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AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

Camrona J. Signer
Clerk of District Court Brazoria Co., Texas
BY _____ DEPUTY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIANT, TEXAS RANGER AARON ARIZMENDI, BEING A LICENSED PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS AND BEING DULY SWORN, ON OATH, MAKES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND ACCUSATIONS:

1. THERE IS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY A SUSPECTED ITEM DESCRIBED AND LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

A black and tan Glock model 19x 9mm with serial number [REDACTED] to include all attachments, the accompanying pistol magazine, projectile, spent cartridge casing as well as unspent 9mm cartridges. Said property is secured at the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office located at 3602 County Road 45, Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas 77515.



2. SAID SUSPECTED ITEM IS IN THE CHARGE OF AND CONTROLLED BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

**Kevin Daniel Tippit DOB [REDACTED] (Owner)
Brazoria County Sheriff Leonard "Bo" Stallman**

- 3. AFFIANT HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE, DOES BELIEVE, THAT ON OR ABOUT 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2026, IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, AN OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO WIT:**

**Manslaughter, Texas Penal Code Sec. 19.04
Criminally Negligent Homicide, Texas Penal Code Sec. 19.05
Agg Assault By Public Servant 22.02(b)(2)(A)**

- 4. THE AFFIANT HAS PROBABLE CAUSE FOR SAID BELIEF BY REASON OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:**

Your Affiant is a licensed Texas Peace Officer employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Texas Ranger. Your Affiant has been employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety for approximately 24 years and has over 32 years of experience working as a Texas Peace Officer. Affiant has conducted and/or assisted in numerous investigations, including but not limited to aggravated assaults, criminal homicides, officer-involved shootings, and custodial deaths.

On Monday, June 1, 2026, Affiant received a phone call at approximately 12:53 a.m. from Brazoria County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Lieutenant Jeff Mink, who told Affiant that there had been an officer-involved shooting at 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Lake Jackson, Brazoria County, TX 77566 involving a BCSO Patrol Deputy. Affiant went to the scene and observed that the scene was secured with marked police vehicles, crime scene tape, and uniformed officers.

Affiant observed that 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Lake Jackson, Brazoria County, TX 77566, was located on the south side of the Indian Warrior Trail. Affiant observed the residence was a one-story red brick residence, and the numbers to the residence, "150", were clearly marked on the front of the residence and were located between the single-car and double-car width garage doors. Affiant observed the driveway was located on the west side of the residence and traveled north and south connecting the garages to the roadway. Affiant observed a marked Brazoria County Sheriff's Office pick-up truck with its overhead emergency lights activated, parked at an angle facing the residence on Indian Warrior Trail.

Affiant observed a 2021 Red Dodge Challenger that displayed Texas License Plate [REDACTED] (Vin [REDACTED]) parked inside the garage on the west side of the garage where the two-car garage width door was located. Affiant observed that the garage door was open. Affiant observed the driver's door of the Dodge Challenger was open, and the driver's side door window was shattered but held together by window tint, with the window draped down on the inside of the door. Affiant observed what Affiant believed to be a bullet hole through the said driver's side window.

Affiant learned from BCSO CID Sergeant Lobpries that BCSO Patrol Deputy Kevin Tippit attempted to stop the 2021 Red Dodge Challenger with a displayed Texas License Plate [REDACTED] for a traffic violation in the area of Oyster Creek Dr. and FM 2004 in Richwood, Brazoria County, Texas. Affiant learned from Sergeant Lobpries that the vehicle failed to yield, evaded Deputy Tippit, and continued to the residence located at 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Lake Jackson, Brazoria County, TX 77566.

Affiant reviewed Deputy Tippit's body-worn camera and the patrol unit's dash camera.

