

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI

DISTRICT COURT
8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, Quin Pomplun, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, make an application to this Court for a warrant to search the premises, and 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:

Controlled substances, including methamphetamine, cocaine, or any other controlled substances prohibited by law and paraphernalia commonly associated with the sales/uses of controlled substances.

Items that would show controlled substance use that would not qualify as legal drug paraphernalia

is or are at the premises, and on the person(s) described as:

12291 51st St NE, Spicer, MN. The residence has a tar driveway leading east from 51st St NE. The residence is 2 stories with a 3 stall garage. The main door is located on the south or southwest side of the residence.

Nicholas Robert Rekieta, Date of Birth 12/16/1981

located in the city or township of New London, County of Kandiyohi, State of Minnesota.

I apply for a search warrant on the following grounds:

- The possession of the property or things above-described constitutes a crime.
- 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 Detective Quin Pomplun, a licensed Peace Officer in the State of Minnesota since 2009. Your Affiant has been employed by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office since 2013. Since 2018, Your Affiant has been assigned to the detective division on a full time

basis focusing on felony level crimes including, but not limited to Criminal Sexual Conduct, Homicide, Death Investigations, Missing Persons, Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes, Burglary, Theft, Harassment, Stalking, Assaults, Controlled Substances, Child Sex abuse Material and Financial Crimes. From 2013 to 2018, Your Affiant was assigned to the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office patrol division for investigating Street Level Crimes Including, but not limited to Driving Under the Influence, Controlled Substance Crimes, Thefts, Burglaries, Assaults, Financial Crimes, Frauds and Domestic Violence.

From 2010 to 2013 Your Affiant was employed as the Chief of Police for the Sacred Heart, MN Police Department which included responsibilities of administration, investigations and patrol.

Your Affiant has attended hundreds hours of training including, but not limited to Crime Scene Investigation, Property Crimes, Criminal Sexual Conduct, Criminal Interdiction, Assaults, Domestic Violence, Hate Crimes, Child Sex Abuse Material, Active Shooter, Death Investigation, Aquatic Death Investigation, Elder Abuse, Vulnerable Adult Financial Abuse, Financial Crimes, Firearms, Less Lethal Munitions, Diversionary Devices, Chemical Agents, Cellular Phone Extractions, Cellular Tower Investigations and Evidence Collection.

Your Affiant is certified in Firearms Instruction, SWAT Team Leader, Cellular Phones Technology Mapping & Analysis, Less Lethal Munitions Instruction, Flash Sound Diversionary Devices Instruction, Chemical Agents Instruction, DMT operator, Boat & Water, ATV, and Snowmobile safety operator, GLOCK Armorer, ALICE Instruction and is a former Drug Recognition Evaluator.

Case Background

On May 16th, 2024 Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Dave Nester received a report regarding possible child neglect and controlled substance use. The reporter indicated that Nicholas Robert Rekieta, DOB 12-16-1981 resides at 12291 51st Street NE, Spicer, MN, in Kandiyohi County. He resides at this residence with his wife Kayla Christine Rekieta, DOB 3/9/1984 and 5 children ages 6 to 16. The reporter indicated that four people from their church had gone to him reporting neglect to the children, possible controlled substance use and a questionable relationship with an additional couple.

It was reported that Nicholas is a social media blogger and he and his wife Kayla had befriended hosts from a different local social media blogger. Those individuals were identified as Aaron Michael Imholte, DOB 12/24/1986 and April Diane Imholte, DOB 12/20/1994. Your Affiant knows personally these are personalities of the Steel Toe Morning Show, which used to be in St. Cloud, MN radio. However, as of recent years the show has been a social media entertainment show, strictly online based. It was reported that the Imholte's may have been staying with the Rekieta's and the home was in disarray and cluttered. It was reported from a church preschool teacher that the children had complained

of being hungry, not being fed, and wearing the same clothes for 3 to 4 days at a time and would start to smell. Nicholas was reported to being lethargic and appeared high or drugged driving a car around. Another individual advised the reported that Nicholas will walk out randomly during sermons at church and have noticed behavioral changes in him. It was alleged Kayla looks anorexic and Nicholas has lost a substantial amount of weight recently. One individual described Nicholas of having injection or track marks on his arms. The reporter reiterated concerns for possible neglect and/or controlled substance use within the home.

