

STATE of CALIFORNIA - COUNTY of SAN JOAQUIN
RETURN TO SEARCH WARRANT

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Date of Issuance : **January 27, 2009**

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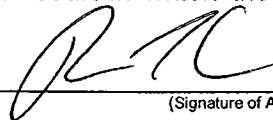
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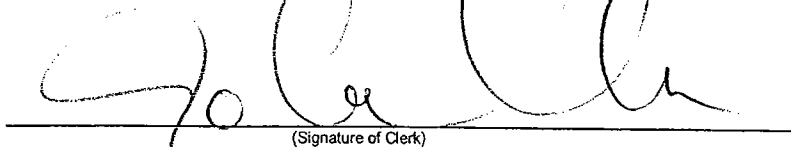
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(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 29th day of January, 2009, at 8:30 AM / P.M.


(Signature of Clerk)

Clerk of the **Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, Tracy Department.**

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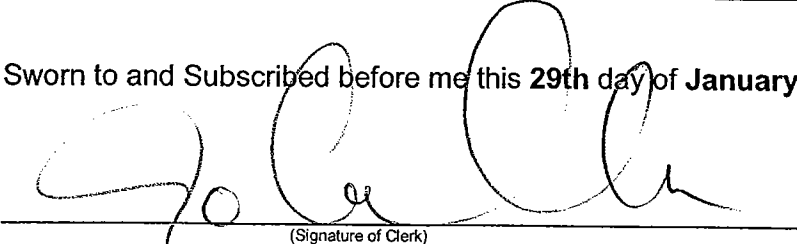
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TRACY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CONTINUATION PROPERTY REPORT

CASE #
08-11100

BOOKING OFFICER KNIGHT	ID# 1070	TYPE OF INCIDENT 206 PC	DATE PROPERTY BOOKED 1-28-09	TIME PROPERTY BOOKED 1600
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1070/24 E			MICHAEL SCHUMACHER	BUCCAL	SQJABS				
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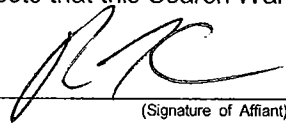
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STATE of CALIFORNIA, COUNTY of San Joaquin, SEARCH WARRANT and AFFIDAVIT (AFFIDAVIT)

Peace Officer / Detective Ryan Knight swears under oath that the facts expressed by him/her in the attached and incorporated **Statement of Probable Cause** are true and that based thereon he/she has probable cause to believe and does believe that the articles, property, and persons described below are lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524 and/or 1524.2, as indicated below, and are now located at the locations set forth below. Wherefore, Affiant requests that this Search Warrant be issued.



(Signature of Affiant)

HOBBS SEALING REQUESTED: YES NO
NIGHT SEARCH REQUESTED: YES NO

(SEARCH WARRANT)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ANY SHERIFF, POLICE OR PEACE OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF San Joaquin: proof by affidavit, under penalty of perjury, having been made before me by Detective Ryan Knight that there is probable cause to believe that the property or person described herein may be found at the location(s) set forth herein and that it is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524 and/or 1524.2, as indicated below by "" (s), in that:

- it was stolen or embezzled;
- it was used as the means of committing a felony;
- it is possessed by a person with the intent to use it as means of committing a public offense or is possessed by another to whom he or she may have delivered it for the purpose of concealing it or preventing its discovery;
- it tends to show that a felony has been committed or that a particular person has committed a felony;
- ~~it tends to show that sexual exploitation of a child, in violation of Penal Code Section 311.3, or possession of matter depicting sexual conduct of a person under the age of 18 years, in violation of Section 311.11, has occurred or is occurring;~~
- there is a warrant to arrest the person;
- a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service has records of evidence, as specified in Penal Code Section 1524.3, showing that property was stolen or embezzled constituting a misdemeanor, or that property or things are in possession of any person with intent to use them as a means of committing a misdemeanor public offense, or in the possession of another to whom he or she may have delivered them for the purpose of concealing them or preventing their discovery;

