

2014 CRW 001164

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
SEARCH WARRANT

TO: CHIEF OF POLICE OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
(Specific Law Enforcement Officer or Classification of Officer of the Metropolitan Police Department or other Authorized Agency)

Affidavit, herewith attached, having been made before me by Detective Timothy Palchak, Badge #D21564  
Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, Dc that he has probable cause to believe  
that on the  person  premises  vehicle  object, known as \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE ENTIRE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE LOCKER USED BY KAHLIL TATUM. This locker is located at 1900  
Massachusetts Avenue, SE Washington, DC. The locker is is beige with a silver color pad lock. There is no number or name  
identification on this locker.

in the District of Columbia, there is now being concealed certain property, namely \_\_\_\_\_  
Evidence relating to ongoing criminal investigations regarding a missing child, obstruction of justice and homicide specifically  
describe in the conclusion paragraph of the affidavit in support of this search warrant.

which is \_\_\_\_\_ In violation of D.C. Code \_\_\_\_\_ and as I am satisfied  
(Alleged grounds for seizure)

that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the above designated  
 person  premises  vehicle  object, and that the foregoing grounds for issuance of the warrant exist.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED within 10 days of the date of issuance of this warrant to search in the daytime/at any time of the  
day or night, the designated  person  premises  vehicle  object, for the property specified and if the property be found there.

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SEIZE IT, TO WRITE AND SUBSCRIBE in an inventory of the property seized, to leave a copy of this  
warrant and return to file, a further copy of this warrant and return with the Court on the next Court day after its execution.

Issued this 22 day of March, 20 14

*[Signature]*  
Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

RETURN

I received the above detailed warrant on 3/22, 20 14 and have executed it as follows:  
On 03/22/2014, 20 14, at 6:18  AM  PM. I searched the  
the  person  premises  vehicles  object, described in the warrant and I left a copy of the warrant and return with  
Jacqueline McLeod + Ray Walker properly posted.  
(Name of person searched or owner, occupant, custodian or person present at place of search)

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The following is an inventory of the property taken pursuant to this warrant:  
mail matter and photos All personal property of Tatum including work supplies, ipads, papers

This inventory was made in the presence of Mrs Teryn McLeod McLeod

I swear that this is a true and detailed account of all property taken by me under this warrant.  
*[Signature]*  
Executing Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 20 14

*[Signature]*  
Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

### **Location to be searched**

FOR THE LOCKER USED BY KAHLIL TATUM. This locker is located at 1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE Washington, DC. The locker is is beige with a silver color pad lock. There is no number or name identification on this locker.

### **Resume/Experience**

Your affiant, Detective Timothy Palchak, is currently assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)/MPD Innocent Images Task Force where my duties include investigations pertaining to the sexual exploitation of children and on-line offenses involving children, including the production, transportation, distribution, receipt and possession of child pornography.

I have been a member of the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia since 1994. In 2000, I was promoted to Detective Grade 2 and am currently serving at this rank. During my 18 year tenure with the Metropolitan Police Department, I have been assigned to the Third District Patrol Operations and Prostitution Enforcement Unit. I am currently assigned to the Northern Virginia Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. I have received the following training: Family Violence and Child Protection, Basic Investigator Course, Interview and Interrogation, Sexual Assault Nurse Examination, Children's Hospital Conference on Responding to Child Maltreatment, Child Abuse and Child Exploitation Investigation Techniques, Undercover Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Investigations Course, and Image Scanning. I have made numerous arrests and interviewed numerous victims, witnesses, and suspects. I have participated in numerous child abuse investigations, child sex abuse investigations, and ICAC investigations. In November of 2005, I received cross designation training from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the FBI and have participated in numerous online child exploitation investigations and undercover online investigations.

### **Background Investigation**

The following statements are presented for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause for the affidavit in support of the search warrant application and do not represent the totality of facts and circumstances known to the affiant.

On March 19, 2014, a DC Public School social worker reported to members of the Metropolitan Police Department that an 8-year-old female juvenile had been absent from school for more than 30 days. The social worker reported that IT had received information that the child was absent because she was being treated by a "Dr. Tatum," with a phone number of 202-907-4156. The social worker called that number and spoke with an adult male who represented himself as "Dr. Tatum." After exchanging several calls with "Dr. Tatum," the social worker made arrangements to meet him to obtain documentation regarding the minor child's absences. At "Dr. Tatum's" direction, the social worker responded to the DC General Family Emergency Shelter, located at 1901 Massachusetts Avenue, Southeast, in an attempt to meet "Dr. Tatum." Once at the location, unable to locate "Dr. Tatum," the social worker contacted a supervisor who indicated that there was no "Dr. Tatum" employed as a physician in that building, however, the supervisor indicated that there was a custodian named Khalil Tatum who worked in that building. Khalil Tatum (DOB

2/6/63) who is employed as a custodial worker at 1901 Massachusetts Ave, SE, was then contacted by his supervisor and summoned to the supervisor's office. Tatum did not respond to the supervisor's office, but abruptly left work prior to his shift ending, and to date, has never returned to his place of employment. The phone number 202-907-4156 was registered to Khalil Tatum, and law enforcement learned through various sources that he was known to use that phone number. Multiple attempts were made by members of law enforcement to contact Tatum via his cellular telephone, however the telephone went directly to voicemail. Law enforcement obtained cellular tower records associated with that phone number, which indicated that the phone showed no activity after March 19, 2014 at 9:39 p.m., and, to date, has not been reactivated.