Your Affiant started to review the Rekieta's and Imholtes social media blogs. The blogs are commonly related to legal issues and high profile trials as Nicholas is a licensed attorney. Nicholas is known to drink alcoholic beverages excessively on these video blogs. I immediately noted that Nicholas's appearance in recent months has changed. In videos from January 2024 compared to May 2024, Nicholas appears to have lost weight, appears tired, and overall appears "strung out", common with controlled substance users. Nicholas commonly refers to his "studio" as his basement in his own residence. Nicholas has been the victim of Swatting phone calls and is known to Your Affiant and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office because of these calls. When the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office responded to these calls, they were at 12291 51st St NE, Spicer, MN.

While reviewing Imholte's social media video blogs, Aaron recently indicated that he and April are getting a divorce. Aaron goes on to say that he has experimented with cocaine three times and Molly six or seven times in the past recently. On 12/19/2023, the Imholte's broadcasted a podcast from Rekeita's studio with the podcast being named "Live From Spicer! STES 12-19-23". Througout Imholte's video blogs it is apparent that they and the Rekeita'a were friends and may have recently had a falling out. It should be noted that in recent videos of the Imholte's, April has at times also appeared tired, lethargic, and strung out as well.

In both Nicholas' and Imholte's video blogs from Rekeita's studio, it is apparent they are in the same room and the items in the background appear the same. At one point during the Imholte's video, Nicholas walks in the background and grabs an item, which would show that the background is not a backdrop curtain and that it was the layout of the actual room.

On 5/22/2024, Imholte did a video blog where he talked about Nicholas and insinuated controlled substance use and also referenced a video blog the Nicholas put online on 5/21/2024 that had since been taken off the internet. Imholte indicates in this blog that Nicholas needs help and and needs to get help for his kids because of his substance abuse. Imholte points out a time in the video where Nicholas has a white powdery substance on his nose.

On 5/22/2024, Your Affiant was able to review the video that was taken off of Nicholas' YouTube and Rumble social media sites. The video is from 5/21/2024 and is of Nicholas in

his basement studio talking about a court appeals ruling he lost. He appears in the video to be drinking alcoholic beverages and eventually appears under the influence of a substance or substances. The entire video blog is 4 hours and 4 minutes long. Approximately 2:46 into the video, Nicholas leaves to go to use the restroom. When he returns at 2:50:40, he appears to be making an excited look and has a white powdery substance on his nose. Your Affiant believes his behavior is indicative of Central Nervous System Stimulants. Your Affiant believes based on training and experience as well as the behavior of Nicholas, that he ingested this white powdery substance through his nasal cavity while off camera. Your Affiant knows through training and experience that ingesting controlled substances through a nasal cavity is common amongst controlled substance users and is often referred to as "snorting". Your Affiant also noted that throughout the video, Nicholas is so under the influence of a substance to the point he has to close one eye to read his screen, rambles, and slurs his speech. Nicholas would obviously not be able to care for his children in this state of intoxication.

It should be noted that Your Affiant was a Drug Recognition evaluator for several years and based on Your Affiants training and experience, the behavior of Nicholas in his video blog indicates Poly substance use, meaning it is believed he was ingesting more than one substance based on his behavior, being both excited and nearly passing out. This can be consistent behavior of using both CNS Stimulants and Depressants.

Your Affiant believes that the reports of neglect and controlled substance use are consistent with the previously mentioned information. Your Affiant is requesting to search 12291 51st St NE, Spicer, MN for the above listed items in relation to the welfare of the children in the home and in relation to a controlled substance investigation. Your Affiant is also requesting to search Nicholas Rekieta.

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I request a search warrant be issued, commanding Quin Pomplun, Robbie Braness, Nick Ardoff, Dave Nester, Rob Twedt, 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 premises, and 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: Quin Pomplun

Kandiyohi County Sheriff

Electronically Signed

05/22/2024 4:02 PM

Kandiyohi County, Minnesota

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI

DISTRICT COURT
8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SEARCH WARRANT

TO: QUIN POMPLUN, ROBBIE BRANESS, NICK ARDOFF, DAVE NESTER, ROB TWEDT PEACE
OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, Quin Pomplun has this day under penalty of perjury made an application to this Court for a warrant to search the following described premises, and person(s):

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WHEREAS, the application of Quin Pomplun 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 possession of the property or things above-described constitutes a crime.
- 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, and on the person of Nicholas Robert Rekieta, Date of Birth 12/16/1981.

