

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF GALVESTON COUNTY TEXAS

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Complaint in writing, under oath, has been made before me by S. Hardcastle, a peace officer employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which complaint is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof for all purposes and said complaint having stated facts and information in my opinion sufficient to establish probable cause for the issuance of this warrant;

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to forthwith search the places therein named, to wit: 3045 Marina Bay Dr. #13309, League City, Galveston County, Texas, with the authority to search for and to seize any and all evidence that may be found therein including, but not limited to:

1. Evidentiary photographs of the interior and exterior of the locations described herein above;
2. Any and all information whether stored electronically as computer data or on paper and all data including communications, such as, text discussing, referring to, or otherwise regarding Backpage.com or the victims [REDACTED]
3. Any equipment capable of storing digital data and/or electronic media including but not limited to computer, diskettes, compact discs, digital video discs, hard drives, flash drives, memory sticks, tablets, portable electronic devices, and cellular phones as well as all peripheral devices associated with such equipment;
4. Any documents associated with online e-mail accounts, online social accounts, internet providers, cellular telephone bills and records, passwords, and screen names;
5. Documents showing dominion and control over the residence such as letters, utility bills, telephone bills, miscellaneous bills, pager bills and receipts for occupants, articles of personal property tending to establish the identity of the persons in control of the premises, vehicles, storage areas, safes, out buildings and containers being searched including utility company receipts, rent receipts, addressed envelopes, and keys and photographs of the defendant and his associates.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to have a forensic examination conducted of any devices seized pursuant to this warrant to search for the items previously listed.

HEREIN FAIL NOT and due return make hereof.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 23rd day of June  
A.D. 2015 at 12:02 O'clock, P.M.

MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE 405th District Court  
Galveston County, Texas

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I, S. Hardcastle, a peace officer employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Office do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that within: 3045 Marina Bay Dr. #13309, League City, Galveston County, Texas which is more particularly described as a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment which is located in the number 13 building of the Fairways of South Shore Harbor Apartment Complex. The Fairways of South Shore Harbor Complex sits on the south side of the roadway, is a gated complex having controlled access gates on the north side of the complex. Building number 13 sits on the southwest side of the complex and is a 3 story stucco building which consists of multiple apartments. The building has a 2 tone beige and khaki color scheme and is clearly marked on the side of the building facing the parking lot with a large sign with the number 13 painted on the sign. Apartment number 13309 is located in the southeast corner of the third floor with the front door facing north and is clearly marked with a small painted sign which displays the numbers 13309 on the building to the right of the door frame. Apartment number 13 has a storage closet assigned to it which is located just to the west of the front door of apartment number 13; is evidence which is more particularly described as Evidentiary photographs of the interior and exterior of the locations described herein above; any and all information whether stored electronically as computer data or on paper and all data including communications, such as, text discussing, referring to, or otherwise regarding Backpage.com or the victims [REDACTED], any equipment capable of storing digital data and/or electronic media including but not limited to computer, diskettes, compact discs, digital video discs, hard drives, flash drives, memory sticks, tablets, portable electronic devices, and cellular phones as well as all peripheral devices associated with such equipment; any documents associated with online e-mail accounts, online social accounts, internet providers, cellular telephone bills and records, passwords, and screen names; Documents showing dominion and control over the residence such as letters, utility bills, telephone bills, miscellaneous bills, pager bills and receipts for occupants, articles of personal property tending to establish the identity of the persons in control of the premises, vehicles, storage areas, safes, out buildings and containers being searched including utility company receipts, rent receipts, addressed envelopes, and keys and photographs of the defendant and his associates.

MY BELIEF IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

On December 17, 2014 Deputy J. Lewis, a certified peace officer reputedly employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, met with [REDACTED] hereafter Complainant, who stated that she had been receiving numerous phone calls and texts from unknown telephone numbers. Deputy Lewis found Complainant to be credible and reliable. She stated that the calls began around 10:20 p.m. December 16, 2014 and that by 11:27 p.m. she had received 7 calls and 26 texts. She stated that she finally answered her phone and through the discussion was able to determine that the phone calls and texts were the result of her persona being used in an advertisement in the escort section of a website with the URL: www.backpage.com. She stated that she located the advertisement on www.backpage.com under POST ID #24515679 and saw that it made use of multiple photographs of her that were available on her personal Facebook postings. The advertisement also used her personal telephone number and stated that she was from the Crosby, Huffman, Liberty area and that she charged \$70.00 for a half hour. She stated that she did not post the advertisement nor did she give anyone permission to post the advertisement or to otherwise use her persona for such purpose. She stated that she believed that the fraudulent advertisement had been created by Christopher Dupuy, hereafter Suspect.

On January 15, 2015 I interviewed [REDACTED] She confirmed the same information to me that she previously told Deputy J. Lewis. She explained that she has known Mr. Dupuy for approximately 20 years and they had dated approximately 6 years ago before she married someone else. She recently employed Christopher Dupuy as her attorney in divorce proceedings which were finalized in November of 2014. During his representation of her, Christopher Dupuy stated to her that he wanted to be in a relationship with her. Complainant declined the Suspect.

