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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT

**APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Kurt Huver, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, make an application to this Court for a warrant to search the person(s) 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:

**Photographs of THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994 to include any injuries to her person.**

**A buccal swab of the inner cheek of THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994, for a DNA sample, or, if THALER refuses, a medically performed blood draw for a DNA sample.**

**A collection of gunshot residue with the use of a gunshot residue kit from THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994.**

**Blood-like substance, human tissue, or other matter from on the person and clothing/footwear of THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994.**

**Glass fragments from the person and clothing/footwear**

**Known fingerprints from THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994**

**Clothing and footwear from THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994**

**Fingernail clippings of THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994**

is or are on the person(s) described as:

**Julissa Angelica Thaler, Date of Birth 02/06/1994**

located in city or township of Orono, 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, Detective Kurt Huver is a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota and has been a Deputy Sheriff with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) since 2001. Your Affiant was assigned to the HCSO Crime Laboratory in 2005. While assigned to the HCSO Crime Laboratory, your Affiant investigated and collected evidence in numerous cases ranging from misdemeanor thefts to complex homicide scenes. Your Affiant was promoted to the rank of Detective in the HCSO Investigative Division, assigned to general investigations. In this capacity your Affiant has received training relevant to general investigations and is working with experienced investigators.

On 05/20/2022, your Affiant was requested to assist Investigator Kyle Kirschner, of the Orono Police Department with the investigation of a homicide. Your Affiant has learned that on 5/20/2022 @ 0705 hours, the Orono Police Department responded to the area 2350 Cypress La in Mound, MN, Hennepin County. The reporting party called Hennepin County Dispatch advising of a suspicious silver car driving on the rim of the car, and that the back window was smashed out. At 0711 hours, Orono officers located the vehicle in question, noting that it was operating on the rim only of the front driver side tire. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle bearing MN. MWX794 (VIN # 2G1WT58KX89289502) at Shoreline Dr & Bartlett Blvd in the city of Mound, MN.

The driver of the vehicle was identified by MN DL as JULISSA ANGELICA GENRICH THALER DOB 02.06.1994, and she was the sole occupant of the vehicle. The officer initiating contact with THALER stated that she looked very disheveled, and had what appeared to be a blood like substance on her hands, face, and clothing. Officers noted a substantial amount of fluid, probable blood like substance was visible in the rear of the vehicle. When asked about the blood on her face and hand, THALER stated that it was from removing a tampon. When asked about the suspected tissue matter in the vehicle, THALER stated that she had deer meat that she got from an unknown butcher overnight and had returned to Mound to meet with her AA sponsor on Three Points Blvd. Officers observe what appeared to be a visible bullet hole in the rear passenger seat rest, which was adjacent to the rear shattered window. Blood like substance and suspected human tissue were present on both sides of the apparent bullet hole.

THALER provided an address of residence as 2400 Interlachen Rd (Bay View Condos) Apt # 411. Officers spent around a 30 minute period attempting to determine if the vehicle and driver were involved in an incident outside Orono jurisdiction. THALER was growing impatient, cold, and refused to sit in a squad while the investigation continued. THALER was released from the scene and given transport to 2400 Interlachen Rd.

Based on presence of potential blood evidence, and potential tissue matter in the vehicle, it

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was decided to impound the vehicle for further investigative purposes. While photographing the exterior of the vehicle, as well as the interior through open windows prior to impound, it was noted that there was a red in color discharged shotgun shell in the center cup holder of the vehicle. Based on the presence of blood like substance, potential body matter inside the interior of the vehicle, prior to impound, officers open the trunk area of the vehicle and discovered shotgun in plain view tucked behind a grey colored blanket. The grey blanket appeared to have blood like substance and unknown tissue matter on it. Further, the blanket appeared to be wrapped in a matter concealing its contents. Upon lifting the blanket for inspection, a deceased, apparent juvenile human body was present in the grey blanket with heavy facial trauma noted.

Officer's immediately returned the 2400 Interlachen Rd. # 411 address to attempt contact with THALER. There was no contact at the residence. Forced entry was made into the apartment and THALER was not located inside the apartment. Upon reviewing building surveillance, THALER was seen leaving the apartment building with a white male wearing a large backpack minutes prior. A short time later, THALER and her boyfriend ROBERT PAUL PIKKARAINEN DOB 09.14.1994 were located by officers on the 4200 block of Shoreline Dr. Both parties were taken into custody and remain in custody.

