File No.

SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE MATTER OF

601 Cherryville Rd, Shelby NC 28150

Date Issued: 9/11/2024 | Time Issued: 1152 ☒ AM ☐ PM

Name Of Applicant: [redacted]

Name Of Additional Affiant: N/A

Name Of Additional Affiant: N/A

RETURN OF SERVICE

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

Date Received: 9/11/2024 | Time Received: 1152 ☒ AM ☐ PM

Date Executed: 9/11/2024 | Time Executed: 1243 ☐ AM ☒ PM

☒ I made a search of 601 Cherryville Rd, Shelby NC 28150 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 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: Cleveland County Sheriff's Office

Incident Number: 200021400028

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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: 9-11-24 | Name Of Judge: [redacted] | Signature: [redacted]

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

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 | ☐ AM ☐ PM | Name of Magistrate (Type or Print) | Signature of Magistrate

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

Date: 9/11/24 | Time: 8:49 ☒ AM ☐ PM | Name Of Clerk (Type or Print): [redacted] | Signature of Clerk | ☐ Dep CSC ☐ Asst CSC ☒ CSC

(Over)

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I [redacted] Investigator, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office,
(Insert name and address; or if law enforcement officer, name, rank and agency)
being duly sworn, request that the Court issue a warrant to search the person, place, vehicle, and other items described in this application and to find and seize the property and person described in this application. There is probable cause to Believe that *(Describe property to be seized, or if search warrant is to be used for searching a place to serve an arrest warrant or other process, name person to be arrested)*
See attachment II

constitutes evidence of a crime and the identity of a person participating in a crime, *(Name crime)* Unspecified Homicide N.C.G.S. 14-17

and is located *(Check appropriate box(es) and fill-in specified information)*

☒ in the following premises *(Give address and, if useful, describe premises)*
See attachment II

(and)

☐ on the following person(s) *(Give name(s) and, if useful, describe person(s))*
N/A

(and)

☒ in the following vehicle(s) *(Describe vehicle(s))*
See attachment II

(and)

☐ *(Name and/or describe other places or items to be searched, if applicable)*

The applicant swears to the following facts to establish probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant:
See attachment II

SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME	Date 9/11/2024
Date 9-11-24	Name Of Applicant (Type or Print) [redacted]
Signature [redacted]	Signature [redacted]

☐ Magistrate ☐ Dep. CSC ☐ Asst. CSC ☐ Clerk of Superior Court ☒ Judge

☐ In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by additional affidavits, attached, made by _____

☐ In addition to the affidavit included above, this application is supported by sworn testimony, given by _____

This testimony has been *(check appropriate box)* ☐ reduced to writing
☐ tape recorded and I have filed each with the clerk.

NOTE: ***If more space is needed for any section, continue the statement on an attached sheet of paper with a notation saying "see attachment." Date the continuation and include on it the signatures of applicant and issuing official.***

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ATTACHMENT I- ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

DNA evidence, clothing, natural or manmade fiber(s), any weapon that could constitute an unspecified homicide, handwritten documents/diary, vehicles and any property to show ownership or domain of the property, any property to show identification or, and all evidence that may relate to the unspecified homicide.

Electronic storage devices such as phones, cameras, memory cards, USB devices, VHS recorders, VHS tapes, CDs/DVDs, point and shoot camera(s), and/or newspaper clippings, that may hold evidence of the incident or person(s) involved.

Any items or articles that could reasonably be related to this case and considered of evidentiary value.

Any or all items that may be related to the disappearance and unspecified homicide of Asha Jaquilla Degree.

Any or all items believed or found to be latent evidence that may lead to the identification of the involved offender(s) and/or provides possible evidence of the crime.

Any or all documentation, to include the search and seizure of electronic devices including but not limited to phones, computers, laptops or any discovered correspondence that provides or may show evidence of the crime that occurred or why the crime occurred, possible suspects and/or offenders, motive, etc.

Any or all items including but not limited to physical or latent evidence found or that can be recovered from clothing, or the body of Asha Jaquilla Degree, that may be or provide evidence of the crime that occurred or assist in the identification of potential suspects or offenders.