Affiant observed the following on Deputy Tippit's dash camera: Deputy Tippit is parked on Oyster Creek Dr., north of FM 2004, and his unit is facing south. Affiant observed from the patrol unit's dash camera that at approximately 12:06 a.m., a Red Dodge Challenger turned westbound and accelerated onto FM 2004 from Oyster Creek Dr, Richwood, Texas, in a manner that caused the rear of the vehicle to lose traction with the road, which resulted in the vehicle's rear sliding right then left before recovering. Further, Affiant observed from the patrol unit's dash camera that Deputy Tippit reacted to the Red Dodge Challenger entering FM 2004 by driving his patrol unit behind the Red Dodge Challenger. Affiant observed from the patrol unit's dash camera that Deputy Tippit caught up to the Dodge Challenger on FM 2004 east of Yaupon St. in Lake Jackson, Texas. Affiant noted that Deputy Tippit had not turned on his lights at this point. Next, Affiant observed from the patrol unit's dash camera that once Deputy Tippit's unit caught up with the Red Dodge Challenger, the Red Dodge Challenger accelerated excessively beyond the posted 50 mph speed limit sign, which resulted in Deputy Tippit activating his emergency lights and siren in an effort to stop the Dodge Challenger. Affiant observed from the patrol unit's dash camera that the Dodge Challenger continued to disregard Deputy Tippit, reaching speeds of 120 mph. Affiant noted that the Red Dodge Challenger disregarded six red traffic lights before arriving at 150 Indian Warrior Trail. Affiant observed from the body-worn camera and the patrol unit's dash camera, as the Dodge Challenger pulled into the driveway, the residence's 2-car garage door opened, the Challenger pulled inside the garage, and the garage door began to shut.

Affiant observed the following on Deputy Tippit's body-worn camera: Deputy Tippit entered the garage through the open door. Affiant observed from the body-worn camera as Deputy Tippit approached the driver's door of the Red Dodge Challenger, Deputy Tippit pulled his pistol and discharged it into the passenger compartment of the vehicle through the driver's door window. Affiant observed from the body-worn camera that Deputy Tippit opened the Dodge Challenger driver's door and learned that the driver, later identified as John Mendoza Jr., DOB: [REDACTED], was struck by the bullet projectile. Affiant heard from the body-worn camera that Deputy Tippit notified BCSO dispatch via his portable radio that he had an accidental discharge and had one male bleeding. Affiant knows through training, experience, and Deputy Tippit's firearm just going off, that Deputy Tippit was referring to his firearm going off when he reported accidental discharge. Affiant observed from the body-worn camera, Deputy Tippit rendering emergency lifesaving care on John Mendoza, Jr.

Affiant learned from Sergeant Lobpries that Mendoza had been transported to the CHI St. Luke's Hospital in Lake Jackson, Texas, where he succumbed to his injury and died.

Upon searching the garage of 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Affiant observed a silver/chrome colored 9mm spent cartridge case on the floor near the driver's side rear of the Dodge Challenger. Your Affiant and Texas Ranger Forensic Investigator Michaila Duncan later seized Deputy Tippit's firearm from him. Affiant identified the firearm to be a tan and black Glock model 19x 9mm with serial number [REDACTED] that had one 9mm unspent cartridge in the chamber, and one inserted pistol magazine that contained 18 unspent cartridges.

On June 1, 2026, Affiant learned from Investigator Duncan that during the autopsy of John Mendoza Jr., the Pathologist recovered a bullet projectile from Mendoza's chest cavity. Affiant learned from Investigator Duncan that Investigator Duncan submitted the recovered bullet projectile at the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, until further testing.

Due to Deputy Tippit's radio statements to dispatch about an accidental discharge, Affiant requests a search of the Glock 19x, serial number [REDACTED], that would include but not be limited to, the forensic examination of the said firearm to include its internal and external components and attachments, a function test and examination of the firearm that would include inserting unspent 9mm cartridge(s), firing said cartridge(s), and collecting the spent bullet projectile(s) and spent cartridge casing(s). The requested search should include the forensic examination of the spent cartridge casing(s) and bullet projectile(s) collected during the examination process, as well as the comparison to the projectile recovered from Mendoza's chest cavity, and the spent cartridge casing seized at 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Lake Jackson, Texas. Said search would assist in, but not be limited to, determining if the Glock 19x is properly functioning, produced the spent cartridge casing seized from 150 Indian Warrior Trail, Lake Jackson, Texas, and the bullet projectile recovered from John Mendoza Jr.'s chest cavity. Said search would further identify the condition of the pistol's components and identify details about said components.

All information noted in this Affidavit for search warrant has been relayed to your Affiant by the person(s) and/or source(s) attributed or referenced or personally witnessed by Affiant. Affiant further believes in good faith that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Based on the foregoing facts of this Affidavit, Affiant believes probable cause exists to believe that the suspected property and items will be found in, on, or stored within the suspected place.


