File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE MATTER OF

Roy Lee Dedmon, W/M [redacted]

2024 SEP 16 A 8:52

BY

Name Of Applicant

[redacted]

Name Of Additional Affiant(s)

RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that this Search Warrant was received and executed as follows:

Date Received	Time Received
9-9-24	2:35 ☐ AM ☑ PM
Date Executed	**Time Executed**
9-10-24	2:42 ☐ AM ☒ PM

☒ I made a search of Roy Lee Dedmon 7/11/44

as commanded.

☒ I seized the items listed on the attached inventory.

☐ I did not seize any items.

☐ This Warrant WAS NOT executed within forty-eight (48) hours of the date and time of issuance and I hereby return it not executed.

Name Of Officer Making Return (type or print)

[redacted]

Signature Of Officer Making Return

[redacted]

Department Or Agency Of Officer	Incident Number
CCSO	200002140028

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Cleveland County

In The General Court Of Justice
District/Superior Court Division

To any officer with authority and jurisdiction to conduct the search authorized by this Search Warrant:

I, the undersigned, find that there is probable cause to believe that the property and person described in the application on the reverse side and related to the commission of a crime is located as described in the application.

You are commanded to search the premises, vehicle, person and other place or item described in the application for the property and person in question. If the property and/or person are found, make the seizure and keep the property subject to Court Order and process the person according to law.

You are directed to execute this Search Warrant within forty-eight (48) hours from the time indicated on this Warrant and make due return to the Clerk of the Issuing Court.

This Search Warrant is issued upon information furnished under oath or affirmation by the person(s) shown.

Date Issued	Time Issued	Name (type or print)	Signature
9-9-24	2:35 ☐ AM ☑ PM	[redacted]	

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ CSC ☐ Magistrate ☐ District Ct. Judge ☑ Superior Ct. Judge

NOTE: *When issuing a search warrant, the issuing official must retain a copy of the warrant and warrant application and must promptly file them with the clerk. G.S. 15A-245(b).*

This Search Warrant was delivered to me on the date and at the time shown below when the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court is closed for the transaction of business. By signing below, I certify that I will deliver this Search Warrant to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court as soon as possible on the Clerk's next business day.

Date	Time	Name Of Magistrate (type or print)	Signature Of Magistrate
	☐ AM ☐ PM		

This Search Warrant was returned to the undersigned clerk on the date and time shown below.

Date	Time	Name Of Clerk (type or print)	Signature Of Clerk	
091624	8:42 ☑ AM ☐ PM	[redacted]	[redacted]	☐ Dep. CSC ☐ Asst. CSC ☑ CSC

Original - File **Copy** - For Search of a Person, to Person from Whom Items Taken
Copy - For Search of Vehicle/Premises, to Owner or Person in Apparent Control; if No Such Person Present, Leave Copy Affixed Thereon

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IN THE MATTER OF:
ROY LEE DEDMON, W/M/ [redacted]

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION
FOR SEARCH WARRANT

ATTACHMENT I - STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT:

The Affiant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:

The request for this search warrant is submitted based on the following evidence and credentials. The Affiant, [redacted], has been a sworn Law Enforcement Officer with Cleveland County Sheriff's Office since 2012. From 2012 to 2014, the Affiant was assigned to the Patrol Division as a patrol deputy. The daily operations with the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division included the following: the service of misdemeanor and felony warrants, investigation of crimes, enforcement of traffic laws, and all other calls for service. From 2014-2016 the Affiant was assigned to the Narcotics Division on the Community Interdiction Team. The Affiant's daily operations included the following: recognition and enforcement of narcotic laws, investigation of narcotic/vice complaints, patrolling high crime/high drug areas, drafting and service of various types of search warrants. From 2016 to 2018 the Affiant served as a Field Training Officer on the Patrol Division within the Sheriff's Office. The Affiant's daily tasks include the training of newly sworn Sheriff's Deputies on state law and departmental policy. From 2018 to 2023 the affiant served as a Narcotics Investigator, the Affiant's daily operations included the following: recognition and enforcement of narcotic laws, investigation of narcotic/vice complaints, undercover operations, managing confidential informants, and conducting controlled buys of illegal narcotics through the use of confidential informants or undercover officers. In 2023 the affiant was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. The affiant's daily operations include the supervision of the investigation into crimes against persons, property crimes, and other crimes, which may include the recovery and/or identification of evidence indication an association between a suspect and victim.

The Affiant has an associate in applied science degree in the field of Criminal Justice. The Affiant has over 1800 law enforcement training hours and some of the Affiant's relevant training include: Narcotics Investigator Schools, Police Law Institute, Drug Recognition training, Clandestine Laboratory Safety, Managing

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 9 DAY OF September, 2024

[redacted]

☐Deputy CSC ☐Clerk of Sup. Ct. ☐Mag. ☐Judge ☐Sup. Ct Judge

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Confidential Informants, General Criminal Investigations, and training courses specific to murder and sexual assault.