Prior to the child's disappearance, she was residing at the DC General Family Emergency Shelter, located at 1901 Massachusetts Avenue, SE. Investigation revealed that the child's parent had given Kahlil Tatum permission to care for the child, and the child had been seen in his presence within the last three weeks.

To date, the 8-year-old child has not been located and is considered an endangered missing person. An AMBER Alert was issued on March 20, 2014, throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

On Thursday, March 20, 2014 at approximately 8:01 a.m., the Prince George's County Police received a request from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPDC) in reference to the missing 8-year-old child, referenced under CCN# 14-037611.

Investigation also revealed that Khalil Tatum operates a 2007 Chevrolet Blazer, maroon in color. PG County Officers received information that a burgundy 2007 Chevrolet Blazer with a Redskin emblem on the back window was parked at the Red Roof Inn located at 6170 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745.

Upon arrival PG County Officers located the vehicle in the parking lot directly in front of room #132. Officers obtained information that the registered owner of that vehicle was Kahlil Tatum and that he was associated with room #132.

PG County Officers knocked on the room door and did not get an answer. PG County Officers obtained a key card from management and entered the room. Once inside the room they discovered a black female, unconscious and unresponsive, lying face down on the bed with what appeared to be a bullet wound to her head. The decedent, identified as Andrea Tatum, wife of Khalil Tatum, was pronounced dead by Fire Fighter Morrow #16423 at 9:16 a.m. The decedent was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore, Maryland for an autopsy.

Members of the PG County Homicide Unit and Forensic Services Unit responded to the scene and assumed their investigative duties. Pursuant to witness interviews and an on-scene investigation the following account of this incident was established. A witness (hereinafter referred to as Witness One) reported that decedent checked into the Red Roof Inn on March 19, 2014, at about 10:04 p.m. The decedent, Khalil Tatum, Witness One and two individuals were all

captured on numerous surveillance cameras at the Red Roof Inn in the area of room #132. Less than an hour after they checked in, Witness One and two of the individuals can be seen leaving in a vehicle driven by the female individual. The decedent and Kahlil Tatum were the only people left in the room. Witness One reported at approximately 5:40 a.m. the next morning, IT returned to the Red Roof Inn and talked to Kahlil Tatum. Witness One stated that IT observed the decedent lying on the bed when Kahlil Tatum answered the door. Witness One also stated that Kahlil Tatum refused to allow IT to enter the room.

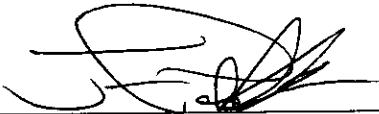
An interview with an additional witness (hereinafter referred to as Witness Two) revealed that the decedent was having domestic problems with Kahlil Tatum. Witness Two stated that the decedent was contemplating leaving Kahlil Tatum. Witness Two also reported within the last month IT conducted internet searches for Kahlil Tatum in an attempt to purchase a handgun. Witness Two reported IT utilized an Apple Ipad and downloaded images of handguns for Kahlil Tatum.


On Friday March 21, 2014, Kahlil's employer, Ms. Brooks, forced opened a work locker utilized by Kahlil located at 1900 Massachusetts Ave. SE DC. Ms. Brooks reported that there were no contents in his locker. Ms. Brooks further advised that the lockers are not assigned and free for staff members to use on a first come first serve basis.

On March 22, 2014, William Johnson, an employee with the DC General Family Emergency Shelter, escorted law enforcement to the locker room area located in building 12 of the shelter. Mr. Johnson is a co-worker and friend of Kahlil Tatum and pointed out a locker that Kahlil uses describer fully in paragraph 1 of this affidavit.

## **Conclusion**

Based upon the aforementioned facts and circumstances, and your affiants' experience and training, there is probable cause to believe that secreted inside the locker assigned to KAHLIL TATUM located at 1900 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC is evidence relating to ongoing criminal investigations regarding a missing child, obstruction of justice and the homicide discussed above. Your affiant respectfully requests that a District of Columbia Superior Court Search Warrant be issued for the entire locker; for any evidence of a relationship between the missing child and Khalil Tatum, including but not limited to clothing, toys, books, fingerprints, biological material, hair and fibers, bedding, any electronic devices, photographs, or documents; and for any evidence of firearms, parts of firearms, ammunition, gun magazines, shell casings, firearms holsters, gun cleaning equipment, receipts of any firearms purchase or any purchase related to the carrying or housing of firearms or ammunition, any paraphernalia relating to the possession of a firearm, any indicia of the relationship between the decedent and Kahlil Tatum including, but not limited to, photographs, mail matter, cell phones, computers and any other electronic devices and any indicia of occupancy for the premises described above.

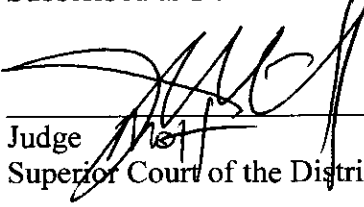
  
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Affiant

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United States Attorney

  
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Subscribed and sworn to me this 22nd day of March

  
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Judge  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia