

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT AND AUTHORIZATION

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Docket Number (Issuing Authority):

Police Incident Number: PA24-255133

Warrant Control Number:

Trooper Adam BLACK

PA State Police - Conry

PHONE NUMBER

02/26/24

DATE OF APPLICATION

IDENTIFY ITEMS TO BE SEARCHED FOR AND SEIZED (Be as specific as possible):

Any and all evidence to include but not limited to knives, blades, cutting instruments, firearms, ammunition, clothing, bodily fluids, blood, DNA, hair, fingernail clippings, fingernail scrapings, photographs, electronic devices, and any other physical evidence associated with criminal activity.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES AND/OR PERSON TO BE SEARCHED (Street and No., Apt. No., Vehicle, Safe Deposit Box, etc.):

Property, residence, outbuildings, and curtilage located at 21845 Fish Flats Road, Sparta Township, Crawford County, PA. The residence is light brown in color with metal siding, a dark brown metal roof, one story, and located on the Northwest side of the roadway.

NAME OF OWNER, OCCUPANT OR POSSESSOR OF SAID PREMISES TO BE SEARCHED (If proper name is unknown, give alias and/or description):

Andy BYLER, DOB:10/27/1999

VIOLATION OF (Describe conduct or specify statute):

PA Title 18: 2501 Criminal Homicide

DATE(S) OF VIOLATION:

02/26/24

Warrant Application Approved by District Attorney - DA File No. (If DA approval required per Pa.R.Crim.P. 202(A) with assigned File No. per Pa.R.Crim.P. 507)

Additional Pages Attached (Other than Affidavit of Probable Cause)

Probable Cause Affidavit(s) MUST be attached (unless sealed below) Total number of pages: 2

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES IS SUM OF ALL APPLICATION, PROBABLE CAUSE AND CONTINUATION PAGES EVEN IF ANY OF THE PAGES ARE SEALED

The below named Affiant, being duly sworn (or affirmed) before the Issuing Authority according to law, deposes and says that there is probable cause to believe that the items or property identified are evidence or the fruit of a crime, or are contraband, or are expected to be otherwise unlawfully possessed or subject to seizure, and that these items or property are or are expected to be located on the particular person or at the particular place described above. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Signature of Affiant

PA State Police - Conry

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Signature of Affiant

Agency or Address if Private Affiant

Badge Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of February, 2024, Mag. Dist. No. 30-3-01

Signature of Issuing Authority

6121 Hwy 6, Linesville, PA 16424

(SEAL)

Signature of Issuing Authority

Office Address

SEARCH WARRANT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

WHEREAS, facts have been sworn to or affirmed before me by written affidavit(s) attached hereto from which I have found probable cause, I do authorize you to search the premises or person described, and to seize, secure, inventory and make return according to the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This Warrant shall be served as soon as practicable and shall be served only between the hours of 6AM to 10PM but in no event later than:

This Warrant shall be served as soon as practicable and may be served any time during the day or night but in no event later than: 7:05 P M, o'clock February 28 2024

This Warrant shall be returned to judicial officer MDJ Nicols

The issuing authority should specify a date not later than two (2) days after issuance. Pa.R.Crim.P. 205(4).

If the issuing authority finds reasonable cause for issuing a nighttime warrant on the basis of additional reasonable cause set forth in the accompanying affidavit(s) and wishes to issue a nighttime warrant, then this block shall be checked. Pa.R.Crim.P. 206(7).

Issued under my hand this 26 day of February, 2024 at 7:05 P M, o'clock.

Signature of Issuing Authority

30-3-01

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(SEAL)

Signature of Issuing Authority

Mag. Dist. or Judicial Dist. No.

Date Commission Expires

Title of Issuing Authority: Magisterial District Judge Common Pleas Judge

For good cause stated in the affidavit(s) the Search Warrant Affidavit(s) are sealed for days by my certification and signature. (Pa.R.Crim.P. 211)

Signature of Issuing Authority (Judge of the Court of Common Pleas or Appellate Court Justice or Judge). (Date) (SEAL)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**



**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

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**PROBABLE CAUSE BELIEF IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Your Affiant, Trooper Adam BLACK, is a sworn member of the Pennsylvania State Police and is currently assigned to the Troop E, Corry Criminal Investigation Unit. I have been employed with the Pennsylvania State Police since June of 2019. During my course of employment, I have investigated criminal incidents of all natures, to include homicides, assaults, burglaries, thefts, drug investigations, etc. I am currently charged with investigating Criminal Offenses that have occurred within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and believe that probable cause, outlined below, exists for issuance of a Search Warrant.

On 02/26/24 at approximately 1226 hours, PA State Police Corry received a phone call transferred through the Crawford County 911 center. The caller, [REDACTED], related that she and Andy BYLER had just returned to Andy BYLER's residence located at [REDACTED] Sparta Township, Crawford County. Once they started to enter the residence, they located Andy BYLER's wife, Rebecca BYLER, unresponsive a short distance inside. It appeared that Rebecca BYLER's throat had been cut. PA State Police units were then dispatched to the residence. Upon Troopers arrival, they observed Rebecca BYLER laying on her back in a pool of blood in the living room of the residence. An evident laceration was observed on the front side of Rebecca BYLER's neck in addition to a scalping type wound on her head. Troopers proceeded to clear and secure the scene.

Based on the above information your Affiant believes probable cause exists for the issuance of a search warrant for the residence, outbuildings, and curtilage on the property. Issuance of the search warrant will allow for forensic processing of the scene which may yield crucial evidence that could prove vital to the on-going investigation.

I, THE AFFIANT, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

(SEAL)

Affiant Signature *[Signature]*

Date 02/26/24 Issuing Authority Signature *[Signature]*

02/26/2024 Date

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Trooper Adam BLACK PA State Police - Corry [Redacted] 02/26/24

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*TPR Adam Black* PA State Police - Corry 14063  
Signature of Affiant Agency or Address if Private Affiant Badge Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of February 24 Mag. Dist. No. 30-306

*MDJ Nicols* 304 W. Central Ave Titusville, OH  
Signature of Issuing Authority Office Address

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Issued under my hand this 26 day of February 24 at 8:48 P M, o'clock.

*MDJ Nicols* 30-306 1-3-28 (SEAL)  
Signature of Issuing Authority Mag. Dist. or Judicial Dist. No. Date Commission Expires

Title of Issuing Authority:  Magisterial District Judge  Common Pleas Judge  \_\_\_\_\_

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Affiant Signature T.P.R. Adam Black

Date 02/26/24

Issuing Authority Signature [Signature] (SEAL)

Date