

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT

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**APPLICATION FOR
SEARCH WARRANT AND
SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT**

Sergeant [REDACTED], being first duly sworn upon oath, hereby makes application to this court for a warrant to search the person/vehicle herein after described for the property and things hereinafter described.

Affiant knows the contents of this application and supporting affidavit, and the statements herein are true of his own knowledge, save as to such as are herein stated on information and belief, and as to those, he believes them to be true.

Affiant has good reason to believe, and does believe, that the following described property, vehicle and things, to wit:

[REDACTED] Avenue
St. Paul, MN, 55104

Will be described to include:

- Paperwork to identify ownership**
- Power of Attorney for [REDACTED] s dob 10-25-1925**
- Prescription Medications for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Life Insurance Policy for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Affinity Bank Records/statements for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Financial transactions**
- Last Will and Testament for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Social Security information for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Retirement pension information for A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED]**
- Medical Release Home Health Care instructions**
- Health East Hospice directives/recommendation paperwork**
- Calender notes about doctor/medical appointments**

Located in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota.

This affiant applies for the issuance of a search warrant upon the following grounds:

The property 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 tending to establish the foregoing grounds for issuance of a search warrant are as follows:

Your Affiant Sergeant [REDACTED] is a Police Officer with the City of Saint Paul Police Department for over 21 years. Your affiant has been in investigative positions for over 16 years and is currently assigned to the Homicide/Robbery Investigations Unit. This Unit investigates, crimes against people including assaults, Robbery, Kidnapping, Terroristic Threats and Homicide. Your affiant has written and executed numerous search warrants while engaged in

criminal investigations that have resulted in successful prosecution and conviction of criminals in those cases.

Your affiant Sgt. [REDACTED] was assigned to investigate a Death of an elderly man, SPPD CN# 15[REDACTED]. On 3-5-15 your affiant was contacted by St. Paul City Attorney [REDACTED] and advised that the following occurred:

On 1-17-15 St. Paul Fire/Medics were sent to [REDACTED] Avenue on a vulnerable adult under Minnesota statute, A [REDACTED] J. W [REDACTED] dob [REDACTED]-25-1925 and was being criminally neglected by his sons/ care givers. A [REDACTED] and W [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] live with and care for their father A [REDACTED] at the address of [REDACTED] Avenue. Property records indicate this home is owned by A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]. W [REDACTED] was found by medics to be malnourished, had bed sores and not responding to their questions. W [REDACTED] was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital, there he was found to be Hypothermia, malnutrition, and failure to thrive.

It was reported to Ramsey County Adult Protection and police on February 23, 2015, medics were called to [REDACTED] Avenue, on an 89 year old male who needed to go to the hospital. When St. Paul Medics #14 arrived they were brought down to the basement where A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] had his bedroom. The affiant was informed that medic Captain [REDACTED] found the basement to be very cold, estimated to be around 50 degrees and that the basement was extremely cluttered and deemed a fire hazard. They were shown to a back bedroom in which they found A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] lying in bed. There was a space heater in the room and estimated the temperature to be no warmer than 65 degrees. A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] was cold to the touch and a quick ear temperature check showed him to have a temperature in the mid 80's. His skin was in poor condition, which included pressure ulcers on his trunk, a abscess on his elbow, his penis was dry, cracked and had pressure sores. He was unwashed and laying in soiled, dirty clothing. A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] was transported to St. Joseph's hospital where he was found to be severely hypothermic. W [REDACTED] was deemed to be extremely dehydrated and malnourished.

Hospital records show that A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] was admitted to St. [REDACTED] Hospital previously on 1-25-15. On that date he presented with hypothermia, malnutrition and "Failure to thrive." During his stay at the hospital, a SLUMS assessment was performed, which is a cognitive screening assessment used to identify the presence of cognitive deficits. This assessment is scored on a scale of 1 to 30, with 27-30 being "normal" range, 21-26 being the "mild neurocognitive disorder" and 1-20 being "dementia". A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] scored a 2 on this assessment and described in medical reports as having severe dementia. W [REDACTED] was unable to answer any questions regarding his medical history. W [REDACTED] was then required 24 hour care and that he required in-home nursing assistance. A [REDACTED]'s sons declined in-home care from Health [REDACTED] Hospice and had questions about how to pay for this service and declined.

Additionally during his January hospital admission that A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] weight was 134lbs and when admitted on 2-23-15 his weight was 119lbs.

A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] receives payments from Social Security and a pension. A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] is unemployed and has Power of Attorney over his father's financial affairs. Both sons expressed reluctance to hospital staff that there was a life insurance policy but that they preferred to use that for his funeral costs rather than his nursing care. Your affiant has learned that A [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] has a bank account at [REDACTED] Bank in St. Paul.

Your affiant found that **A. Williams** died and taken to **[redacted]** Funeral Home. Your affiant contacted Ramsey County ME Dr. **[redacted]** and had them transport **A. Williams** for autopsy. The autopsy is being performed today and no report is available.

Your affiant requests that we be able to search the home and recover forensic evidence, documents listed above along with taking photographs of the home.

Wherefore, Your affiant requests a search warrant be issued, commanding Sergeant **[redacted]** and officers under his direction, peace officers of the State of Minnesota between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. to search the hereinbefore described person for the described property and things and to seize said property, vehicle and things and to keep said property and things in custody until the same be dealt with according to law.

after announcement of authority

[Signature]
[redacted]
Affiant: Sergeant **[redacted]**

[Signature]
Judge of District Court

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me on this 6th day
Of March, 2015.

Time 11:32 am