Based on the aforementioned information your Affiant has probable cause to believe THALER, JULISSA ANGELICA, DOB: 02/06/1994, has evidence on her person that would show her involvement in this a death investigation. Your Affiant is requesting photographs be taken of THALER to document the condition of THALER'S clothing, person and any injury that may have been sustained.

Your Affiant is aware that DNA evidence is highly sensitive and unique each to individual (with exception to identical twins). Your Affiant is aware that DNA can be transferred from a person to an object by merely touching an item or from a transfer of bodily substances to include blood, sweat or saliva. At the aforementioned traffic stop apparent blood-like substance was observed by officers on THALER's face, hands and clothing. Further, your Affiant is aware through training and experience that DNA can be identified from a person handling a firing a firearm. The collection of a known buccal sample (DNA) from THALER will aid in identifying the source of various biological evidence collected at various crime scenes and from other collected evidence.

Your Affiant is aware that gunshot residue can be deposited on a person when a firearm is fired. Based on officer's observations of the discharged shotgun shell located in the center console cup holder, a shotgun located in the trunk near the deceased and the tramua observed to the deceased it is believed THALER may have gun shot residue on her person.

Your Affiant is aware that THALER was seen by officers at the scene of the traffic stop at that occurred at approximately 0705 hours with blood-like substance on her hands, face and clothing. Your Affiant is aware that DNA is found in many biological substances to include

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blood, hair and saliva. Your Affiant is aware that the collection of THALER'S clothing and any biological substance from THALER to include blood-like substance, hair, saliva could assist in the identification of individuals associated with the death investigation.

Your Affiant is requesting the fingernails be clipped and collected from THALER due to the potential deposit of DNA on or under THALER'S fingernails.

Your Affiant is requesting the collection of THALER'S fingerprints due to the unique nature of all fingerprints being unique to each individual and the likely hood of fingerprints being found on the shotgun located in the truck of the vehicle.

Based on the aforementioned information your Affiant is requesting a search of THALER to collect all and any items listed on the scope of the warrant.

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I request a search warrant be issued, commanding Kurt Huver, Orono Police Detective Kyle Kirschner, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt Michael Hopkins, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Melissa Rolfes, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigators , peace officers 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 person(s) 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, including authorization to have the seized property and thing(s) to be analyzed by a forensic laboratory.

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

**Applicant: Kurt Huver**

Hennepin County Sheriff

Electronically Signed

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT

**SEARCH WARRANT**

TO: KURT HUVER, ORONO POLICE DETECTIVE KYLE KIRSCHNER, HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE SGT MICHAEL HOPKINS, HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MELISSA ROLFES, HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS PEACE OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, Kurt Huver has this day on oath made an application to this Court for a warrant to search the following described person(s) :

**Julissa Angelica Thaler, Date of Birth 02/06/1994**

located in city or township of Orono, State of Minnesota for the following described property and thing(s):

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WHEREAS, the application of Kurt Huver 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

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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 on the person of Julissa Angelica Thaler, Date of Birth 02/06/1994.

