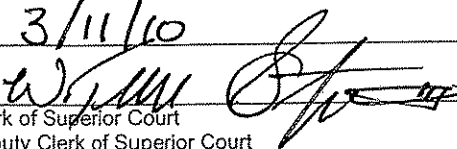
This applicant prays upon the court that this search warrant be issued for the purposes of searching 98 Nasturtium Lane (Single wide, light colored vacated trailer, parcel number 1100678) to obtain any evidence to wit: homicide.

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