You are Therefore **COMMANDED** to **SEARCH**: (premises, vehicles, persons)

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For the **FOLLOWING PROPERTY** or **PERSON(s)**:

A saliva or blood sample from the body of Michael Schumacher [REDACTED] Kelly Lau [REDACTED] Caren Ramirez [REDACTED] and Anthony Waiters [REDACTED]

AND TO SEIZE IT / THEM IF FOUND and bring it / them forthwith before me, or this court, at the courthouse of this court. This **Search Warrant** and **Affidavit** and attached and incorporated **Statement of Probable Cause** were sworn to as true and subscribed before me on this **27th** day of **January, 2009**, at 8:35 **A.M.** / P.M. Wherefore, I find probable cause for the issuance of this Search Warrant and do issue it.

Thomas M. Harrington

(Signature of Magistrate)

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HOBBS SEALING APPROVED: YES NO
NIGHT SEARCH APPROVED: YES NO

Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, Tracy Branch.

THOMAS M. HARRINGTON

(Magistrate's Printed Name)

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STATE of CALIFORNIA, COUNTY of San Joaquin,
ATTACHED and INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Affiant declares under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true and that there is probable cause to believe, and Affiant does believe, that the designated articles, property, and persons are now in the described locations, including all rooms, buildings, and structures used in connection with the premises and buildings adjoining them, the vehicles and the persons:

Your Affiant, **Ryan D. Knight**, declares that I am a sworn Peace Officer and currently assigned to the Investigations Division as a Detective. I am currently assigned to investigate crimes against persons. I have been employed as a Police Officer for the City Of Tracy since July of 2001.

During my career, I have had the opportunity to work as a Patrol Officer and as a General Investigations Detective. In these assignments, I was afforded the opportunity to investigate cases involving violent crimes against persons, narcotics and controlled substances, many forms of larceny, and other state and federal statutes.

As it relates to criminal investigations, I have received the following training:

~~1020 hours of academy training at the Alameda County Regional Training Facility, which covered no less than (200) hours of homicide, sexual assault, child abuse, sexual exploitation of children, domestic violence, and property crimes investigations.~~

In the year 2003, I attended a course of instruction in interview and interrogation techniques for a total of (40) hours of instruction. The Behavior Analysis Training Institute presented this course.

In the year 2005, I attended a course of instruction in criminal investigations for a total of (80) hours of instruction. The Institute of Criminal Investigation presented this course.

In the year 2006, I attended a course of instruction in sexual assault investigations for a total of (40) hours of instruction. The Institute of Criminal Investigation presented this course.

In the year 2006, I attended a course of instruction in homicide investigations for a total of (80) hours of instruction. The Institute of Criminal Investigation presented this course.

In the year 2008, I attended a course of instruction in robbery investigations for a total of (40) hours of instruction. The Institute of Criminal Investigation presented this course.

Throughout my career, I have been the lead investigator in at least one hundred fifty (150) cases of violent crimes against persons and have assisted in no less than two hundred fifty (250) cases involving the aforementioned crime. During my tenure as a Police Officer and a Detective, I have received in-service training

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on crimes against persons and property crimes. In addition, I have spoken with Detectives and senior officers who had many years of experience in investigating violent crimes against persons and property crimes. I have consulted with Crime Scene Technicians and Department of Justice Laboratory Technicians on the common types of evidence collected while investigating these crimes and the proper methods of collecting that evidence.

I have interviewed and interrogated suspects involved in the aforementioned crimes and obtained confessions. Through these confessions and interviews, I have learned some of their methods of operation.

NARRATIVE: On 120108, approximately 1600 hrs, I responded to STCH to assist with a child abuse investigation.