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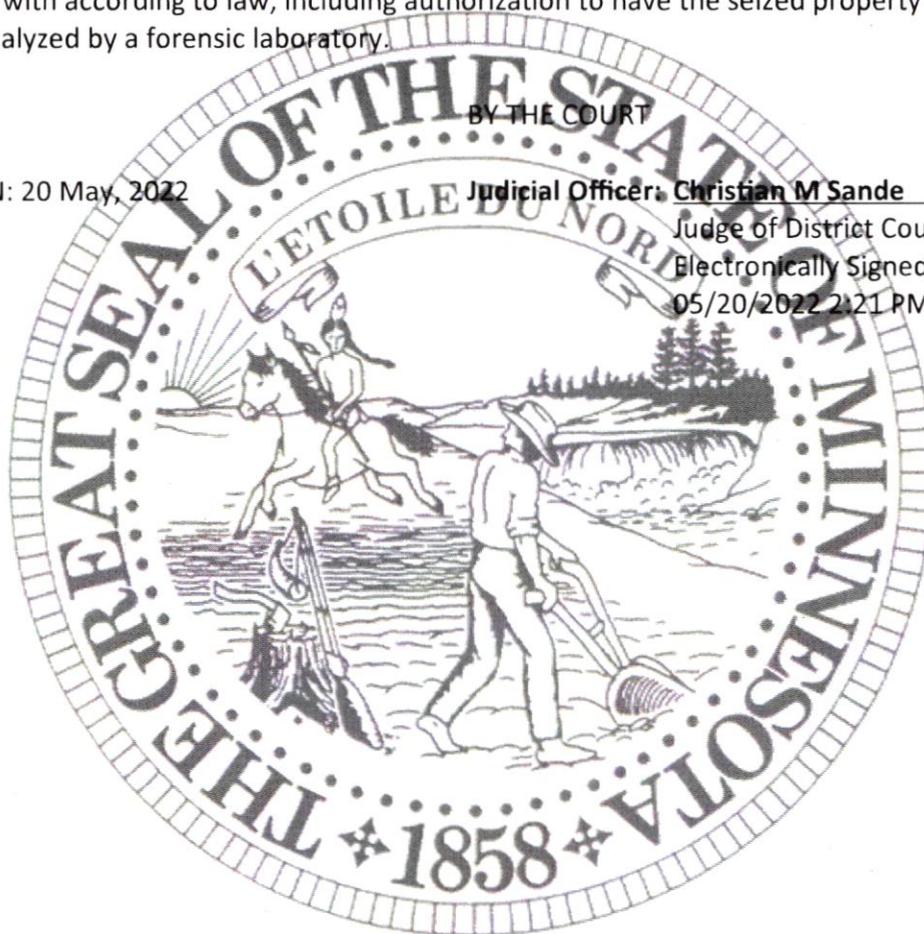
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ISSUED ON: 20 May, 2022

BY THE COURT

Judicial Officer: Christian M Sande

Judge of District Court  
Electronically Signed  
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RECEIPT, INVENTORY AND RETURN

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF Hennepin 4th District COURT

I, Detective Kurt Huver, received the attached search warrant issued by the Honorable Judge Christian Sande, on May 20, 2022 and have executed it as follows:

Pursuant to said warrant, on May 20, 2022, at 4:23 o'clock P.m., I searched the (premises) (motor vehicle) (person) described in said warrant, and left a true and correct copy of said warrant

(with) (in) (at) Julissa Angelica Thaler

I took into custody the property and things listed below: (attach and identify additional sheet if necessary)

- Swabbing from Julissa Thaler's left hand
- Swabbing from Julissa Thaler's right hand
- Known buccal sample from Julissa Thaler
- Gun Shot Residue (GSR) stub from Julissa Thaler's right hand
- Gun Shot Residue (GSR) stub from Julissa Thaler's left hand
- Fingernail Clippings from Julissa Thaler's right hand
- Fingernail clippings from Julissa Thaler's left hand
- Swabbing of area of BLS on left side of Julissa Thaler's ponytail
- Ponytail binder in Julissa Thaler's hair
- Ring from Julissa Thaler's left hand middle finger
- Multi-color shirt
- Pair of shoes
- Bra

(Strike when appropriate:)

I left a receipt for the property and things listed above with a copy of the warrant.

~~None of the items set forth in the search warrant were found.~~

I shall (retain) or (deliver) custody of said property as directed by Court order.

Detective Kurt Huver, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing receipt, inventory and return and the matters stated are true and correct, except as to such matters stated therein on information and belief, and as to those, he believes them to be true.

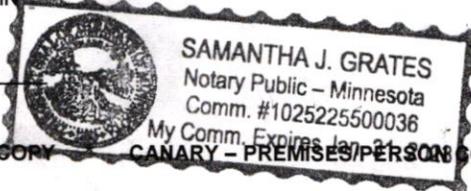
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25 day of May, 2022

Samantha J. Grates Hennepin  
Notary Public, County, MN

[Signature]  
Signature

My commission expires 1/31/23



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(with) (in) (at) Julissa Angelica Thaler

I took into custody the property and things listed below: (attach and identify additional sheet if necessary)

- Multi-color pants
- Swabbing of area of BLS from right side of pony tail area of Julissa Thaler

~~Handwritten mark~~

(Strike when appropriate:)

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