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The information contained within this affidavit is based upon information the affiant has gained from this investigation, the affiant's personal observations, training, and experience, and/or information relayed to the affiant by other law enforcement officers and/or agents. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant, the affiant has not included each and every fact known to him concerning this investigation.

The Affiant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:

The information received during the course of this investigation is discussed in this affidavit and is believed to be true and accurate by [redacted] of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

1. On February 14, 2000, 9-year-old Asha Jaquilla Degree, went missing from her home in Shelby, North Carolina. Asha Degree was seen by drivers walking along North Carolina Highway 18 in Shelby, North Carolina. Asha Degree was seen being pulled into a 1970's green Lincoln, Thunderbird, or another similar vehicle. Asha Jaquilla Degree has not been seen since that time.

2. On August 2, 2001, evidence belonging to Asha Degree was located in Burke County, NC, on the side of Highway 18, approximately 21 miles north of where Asha Degree was last seen. A construction crew working in the area located the evidence and turned it over to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

3. Numerous items of evidence were collected from the area; some having been identified as belonging to Asha Degree and other items not belonging to Asha Degree.

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4. Various items of evidence were sent for analysis. Two of those items returned evidentiary results. Genealogical data narrowed the samples down to two (2) individuals. One sample belonged to Russell Bradley Underhill. Another sample belonged to a hereditary family member of suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon.

5. Investigators determined Russell Bradley Underhill lived in at least one facility operated by Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon, during the time Asha Degree was reported as a missing person. Russell Bradley Underhill was discovered deceased in Lincoln County in 2004.

6. Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon share three (3) children in common, identified as Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez. The oldest daughter, Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, resides in Texas. The middle daughter, Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple, resides in Shelby, North Carolina and the youngest daughter, AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez, resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

7. Laboratory analysis of collected DNA samples indicated the likelihood that the hair stem sample from Asha Degree's undershirt is a person genetically identical to the DNA standard collected from AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez. AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez is a hereditary family member (daughter)of suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon.

8. On February 14, 2000, the ages of the three (3) common Dedmon children would have been: Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster (16 years of age), Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple (15 years of age), and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez (13 years of age).

9. Due to the ages of Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon's three daughters in the year of 2000, Investigators believe adult assistance from Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon would have been necessary in the execution and/or concealment of the crime.

10. Suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and spouse, Connie Elliott Dedmon, currently reside at separate residences from one another.

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11. Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon are the two common links between the profiles of Russell Bradley Underhill and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez, collected and identified, from Asha Degree's undershirt and the trash bag which contained Asha Degree's bookbag.

12. Based upon the aforementioned information contained in this affidavit and the training and experience of this affiant, it is probable that Roy Lee Dedmon's DNA could match DNA evidence related to this incident and/or could match DNA profiles derived from evidence collected and entered into CODIS, that currently remain unidentified. The affiant believes probable cause exists to obtain this DNA evidence from Roy Lee Dedmon. Therefore, this affiant prays upon the court that Probable Cause be found, and this process be issued.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

CLEVELAND County

In The General Court Of Justice
☐ District ☒ Superior Court Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

Name
Roy Lee Dedmon, W/M/DOB [redacted]

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED PURSUANT TO SEARCH

G.S. 15A-223, 15A-254, -257

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of:

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched	Date of Search
Roy Lee Dedmon	9/10/2024

This search was made pursuant to

☑ 1. a search warrant issued by: Sarah Kirby Turner, Cleveland County

☐ 2. consent to search given by:

☐ 3. other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized:

DNA Buccal Swab from Roy Dedmon

...s seized Continued:

☐ 1. I left a copy of this inventory with the person named below, who is:
- ☐ a. the owner of the premises searched.
- ☐ b. the owner of the vehicle searched.
- ☐ c. the person in apparent control of the premises searched.
- ☐ d. the person in apparent control of the vehicle searched.
- ☑ e. the person from whom the items were taken.

☐ 2. As no person was present, I left a copy of this inventory:
- ☐ a. in the premises searched, identified on the reverse.
- ☐ b. in the vehicle searched, identified on the reverse.

Name And Address Of Person To Whom A Copy Of This Inventory Was Delivered, If Any

The law enforcement agency identified below will hold the seized property subject to court order.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME	*Signature Of Law Enforcement Officer* [redacted]
Date 10/9/2024	*Title Of Law Enforcement Officer* [redacted]
Signature [redacted]	*Name And Address Of Agency* CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 100 JUSTICE PLACE SHELBY NC 28150
☐ *Deputy CSC* ☐ *Assistant CSC* ☑ *Clerk Of Superior Court* ☐ *Magistrate*	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory.

Date	*Signature Of Person Receiving Inventory*

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