Approximately 1530 hrs, Tracy PD officers responded to a call of suspicious circumstances at In Shape Health Club at 101 N. Tracy Blvd. A 16 year old male, referred to as the victim, contacted employees from the Health Club and requested help. He was bleeding and had a chain attached to his ankle. He appeared afraid and thought someone was going to get him. Due to apparent health problems, AMR transported the victim to STCH.

After further investigation it was learned that witnesses saw the victim jumping over a wall on the north side of In Shape Health Club towards the club. The wall separates the club from a housing track just to the north. At that time it was unknown where the victim came from.

~~I arrived at STCH and met with Ofc. Orvick who had already interviewed the victim. I had earlier learned that the victim was reported as a runaway from a group home in Sacramento in May of 2007.~~

Ofc. Orvick told me the victim stated he currently didn't know where he was or what city he was in. He stated that shortly after he had ran away, he was walking down the highway when he was kidnapped by two unknown suspects. He said both were male and possibly had Spanish speaking accents. The victim said he couldn't provide any further information regarding the suspects.

After he was kidnapped he was taken to an unknown residence. While at the residence he wasn't allowed to leave and was frequently chained to fixed objects at the residence. It should be noted when the victim arrived at STCH he had a chain secured around his ankle and it appeared to have been there for a long period of time. His ankle had numerous sores and indentations that appeared to be from the chain around his ankle for long periods of time.

The victim stated he was sometimes chained to the fireplace grate and sometimes to a table. He said that sometimes he would be chained to a fixed object inside of a white SUV when they would leave the residence. The victim was sure the suspects who held him captive owned a white SUV (unknown make or model).

The victim said that he was often hit in the head with a baseball bat. He was also cut with a knife and strangled with a belt until he went unconscious. During one incident when he was strangled with the belt, he went unconscious and his arm fell into the fireplace while there was a fire going. The victim said he sustained a

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burn on his arm from the fireplace. He said he was rarely given any food, and would only be given small amounts of food once in a while. He also added that he would often be forced to sleep inside the fireplace and spent a large amount of time there.

Upon further examination the victim appeared to have sustained numerous injuries. He appeared extremely malnourished and under weight for a person his age (16 years old). He had numerous sores and was covered with soot, which seemed to support his earlier statement about being forced to spend time in the fireplace. He also had what appeared to be severe burns on a large part of his left arm.

Tracy PD officers continued to follow up leads near the In Shape Health Club of possible locations where the victim came from. They located a white Ford Excursion (SUV) [REDACTED] in the driveway of 630 Tennis Ln. It should be noted that the backyard of 630 Tennis Ln backs up to the north parking lot of In Shape Health Club. Due to the location of the residence in relationship to the health club, as well as the white SUV in the driveway, officers made contact at 630 Tennis Ln. They spoke with (S) Kelly Lau, who reported she was a resident.

At that same time other Tracy PD officers contacted a neighbor at [REDACTED] Tennis Ln who described seeing a male and female adult couple who lived at 630 Tennis Ln. The neighbor described seeing a teenage male who appeared to live at the residence at 630 Tennis Ln. The neighbor said it didn't appear the teenage boy was treated very well. Due to the above circumstances it appeared probable 630 Tennis Ln was the location the victim had escaped from.

Officers conducted a protective sweep inside 630 Tennis Ln in order to locate other possible suspects. During the protective sweep officers noticed a blanket inside the fireplace.

I learned this information while in the ER of STCH. I used a Tracy PD digital camera and took a photograph of the victim in order to show it to the neighbor who reported seeing a teenage boy living at the residence. I then responded to [REDACTED] Tennis Ln and showed the digital photograph of the victim to (W) [REDACTED] and (W) [REDACTED] (residents at [REDACTED] Tennis Ln). [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] viewed the photograph while it was still on the digital camera, and they both identified the victim as the teenage boy they had seen living next door.

(A) Michael Schumacher, (A) Kelly Lau (AKA Kelly Schumacher) were subsequently arrested for various child abuse charges, which included torture. They both acknowledged participating in varying degrees in the victim's child abuse.

A third suspect, (A) Caren Ramirez, was identified as the victim's mother through numerous interviews. We also learned through the interrogations of Michael and Kelly that Caren Ramirez was involved in the abuse of the victim. The day after Michael and Kelly were arrested, Caren was located by Berkeley PD at a friend's residence and was arrested. The friend was identified as (W) [REDACTED] Caren subsequently acknowledged participating in the abuse of the victim.

A few days later Det. Bauer and I spoke with the victim who provided an additional statement. He said he didn't want to identify the suspects during his first interview with Tracy PD because he was afraid that the suspects would find him and harm him. He then provided a statement that identified Kelly Lau, Michael

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Schumacher, Caren Ramirez, and (A) Anthony Waiters as all being involved in his abuse. The victim made several statements that corroborated evidence located during a search of the suspect's residence.

Anthony Waiters was subsequently arrested and acknowledged participating in the abuse of the victim.

During this investigation three search warrants were served at the Schumacher's residence at 630 Tennis Ln and one search warrant was served at the Waiter's residence at 610 Tennis Ln. During the service of those search warrants numerous items of biological evidence were located. Those items included a bat that appeared to have blood on it. The bat was located directly next to the fireplace, which was only a few feet away from the table the victim was chained to. There were also blood drops located inside the fireplace, on the bricks around the fireplace, and on the carpet around the fireplace.

Tracy PD Crime Scene Technicians collected the bat as well as swab samples of the areas where we located suspected blood. Crime Scene Technicians collected swabs from eleven different areas in and around the fireplace.

On 01/26/09, I transported the bat as well as the swab samples to California Department of Justice Central Valley Criminalistics Laboratory in Ripon to be compared to a sample of the victim's blood that was collected during a [REDACTED] examination.

I spoke with Criminalist Libby Schreiber (DOJ Ripon) who was assigned to analyze the biological evidence in this case. She explained that DNA reference samples would be required from all four suspects in order to more clearly analyze the biological evidence in this case, which contains DNA. She explained that a DNA reference sample (Buccal Swabs) would be needed to either eliminate or verify the suspects as a possible source of DNA on the bat or the swabs.

Your affiant wishes to obtain a DNA sample from (A) Michael Schumacher, (A) Kelly Lau, (A) Caren Ramirez, and (A) Anthony Waiters for comparison. The sample is most commonly taken by the use of a cotton swab (similar to a Q-tip) rubbed on the interior cheek walls of their mouths. This is a common and accepted practice to obtain D.N.A. from a person. The retrieval of a D.N.A. sample from the four suspects could prove or disprove their involvement in the child abuse now being investigated. Another method for retrieving a D.N.A. sample from a person is to obtain a blood sample. Your affiant intends to obtain the sample through the less obtrusive manner (Q-tip); however, if the suspects do not submit, I request permission to obtain a blood sample from him/her through the use of a trained medical technician, phlebotomist or doctor.

I pray that a Search Warrant be issued based upon the aforementioned facts, for the seizure of said property, good cause being shown thereof, and the same be brought before this Magistrate or retained subject to the order of the court, or of any court in which the offense(s) in respect to which the property of things taken, triable, pursuant to Section 1536 of the Penal Code.

Items attached and incorporated by Reference: YES NO

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I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Tracy, California

(Signature of Affiant), 27th day of January, 2009, at 8:35 A.M. P.M.

It is hereby ordered this entire search warrant and statement of probable cause / affidavit be sealed because disclosure could irretrievably harm the ongoing criminal investigation. In accordance with California Rules of Court Rule 243.1(d), this court finds:

- There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to the record;
- The overriding interest supports the sealed record;
- A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed;
- The proposed sealing order is narrowly tailored;
- No less restrictive means exists to achieve the overriding interest.


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 (Signature of Affiant)

Sealing is hereby ordered!
 1-27-09