She stated that this angered Dupuy and that he began monitoring her personal Facebook page and making comments to her regarding other males that she communicated with on Facebook. He would also copy photos from her Facebook account and send them to her with derogatory remarks about the pictures. She described his behavior and his advances toward her as aggressive. She only maintained communications with him that were necessary to finalize her divorce on November 24, 2014. After that date she ceased all contact with him and began to ignore any communications she received from him.

I researched the full identity of the suspect which found, Christopher Michael Dupuy, white male, date of birth 08/26/1971, Texas driver's license #11381166, home address, 3045 Marina Bay Dr. #13309, League City, Texas. Mr. Dupuy also has a Post Office Box which holds an address of, P.O. Box 1416, Kemah, Texas 77565. Mr. Dupuy has an email address of: JudgeDupuy@yahoo.com. Mr. Dupuy also maintains an office location of 11961 FM 1764 in Santa Fe, TX 77510. Said office location is listed under Christopher Dupuy's contact information for the State Bar of Texas website as well as with the Justice Administration department of Galveston County where he is known to practice law.

I searched backpage.com for Post ID #24515679 and located the advertisement fraudulently posted in the name of [REDACTED]. I was able to visually confirm the details of the advertisement that had been relayed by [REDACTED]. The advertisement gave the clear impression that the poster was offering sexual services in exchange for money. This was apparent through statements on the advertisement such as, "VERY FETISH FRIENDLY," "guarantee you full satisfaction" and a caption for the advertisement reading, "Looking for a sexy nurse?" I sent an affidavit to the Harris County District Attorney's Office for a subpoena to obtain the identity of user who created that particular backpage.com advertisement. I personally faxed the subpoena to Backpage.com, LLC. On January 21, 2015 I received documentation from Backpage.com, LLC responsive to the subpoena. The documentation showed that the advertisement was created under invoice # 24514619 with the following customer information:

User Name: DON TEQUILA

Email Address: dontequila1900@hotmail.com

Address: [REDACTED]

IP Address: 212.83.40.5

Credit Card Number 435167\*\*\*\*\*7971

The documentation also showed that an additional backpage.com advertisement (POST ID: 24514618) had been posted from the same user but with an IP address of 104.224.0.33. Both user accounts were created at 8:38 p.m. CST December 16, 2014 which were verified by email at 2:49 p.m. CST on December 17th, 2014. POST ID #24515679 was created at 8:38 p.m. CST December 16, 2014. POST ID: 24514618 was created at 10:12 p.m. CST December 16, 2014. Affiant is aware that having multiple IP Addresses for each post, despite them having a common user, likely means that the poster used separate devices to create each backpage.com advertisement, such as a computer and a smartphone.

I viewed the backpage.com advertisement POST ID: 24514618 and found it to be posted in the name of [REDACTED] and also advertised services as an escort. On the backpage.com advertisement I observed three photographs of a female that I later determined to be [REDACTED]. Two of the photographs showed her face and one photograph showed only her breasts with the face cropped. I interviewed [REDACTED] and she confirmed that she did not post the advertisement nor did she give anyone permission to post the advertisement or to otherwise use her persona for such purpose. [REDACTED] stated that she believed the fraudulent advertisement had been posted by Christopher Dupuy. I had not informed [REDACTED] that Christopher Dupuy was a suspect prior to her naming him. [REDACTED] stated that she had dated Dupuy until she ended the relationship around August of 2014 and that he had been harassing her ever since. [REDACTED] confirmed that each of the three photographs listed on the backpage.com advertisement were in fact her. She stated that the two pictures showing her face were available on her public Facebook page, however the picture showing her breasts was not available publicly anywhere. She stated that she recognized that exact photograph as one that she sent to Christopher Dupuy during the time that they were dating. She stated that she sent the photograph from her cellular phone to his cellular phone through a text message.

I investigated the address [REDACTED] and determined that it is the business address of [REDACTED]. I further discovered that attorney [REDACTED] represented [REDACTED] on her prior divorce proceeding.

I was able to enter the "BIN" number of the credit card which was used to pay for the POSTS into the "BIN" search using "WWW.Binbase.com" which showed that the card is a VISA Classic Credit Card, ISO #840 bearing the first six numbers of 435167 and the last four numbers of 7971. I contacted Visa who redirected me to Green Dot advising that the card issued with the first six numbers of 435167 and the last four numbers of 7971 was a gift card issued by Green Dot. I contacted Green Dot and was advised that the gift card was not registered to anyone and therefore they would not be able to provide me with any personal information of the person who used the card.

I investigated the origin of the IP Addresses and found that 212.83.40.5 could be geolocated to Germany and was connected with an internet service provider named 23media. IP address 104.224.0.33 was geolocated to Venezuela and was connected with an internet service provider named Roya Hosting. I was unable to locate any direct connection between the IP addresses and suspect Christopher Dupuy. I am aware that there are programs and services that allow a computer user to mask or hide their IP address through the use of a virtual private network (VPN.) Use of such methods causes the visible IP address to be that of the VPN rather than that of the local user. The visible IP address of the VPN often might route to a different country than where the user is geographically located. I am aware through training and experience VPNs are often used specifically to disguise and then shield the identity of the user because an internet service provider typically will not respond to a subpoena from a foreign country. I researched the service providers 23media and Roya Hosting and found that they both offered VPN services. I further learned that IP addresses from Roya Hosting appear on numerous "blocked IP Addresses lists" circulating the internet due to their frequent use as a VPN for internet spammers and hackers. Through the Galveston County District Attorney's Office, requests were made to Homeland Security to investigate the subject IP addresses using their local contacts in each country. Jack McClain, Deputy Attaché, for the US Embassy in Bogota, Columbia made requests for information regarding IP Address 104.224.0.33 to the Venezuelan national police cyber-crimes unit and informed the Galveston County District Attorney's Office that the IP Address 104.224.0.33 resolves to the state owned telephone and internet company CANTV. He further stated that this hosting service is designed to conceal the true location of the user and that there would be no further way to discover the identity of the user. Mathew Brodman, Homeland Security Investigations, US Consulate Frankfurt informed the Galveston County District Attorney's Office that he would be unable to trace the identity of the 212.83.40.5 IP Address due to the fact that Germany only retains IP Address logs for seven days. Based on Affiant's investigation it appears that the suspect made use of one or more VPNs when posting the backpage.com advertisements in an effort to prevent the IP addresses from being traced back to his actual location.

Affiant investigated the name DON TEQUILA and found it to be the screen name of a Facebook page of an anonymous person who uses the Facebook page to post all negative posts in reference to Christopher Dupuy. Through the Galveston County District Attorney's Office a Grand Jury subpoena was issued on February 24th, 2015 to MSN Hotmail to obtain all associated subscriber information for the email dontequila1900@hotmail.com.

On May 11th, 2015 MSN Hotmail provided records responsive to the Grand Jury subpoena. The listed user for the email address dontequila1900@hotmail.com is Don Tequila. Affiant knows this name to be a fabricated alias. The records further show that the email address was registered on 12/16/14 at 1:29:47 p.m. using an IP address of 5.56.23.226. Affiant investigated this IP address and determined that it resolved to a service provider in Nuremberg, Germany. Based on Affiant's training and experience and other evidence discovered during this investigation, the IP address of 5.56.23.226 appears to be an additional VPN used to conceal the true location of the user. The records further list under the "history" section an additional IP address of 76.30.3.250 which was associated with the account on 12/25/2014 at 3:17:03 p.m. Affiant investigated this IP Address and determined that it resolved to a location in League City, Texas and was serviced by Comcast Cable Communications Inc. Through the Galveston County District Attorney's Office a Grand Jury subpoena was issued on May 15th, 2015 for all subscriber information related to IP Address 76.30.3.250.

On May 20th, 2015 Comcast Cable Communications Inc. provided records responsive to the Grand Jury subpoena.

The records show that the subscriber of IP Address 76.30.3.250 is Christopher Dupuy and list both a service and a billing address of 3045 Marina Bay Dr. # 13309 League City, TX. 77573.

Affiant believes there to be evidence of the Suspect's activities in the residence including equipment used to create the false personas and documentation showing the residency of the location and documents used in the creation of the false personas.

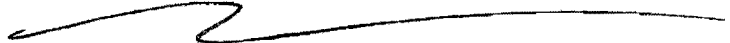
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Affiant respectfully requests that warrant issue authorizing your Affiant, or any other special investigator, or any peace officer of the State of Texas, to enter the aforementioned property/premises located at 3045 Marina Bay Dr. #13309, League City, Galveston County, Texas, with the authority to search for and to seize and to analyze the property and items set out earlier in this affidavit.



AFFIANT

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this

the 23rd of June, 2015, A.D.



MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE, 403rd District Court  
Galveston County, Texas

*[Signature]*

- 13. Galveston County Justice Center County Court #3 FD "Christopher Dupuy"
- 12. PNY LG 60 memory stick black in color
- 11. Black 4 GB memory stick with white Robot picture on side.
- 10. Phone black in color (No serial number visible)
- 9. Texas concealed handgun license # 06146769
- 8. Pad silver and black in color (No serial number visible)
- 7. SanDisk Cruzer Glide 16 GB
- 6. LG Phone model # LG-L3YC serial # 4086YHE1069217 (No serial number visible)
- 5. Bell Laptop Explorer black in color with charger
- 4. Lexmar Memory Jumpdrive 8 GB
- 3. Buell's GL 200 FMEI # 86784400143369
- 2. Green Dot Basic (empty package) # 205821470
- 1. iPhone (Apple) FMEI # 35923 model # A1549

making the search directed therein and seizing during the search the following described property:

warrant came to hand on the day it was issued and that it was executed on the 25 day of June A.D. 2015 by

The undersigned, being a peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas, certifies that the foregoing

JOHN D. KINARD  
CLERK DISTRICT COURT  
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GALVESTON COUNTY CLERK

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