Affiant requests authority from the Court to transport, remove, or take any property or evidence seized pursuant to the warrant requested herein to any location deemed necessary for purposes of safekeeping and completion of any examination, investigation, or proceedings related to the activities described in this Affidavit.

5. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Affiant requests that a warrant issue to authorize me, or any other peace officer, or person acting on behalf of me, to search for and to seize property described herein, that may be found in the above-described location.



Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO, before me by said AFFIANT on this the 15th day of June, A.D. 2026.



MAGISTRATE SIGNATURE

Pat Sebesta

MAGISTRATE PRINTED NAME

Magistrate _____ Court
Brazoria County, Texas

Approved:

Tom Selleck

District Attorney
Brazoria County, Texas

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At _____ o'clock _____ M.

JUN 22 2026

Christina Sigman
Clerk of District Court Brazoria Co., Texas
BY _____ DEPUTY

SEARCH WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, THE AFFIANT WHOSE SIGNATURE IS AFFIXED TO THE AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED HERETO IS A LICENSED PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS AND DID HERETOFORE THIS DAY SUBSCRIBE AND SWEAR TO SAID AFFIDAVIT BEFORE ME (WHICH SAID AFFIDAVIT IS BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES), AND WHEREAS I FIND THAT THE VERIFIED FACTS STATED BY AFFIANT IN SAID AFFIDAVIT SHOW THAT AFFIANT HAS PROBABLE CAUSE FOR THE BELIEF HE EXPRESSES THEREIN AND ESTABLISHED THE EXISTENCE OF PROPER GROUNDS FOR ISSUANCE OF THIS WARRANT:

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE COMMANDED TO ENTER THE SUSPECTED ITEM DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A black and tan Glock model 19x 9mm with serial number [REDACTED] to include all attachments, the accompanying pistol magazine, projectile, spent cartridge casing as well as unspent 9mm cartridges.



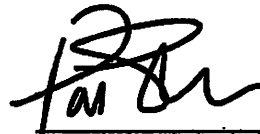
And to there search, have a forensic examination conducted on the above-described item, and seize any item or property produced and/or altered as a result of the search and/or examination.

Further, you are **ORDERED**, pursuant to the provisions of Article 18.10, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, to retain custody of any property seized pursuant to this warrant, until further order of this Court or any other court of appropriate jurisdiction shall otherwise direct the manner and safekeeping of said property. This Court grants your leave and authority to remove such seized property from this county, if and only if such removal is necessary for the safekeeping of such seized property by you, or if such removal is otherwise authorized by the provisions of Article 18.10, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

You are further **ORDERED** to have a forensic examination conducted of any items, to include any/ all firearms, their attachments, magazines, and unspent cartridges.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there this warrant within three days, exclusive of the day of its execution, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

ISSUED at 10:46 o'clock a.m. on this the 15th day of June, A.D. 2026, to certify when witness my hand this day.



MAGISTRATE SIGNATURE

Pat Sebesta

MAGISTRATE PRINTED NAME

Magistrate _____ Court
Brazoria County, Texas

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At ... o'clock ... M.

JUN 22 2026

Cassandra J. ...
Clerk of District Court Brazoria Co., Texas
BY _____ DEPUTY

RETURN AND INVENTORY

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIANT, BEING A LICENSED PEACE OFFICER UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS AND BEING DULY SWORN, ON OATH CERTIFIES THAT THE FOREGOING WARRANT CAME TO HAND THE DAY IT WAS ISSUED AND THAT IT WAS EXECUTED ON THE 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2026, BY MAKING THE SEARCH DIRECTED THEREIN AND SEIZING DURING SUCH SEARCH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

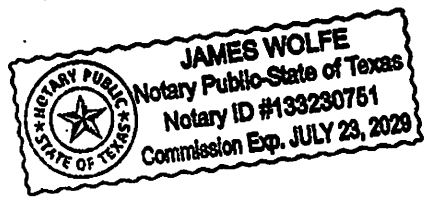
Any item or property and/or altered as a result of the search and/or examination to include but not limited to:

Photographs, bullet projectile(s), spent cartridge case(s) and reports produced by examiner(s)

[Handwritten Signature]

AFFIANT SIGNATURE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of June, 2026.



[Handwritten Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR STATE OF TEXAS