NOW, THEREFORE, you Quin Pomplun, Robbie Braness, Nick Ardoff, Dave Nester, Rob Twedt, peace officers 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, and 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.

BY THE COURT

ISSUED ON: 22 May, 2024

Judicial Officer: Jennifer K Fischer

Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed

05/22/2024 4:06 PM

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF Kandiyohi

DISTRICT COURT

RECEIPT, INVENTORY AND RETURN

I, Detective Quin Pomplun, received the attached search warrant issued by the Honorable Judge Jennifer Fischer, on 05/22/2024, and have executed it as follows:

Pursuant to the warrant, on 05/23/2024, at 09:13 o'clock am ☒. I searched the following described in the search warrant.

☒ Premises ☐ Motor Vehicle ☒ Person ☐ Device

I have left a true and correct copy of the search warrant (with) (in) (at)

12291 51st st ne, Spicer, MN. Kitchen Island

I took into custody the property and things listed below: (attach and identify additional sheets if necessary)
See attached list

Check the 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 was found.
- ☒ I shall retain or deliver custody of said property as directed by court order.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct." Minn. Stat. 358.116.

Quin Pomplun

(Signature)

County: Kandiyohi

Date: 05/23/2024

State: Minnesota

COPIES TO: • COURT • PROS. ATTORNEY • PEACE OFFICER • PREMISES/MOTOR VEHICLE/PERSON

KSD/WD
Property Inventory Sheet# 24024152
Case FileEvidence / Found Property / Safe Keeping

Circle One

Date:

5-23-21

Officer:

POMFLU

Tag #	Detailed Description Of Item(s) Use as many lines as needed to completely describe item. (Number of items, Brand Name, Model, Serial #, Color etc.)	To Be Used By Evidence Tech
1	Short tube + cocaine ^{master} night stand	
2	Black bag white substance + cocaine ^{master} night stand	
3	2 credit cards - April 2014	
4	2, 22 spent casing ^{from n. 9th + street} master	
5	5.7 silver AR ^{seen 209002637} + mags ^{Ammer} master Bath	
6	Glass container ^{small glass container} + cocaine ^{Dresser - master} metal container	
7	bag with cards ^{do not know} + cocaine ^{safe master Bath}	
8	large corner cut ^{safe} white powder - master Bath	
9	Baggie - multiple small Baggies ^{safe} KFL master Bath	
10	Ziploc with multiple small Baggies ^{safe} white powder master Bath	

Item #	Date	From	To	Signature

KSD/WPD
Property Inventory Sheet# 24004152
Case File

Evidence / Found Property / Safe Keeping

Circle One

Date:

5-23-24

Officer:

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Tag #	Detailed Description Of Item(s) Use as many lines as needed to completely describe item. (Number of items, Brand Name, Model, Serial #, Color etc.)	To Be Used By Evidence Tech
11	digital scale safe master Bath	
12	metal Pen - white powder Bath safe master	
13	2 Short tubes 2 catters safe master Bath	
14	\$100 Bill white powder residue Master closet safe	
15	Bundle/Bag white substance/powder Master closet safe	
16	Scooper from Master closet safe	
17	2 Baggies in Baggie w/ Funnel Master Bedroom safe	
18	Springfield Armory .45 1911 Garage safe SN/ NM237710	
19	Sig Sauer .380 Handgun Garage safe SN - 27A064431	
20	Magazines w/ Ammo - 6 Garage safe	

Item #	Date	From	To	Signature

KSD/YPD
Property Inventory Sheet# 2400452
Case File**Evidence / Found Property / Safe Keeping**

Circle One

Date: 5-23-24Officer: Pomfroy

Tag #	Detailed Description Of Item(s) Use as many lines as needed to completely describe item. (Number of items, Brand Name, Model, Serial #, Color etc.)	To Be Used By Evidence Tech
21	Ammunition From Garage safe	
22	Remington 870 12 GA shotgun SN- 5213654 M	
23	Bullet From Master Closet	

Item #	Date	From	To	Signature