Any objects, articles or items determined to be relevant, pertinent or associated with this investigation.

Any and all records pertaining to Russell Bradley Underhill.

Any and all records pertaining to the rental and/or ownership of Cleveland Health Care and North Brook Rest Home.

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THIS 11 DAY OF Sept, 2024

[redacted]

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

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Any and all records to include photographs, identifying or pertaining to residences and/or patients that may have resided at any properties owned or operated by Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon.

Any and/or all children's clothing and shoes deemed relevant to the investigation.

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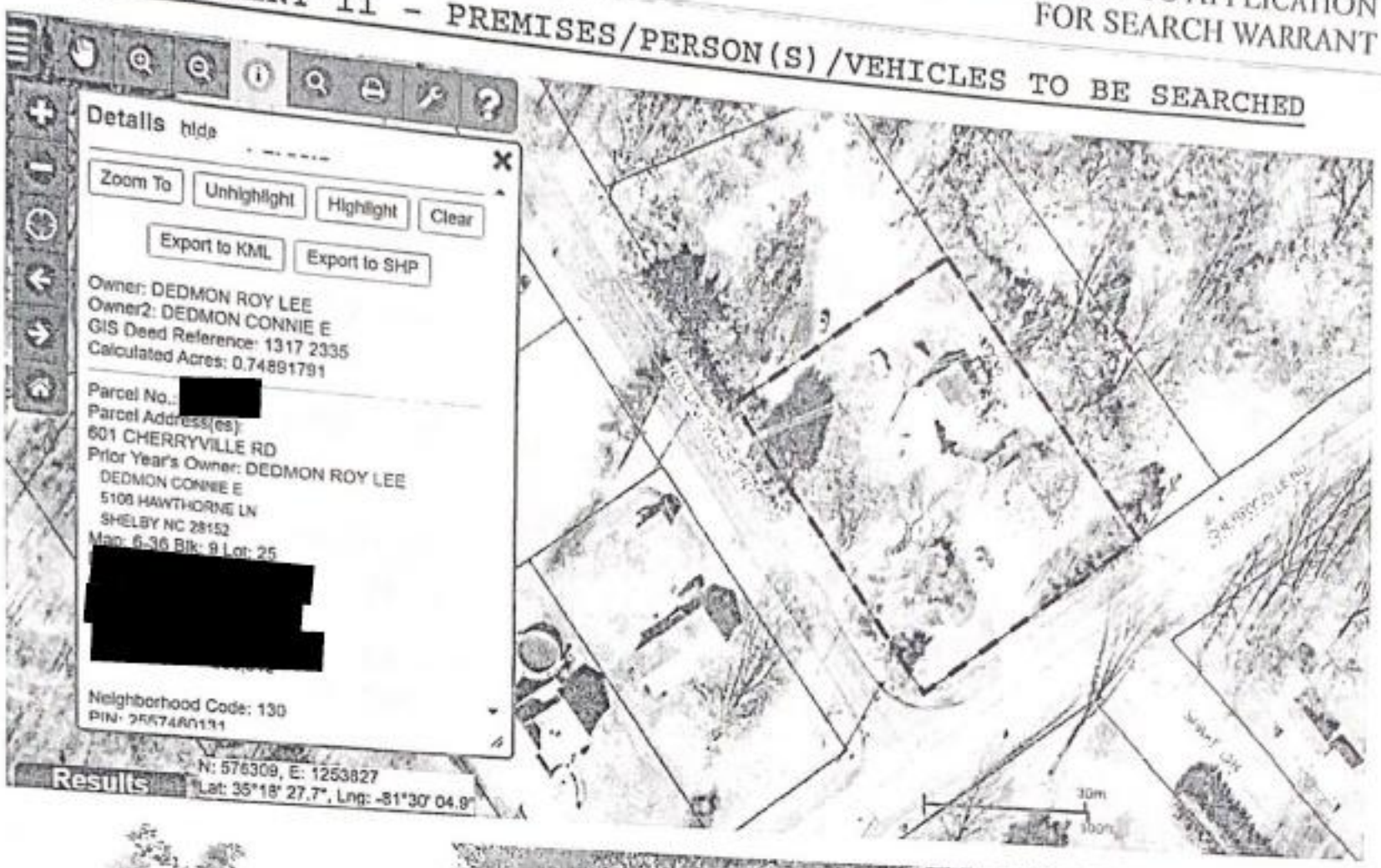
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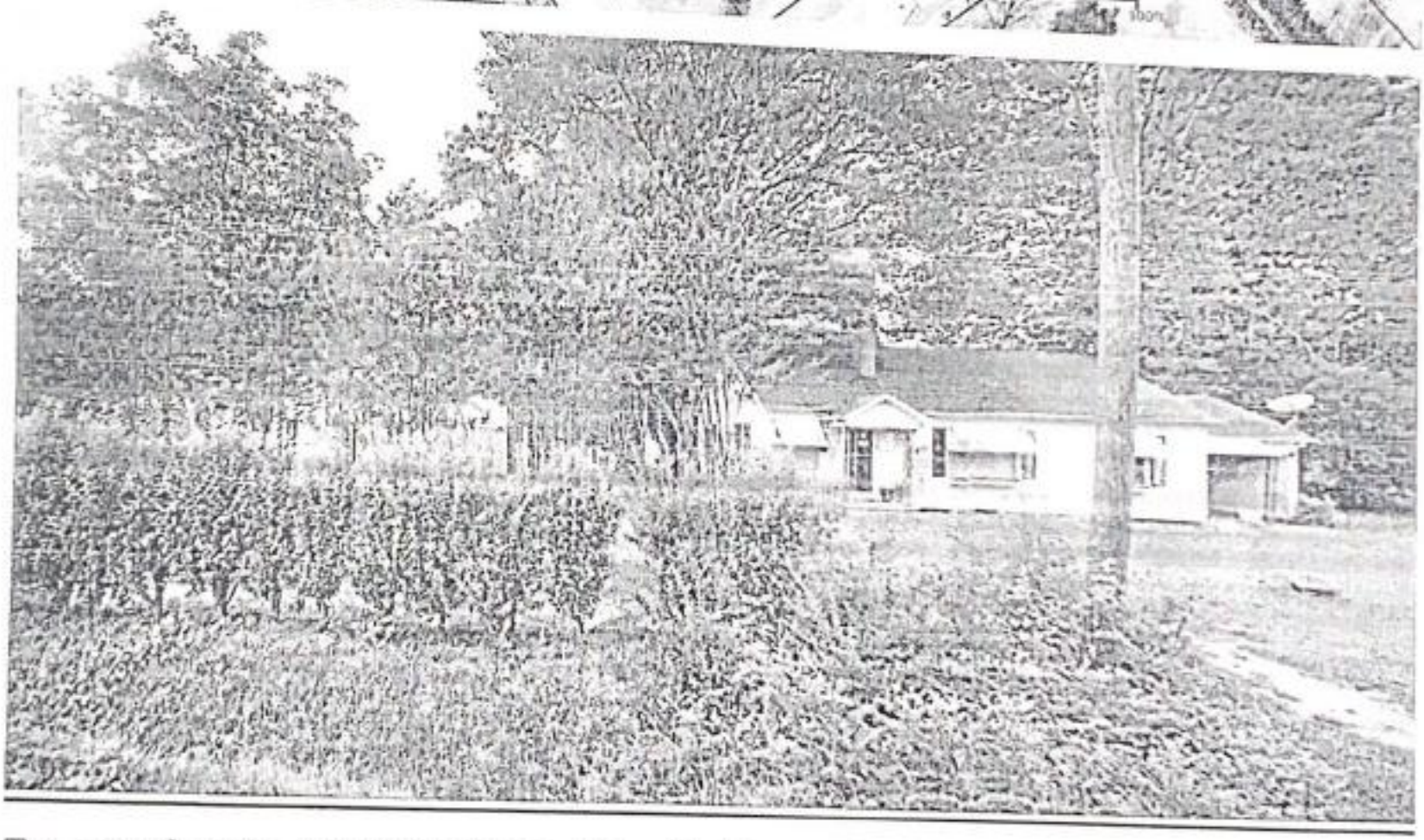
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ATTACHMENT II - PREMISES/PERSON(S)/VEHICLES TO BE SEARCHED





