

**APPLICATION FOR SEALED AFFIDAVIT AND THE ARREST WARRANT
FOR THE PERSON(S) OF:**



STEPHEN MATTHEWS, date of birth; 10/08/1987, a White male 6' tall weighing 188 pounds with blonde hair and green eyes, Colorado drivers license [REDACTED] for the crimes of:

18-3-402(1)(h)(4)(d): Sexual Assault, victim helpless, a class 3 felony, 3 counts

18-3-402(1)(a)(4)(d): Sexual Assault, no consent, a class 3 felony, 3 counts

18-3-402(1)(b)(4)(d): Sexual Assault, victim incapable, a class 3 felony, 3 counts

18-3-203(1)(e): Second Degree Assault (drugging), a class 4 felony, 7 counts

I, Detective Shane Webster, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above named person(s), are the following:

On January 30, 2023, Victim [REDACTED] went to University Hospital and underwent a Sexual Assault Nurse Examination for a sexual assault perpetrated against her the previous night. At that time, she opted to not be identified. A week later, however, on February 6, 2023, [REDACTED] called the Denver Police Sex Crimes Unit and asked about filing a report for the sexual assault. She was advised that she could come to headquarters and speak to a detective, which she elected to do. [REDACTED] arrived at headquarters and met with Detective Andrew Comeaux for a preliminary interview.

[REDACTED] reported that she recently met a man named Stephen Matthews on a dating app called Hinge. They spoke over the app for a few weeks and agreed to meet on January 29, 2023. They met at approximately 10:15 a.m. at On and Off Café at 2401 W. 32nd Avenue for breakfast and mimosas. After breakfast, he invited her to his house, and she accepted. They walked to his home, later determined to be 2233 W. 30th Avenue, in the City and County of Denver. Matthews' driver's license verified this as his address. She said that the walk took around five minutes. Once at Dr. Matthew's home, they played the game Jenga and later got into his hot tub. [REDACTED] reported that Dr. Matthews made her a drink and that she began to feel poorly. Her next memory is being at her own home and talking to paramedics. She had no memory from about noon until about 9:40 p.m. She had no idea how she got home.

Once she regained her mental faculties, [REDACTED] discovered that she took an Uber home at about 3:40 p.m., and that she had called a friend ([REDACTED]) and her sister ([REDACTED]) during this time. She was subsequently told that she was not making sense during those phone calls, so her sister came to her home to check on her as did a friend ([REDACTED]) and her mother ([REDACTED]).

Dr. Matthews made her a drink. [REDACTED] states that after the drink things became very blurry. She reports remembering only bits and pieces of what happened. She was in the hot tub but does not remember leaving it. She recalls being in Dr. Matthew's bathroom vomiting in the toilet and then being curled up in the bed in the fetal position. She next remembers being in her apartment with him, but not how they got there. She went to bed and woke up to Dr. Matthews having sex with her. The next morning, she woke up and took him home. She recalls that he asked her to drop him off away from his home. A couple of weeks later, after she told Dr. Matthews that she would not meet him again, he sent her photos of her naked in the hot tub.

[REDACTED]

Your Affiant spoke with [REDACTED] on April 24, 2023. [REDACTED] stated that she had a Sexual Assault Nurse Examination completed in 2020 after being sexually assaulted. At the time, she elected to proceed as an anonymous report and then changed to a medical report only. [REDACTED] stated she is now coming forward to identify her assailant as Stephen Matthews.

She said that they had matched on Hinge and agreed to meet at a park in the Uptown area to walk their dogs. That park was Benedict Fountain Park at 20th and Logan. He asked her if she wanted to watch the sunset at his place and she went there with him. Computer checks showed Dr. Matthews living at 1935 Logan Street at that time. She said he took her to the rooftop area and then went to get things from his apartment. She said that he was gone for an uncomfortably long period of time, but eventually Dr. Matthews came back with a drink for her in a large cup and a Jenga game. She said that she noticed that there were "dares" written on the Jenga pieces that they appeared to be in different people's handwriting. When she drew a blank piece, Dr. Matthews asked her to write a dare on it. She took a sip or two of the drink and said that it tasted bad. She eventually told him that she needed to leave and said she would help him take things back to his apartment. Once inside, she said she was going to leave, but he asked her to stay for five more minutes. She agreed and sat down. [REDACTED] reported that her next memory is crawling across his bedroom floor. She was naked and was yelling at him asking what he did. She said she got dressed, got her dog, and fled the apartment. She called her sister-in-law to pick her up and she was taken to the hospital for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examination.

