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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT

**APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Erika I Christensen, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, make an application to this Court for a warrant to search the premises described below, for the property and thing(s) described below.

I know the content of this application and affirm that the statements contained in this application are true based on my own knowledge, or are believed to be true.

I believe that the following described property and thing(s), namely:

**Subscriber information for the number 763-238-4648. To include name and address of subscriber.**

**All incoming and out going calls and texts for the date of May 27, 2020 from 00:00-23:59 for 763-238-4648.**

**All cell tower information and locations for the number 763-238-4648 for May 27, 2020 from 00:00-23:59. The cell tower locations should be in both physical address as well as logintude and latitude of each cell tower the aformentioned number is pinging off of.**

is or are at the premises described as:

**Sprint Spectrum L.P/Sprint PCS  
6480 Sprint Parkway  
Overland park, KS 66251**

This search is of records held by an out-of-state corporation, Sprint Spectrum, L.P./Sprint PCS, doing business in city or township of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

I apply for a search warrant on the following grounds:

- The property or things above-described constitutes evidence which tends to show a crime has been committed, or tends to show that a particular person has committed a crime.

The facts establishing the grounds for issuance of a search warrant are as follows:

Your affiant is a member of the Minneapolis Police and has been on the department for 28 years. Your affiant's current position is as an arson investigator. Your affiant has been in this position for over 13 years. In this capacity your affiant investigates fires, intentionally

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set as well as undetermined. Also, your affiant investigates incidents which may lead up to a fire.

On May 25, 2020 there was an officer involved incident on 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Av So. Which lead to the death of a man by the name of George Floyd. As the result of his death there were large scale protests across the city over a period of several days.

The primary gathering for protests were held at the Minneapolis Third Precinct which is the precinct that the address of 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago is located in. The Precinct was located at 3000 Minnehaha AV S. This is the southwest corner of the intersection of East Lake Street and Minnehaha Av S.

Kiddy corner from the precinct, on the northeast corner was a business called The Auto Zone.

On Wednesday May 27, 2020 in the late afternoon, early evening a male, dressed all in black (black pants, black jacket, black hood/hat, black shoes and black gloves and wearing a black gas mask ) and carrying a black umbrella was video-taped/recorded walking along the front of the Auto Zone and using what looks to be a 4 pound sledge hammer breaking out all of the stores front windows. This male is then approached by several people, and, while you could not hear the exchange the body language of those who approached this "Umbrella Man," appeared to be gesturing in a way like they were telling him not to do that.

It was also found later that this same "Umbrella Man" had spray painted the words "free shit for everyone zone" on double red doors on the front of the Auto Zone store. Upon looking at the video of the "Umbrella Man," a white substance is observed on his right index finger of his gloves. This would match with the white spray paint used to write on the double red doors. This was done prior to breaking out the windows.

The "Umbrella Man" is followed by a black male in a pink shirt. This male then follows "Umbrella Man" as he walks around to the rear of the building (north side). The male in the pink shirt can be heard questioning "Umbrella man" as to who he is. At this point the "Umbrella Man" turns to the pink shirt male and yells at him (what was said was unintelligible). Umbrella Man then walks away, alone, going west bound.

In a short time after the front windows are broken out in the Auto Zone, looting started. Within a short time after the looting started, the Auto Zone was set on fire. This was the first fire that set off a string of fires and looting throughout the precinct and the rest of the city.

Until the actions of the person your affiant has been calling "Umbrella man," the protests had been relatively peaceful. The actions of this person created an atmosphere of hostility and tension. Your affiant believes that this individual's sole aim was to incite violence.

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Your affiant has watched innumerable hours of social media, Tik Tok, Snap Chat, Insta Gram, You Tube, etc. in attempts to identify "Umbrella Man." These attempts have been unsuccessful.

Your affiant worked closely with the ATF'S (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms) National Response Team for approximately 2 ½ weeks after the riots. In that time "Umbrella Man" was a person of interest but no identification of who this person is was developed.

Within this past week your affiant became aware of a tip that had been emailed to the Minneapolis Police regarding this individual. The information was that the person responsible for breaking out the Auto Zone windows and who was known commonly as "Umbrella Man" is a MITCHELL WESLEY CARLSON, DOB: 04/25/1988.

Your affiant did some research on the email from which the tip came in on and was able to speak with this party. This party explained that the information came to them via another person who wished to remain anonymous because they fear CARLSON. Your affiant was told that CARLSON is a member of the Hell's Angels and that CARLSON wanted to sow discord and racial unrest by breaking out the windows and writing what he did on the double red doors.

Your affiant has intentionally used the gender neutral "them/they" in explaining the information received.

Upon doing research your affiant was able to confirm that MITCHELL WESLEY CARLSON, 04/25/1988, is a full-fledged member of the Hell's Angels and is a known associate of the Aryan Cowboys. The Aryan Cowboys are a known prison gang out of Minnesota and Kentucky.

Your affiant further found out that on June 27,2020 Mitchell Carlson was present during an incident in Stillwater Minnesota where a Muslim woman was racially harassed by a group of motorcycle club members wearing Aryan Cowboy leather vests. Carlson was photographed with this group.

In looking at a driver's license photo of Carlson and several booking photos, and comparing them to the photos of the "Umbrella Man," there is a striking resemblance in the eye, nose bridge, and brow area. Also, of note is also a slight variation in CARLON'S left eyebrow that is present in the photos of "Umbrella Man." CARLSON is also approximately 6'02" which also fits with the height of "Umbrella Man" on video and in screen shots as he walks along breaking out the windows and is approached by several people, "Umbrella Man" is taller than those around him.

As part of your affiants research a phone number was found for CARLSON, 763-238-4648. This is a Sprint Spectrum, L.P number.

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Your affiant is requesting the courts permission to request from Sprint, all cell phone activity (incoming and outgoing calls and texts), subscriber information and cell tower locations where the phone might be pinging off for the date of May 27, 2020 to further ascertain the identity of "Umbrella man."

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I request a search warrant be issued, commanding Erika I Christensen, a peace officer of the State of Minnesota, and any other authorized person, to enter and search between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. to search the above described premises for the described property and thing(s), and to seize and keep said property and thing(s) in custody until dealt with according to law.

**I declare under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct.**

**Applicant: Erika I Christensen**

Minneapolis Police Dept

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT

**SEARCH WARRANT**

TO: ERIKA L CHRISTENSEN, A PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, Erika I Christensen has this day on oath made an application to this Court for a warrant to search the following described premises :

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WHEREAS, the application of Erika I Christensen was duly presented and read by the Court, and being fully advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court finds that probable cause exists for the issuance of a search warrant upon the following ground(s):

- The property or things above-described constitutes evidence which tends to show a crime has been committed, or tends to show that a particular person has committed a crime.

The court further finds that probable cause exists to believe that the above-described property and thing(s) is or are at the above-described premises

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NOW, THEREFORE, you Erika I Christensen, peace officer of the State of Minnesota, and any other authorized person, are hereby commanded to enter and search between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., to search the above-described premises, for the described property and thing(s), and to seize and keep said property and thing(s) in custody until dealt with according to law.

BY THE COURT

ISSUED ON: 20 July, 2020

Judicial Officer: Luis Bartolomei

Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed

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