To reach 601 Cherryville Rd, Shelby, North Carolina from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, located at 100 Justice Place, Shelby, North Carolina, head north on Justice Pl toward E Warren Street. Turn right onto US-74 BUS E/E Marion Street. Continue

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[redacted]

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for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto NC 150 East/ Cherryvile Rd. Continue for 1.1 miles and 601 Cherryville Rd will be located on the left (directions derived from Google Earth).

The residence is a one-story building with white siding. The home is currently occupied by [redacted]

Cleveland County NC GIS indicates Roy Dedmon and Connie Dedmon own this property.

The parcel number of this address is 25060 and is approximately .7489 acres.

Areas to be searched are all curtilages, along with any sheds or similar out-buildings.

Furthermore, to be searched are any vehicles located on the property, to include abandoned and/or belonging to persons located on the property at the time of the search.

Additional locations to be searched include any safes, locked boxes, locked containers, and/or any other locked areas. Investigators need to be able to use any force necessary to gain entry to such devices.

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ATTACHMENT III: STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT:

The affiant, Investigator [redacted], with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, has been employed since May of 2017. The affiant started as a patrol deputy and advanced to the Criminal Investigations Division in October of 2018. My previous law enforcement experience includes working for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation's Alcohol Law Enforcement division, and Community Correction Adult Probation Division. The affiant education experience includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Masters of Professional Studies with a concentration in Information Assurance Management from Fort Hays State University. The affiant have various law enforcement certifications as well, including Basic Law Enforcement Training, Police Law Institute, John Reid and Associates Interview and Interrogation courses. The Affiant is a certified Cellebrite Operator and Physical Analyst, and has completed over 300 hours of Digital Forensics training. During the course of the Affiant's career she has investigated a variety of crimes such as drug violations, larcenies, strangulations, rapes, felonious assaults, breaking and entering, and stolen motor vehicles. The affiant has been successful in obtaining numerous convictions. The Affiant has worked with the District Attorney's Office in all of her Felony Charges. The information contained within this affidavit is based upon information Affiant has gained from this investigation

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

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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. The search for Asha continued for approximately two weeks after she was reported missing, which included searches that utilized Tracking and HRD (Human Remains Detection) K9's, horses, ATV's, dive teams, aerial searches, neighborhood canvasses, and interviews, which included Law Enforcement and multiple community members/volunteers. All efforts during the two-week search concluded with negative results in finding Asha.

3. 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 double bagged in black garbage bags and turned it over to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Investigators determined Russell Bradley Underhill lived in at least two (2) facilities 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.

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Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon share three (3) ldren in common, identified as Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, rah Gwen Dedmon Caple and AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon Ramirez. e oldest daughter, Lizzie Grace Dedmon Foster, resides in xas. The middle daughter, Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple, resides in elby, North Carolina and the youngest daughter, AnnaLee ctoria Dedmon Ramirez, resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

. Laboratory analysis of collected DNA samples indicated the ikelihood that the hair stem sample from Asha Degree's ndershirt 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.

9. Suspects Roy Lee Dedmon and spouse, Connie Elliott Dedmon, currently reside at separate residences from one another. Records indicate that Roy Lee Dedmon and Connie Elliott Dedmon owned and resided at the property located at 601 Cherryville Rd when Asha degree was discovered as missing.

10. Asha Degree has remained missing for twenty-four (24) years, without any contact with her family and/or friends. There have been no school records pertaining to Asha Jaquilla Degree since her date of disappearance, February 14, 2000.

11. Asha Degree's bookbag and clothing (wrapped in two sealed black plastic garbage bags) were located along Highway 18 South near Morganton, North Carolina (Burke County), seventeen (17) months after Asha Jaquilla Degree was last seen on February 14, 2000.