[REDACTED]

On April 19, 2023, Your Affiant received a call from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that a few years ago, somewhere between the fall of 2020 to the spring of 2021, she met Dr. Matthews on Hinge. He suggested that she come to the hospital so they could "hook up" there and that many other women had done it. She declined, but eventually agreed to meet him at his residence in Uptown Denver. He talked about liking BDSM and "choking" and said that she "would not want to know what type of porn he likes to watch." [REDACTED] states that everything that happened on this occasion was consensual. However, she went over to Dr. Matthew's residence a second time. On that occasion, Dr. Matthews gave her a drink which she believes may have been tequila. After that, she blacked out and does not remember anything after that point. Her next memory was waking up at her own home. She said that she had planned on having sex with him but did not remember anything.

[REDACTED]

On April 21, 2023, Your Affiant spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] called and said that she [REDACTED] Dr. Matthews in the past as a [REDACTED]. She said that she went to his residence, which she later said was in the 2200 block of W. 30th Avenue and it was the top left unit of the

building (2233 W. 30th Avenue) on January 22, 2022, because she had agreed to watch his house and dog while he went out of town. On that date, she went to his house to get a key and he offered her a shot of tequila. After that, he wanted to eat, so they went to a restaurant. She thought he may have bought her a drink there as well. [REDACTED] reported that she began to feel ill and went to the restroom where she became violently ill. She could not keep her head up and the restaurant staff wanted to call 911. She called her roommate for a ride and left. [REDACTED] said that her roommate told her she was completely incoherent. [REDACTED] said that she was not sexually assaulted but believes that Dr. Matthews drugged her.

[REDACTED]

On April 20, 2023, Your Affiant spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] called and said that she matched with Matthews on the dating app Tinder. In May of 2022, they went on a hike and then went back to his place, which she later said was off of Wyandot and she thought it was possibly between 34th and 36th Avenues. She described the block as having a church on one corner and a restaurant on the other (2233 W. 30th Avenue has a church to the east and a restaurant to the west). She said they drank tequila, and she only remembers having two or three shots. They played Jenga and then she remembered him waking her up at 8 p.m. and telling her that she needed to leave. She asked him what happened, and he told her that she passed out and that she must have been tired. [REDACTED] said that she was clothed when he woke her and she did not have evidence that anything happened, but there was a block of about four hours that she could not remember.

[REDACTED]

On April 19, 2023, [REDACTED] called the Denver Police Department Sex Crimes Hotline and spoke with Detective Ruben Garduño. [REDACTED] reported that she had matched with Dr. Matthews on the dating app Tinder, and they agreed to meet. On May 25, 2022, they met at a park around 2:00 p.m. After hanging out there, Dr. Matthews said that the view from his apartment was good at that time of day and invited her back to his place to play games. She stated that she drove him and his dog to his place on W. 30th Avenue, which was only a few blocks away from the park. Once there, she had at least two shots and an alcoholic drink. [REDACTED] reported that she and Dr. Matthews played a game and the next thing she remembers was waking up at 1:00 a.m. in his bed. She reported having a vague memory of him being on top of her and kissing her.

[REDACTED]

On April 19, 2023, Your Affiant spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] called and reported that she went on a date with Dr. Matthews on February 5, 2023, after they met on Hinge. She said that he invited her to his residence in Lo-Hi near 30th St. and that he wanted to play Jenga with her, hang out in the hot tub and drink mimosas. He also told her she could bring her dog. Once there, [REDACTED] reported that Dr. Stephens tried to get her to drink something that he had made, but that she declined. She said that when they played Jenga there were things written on the Jenga pieces like in the game "truth or dare." She said that he got "touchy" when they were in the hot tub. She became uncomfortable and decided to leave. She said that she subsequently realized that he was the same person who had sexually assaulted her friend [REDACTED] about three years ago.

[REDACTED]

On May 1, 2023, your affiant spoke to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] called to report that she had gone on a date with Dr. Matthews. She said that they met on Tinder in May or June of 2022 and he

asked her to come to Denver to meet. They were to have coffee at a coffee shop near his house and take their dogs to a nearby dog park. After meeting he invited her to his home and they walked there. They played ladder ball and he then invited her up to his home to play Jenga. She agreed and while playing she noticed that the pieces had dares written on them like "take a shot". She remembered taking one shot and may have had part of a White Claw. After that things got fuzzy. She did not know what happened, but she ended up with bite marks on her arms. She said she had met with him at about 11:30am, but did not feel able to drive home, so she had to spend the night.

Based on these facts, your Affiant is respectfully requesting an **ARREST WARRANT and SEALED AFFIDAVIT** pursuant to **Rule 41** of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to have this Affidavit sealed from public release of the information herein contained, due to the media coverage of this case to assure that this case is not compromised and that the witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals; for arrest of **Stephen Matthews, 10/08/1987**, for the offense(s) of
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18-3-402(1)(a): Sexual Assault, no consent, a class 4 felony, 4 counts
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, so that this investigation can continue

I affirm this information to be true and correct

Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

Date

Time

Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: _____