12. Harold, Iquilla and O'Bryant Degree (Parents/brother of Asha Jaquilla Degree) have been interviewed numerous times, and/or polygraphed. All information pertaining to and obtained from Asha Degree's immediate and extended family indicates her family does not know her whereabouts nor have had any type of contact with her since her disappearance 24 years ago.

13. Based on technological advancements, social media platforms and Genealogical innovations, information can be obtained from anywhere in the world. These breakthrough concepts make communication to and verification of individuals virtually

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bable. No communication and/or verification of Asha Degree or whereabouts have been made since February 14, 2000.

. Based on these findings, Investigators believe Asha Degree a victim of homicide, with her body concealed.

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

6. 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.

17. 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.

18. On September 10th, 2024 Sarah Gwen Caple was interviewed at her residence about this case. Sarah Gwen Caple said she drove an AMC Rambler when she was 16, given to her by Roy Lee Dedmon in 1999. Sarah Gwen Caple was approximately 16 years old when Asha Degree went missing. As previously stated, an eyewitness stated they saw Asha Degree being pulled into a 1970's model green in color Lincoln Thunderbird or similar vehicle. The 1964 AMC Rambler has very similar features to a 1970s model Lincoln Thunderbird What is believed to be the AMC Rambler is dark green in color with front end damage parked at 601 Cherryville Rd. A 1964 AMC Rambler VIN:B695835 was registered to Roy Lee Dedmon with an address of 601 Cherryville Rd.

Photo of vehicle located at 601 Cherryville Rd

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19. On September 11th, 2024 Investigators approached 601 Cherryville Rd and spoke to current occupant [redacted] Mr. [redacted] has lived at the residence for approximately five years. He stated there are three rooms locked with padlocks that have remained locked since he moved into the residence. He stated that Roy Lee Dedmon advised his personal property was in those locked rooms.

20. Also on September 10th, 2024 Lora Dedmon was interviewed about this case. Lora Dedmon stated that several years ago she saw Roy Lee Dedmon digging a chest deep hole on the property of 601 Cherryville Rd. On September 11th, 2024 Investigator [redacted]

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21. Based on the above-mentioned facts, the applicant believes probable cause exists to search the property, vehicles, outbuildings and curtilage listed in the affidavit.

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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

Cherryville Rd, Shelby NC 28150

INVENTORY OF ITEMS SEIZED PURSUANT TO SEARCH

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

I, the undersigned officer, executed a search of: Cherryville Rd, Shelby NC 28150

Person, Premises Or Vehicle Searched

Cherryville Rd, Shelby NC 28150

Date of Search

09/11/2024

This search was made pursuant to

☒ 1. a search warrant issued by: Superior Court Judge T. Pomeroy

☐ 2. consent to search given by:

☐ 3. other legal justification for the search:

The following items were seized:

2 silver disposable cameras
Film
Micro VHS tapes
LG Flip Phone
Jpurnal written by Lizzie Dedmon
Journals written by Annalee Dedmon
DSS complaint documents
transport logs
green in color AMC Rambler [redacted]
Documents containg Russell Underhill's name
Black trash bag
Carhartt jeans
Children's clothing
silver cellphone
.22 caliber rifle

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Original – File Copy – Person Whose Property Seized

d. 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, specifically at the location
- ☐ c. in the vehicle searched, specifically at the location

Name And Address Of Person To Whom A Copy Of This Inventory Was Delivered If Any:
A copy of the search warrant and inventory was left at the residence

The law enforcement agency certifies below all took the seized property subject to retention

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

[redacted]

Date: [redacted]

Signature: [redacted]

☐ Deputy Clerk ☐ Assistant Clerk

☑ Clerk Of Superior Court ☐ Magistrate

I, the undersigned, received a copy of this inventory

Date:

Signature Of Person Receiving Inventory

Items Seized Continued:

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- ☐ b. the owner of the vehicle searched.
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- ☐ 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
A copy of the search warrant and inventory was left at the residence.

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 09/11/24	*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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