

VIDEO CITY

JC-001-025885

SEARCH WARRANT

TO: Investigator Kate Battan, an officer authorized by law and any other officer authorized to execute search warrants within the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Investigator Kate Battan, having this date filed an affidavit for a search warrant in conformity with the provisions of Rule 41, Colorado Rule of Criminal Procedure and C.R.S. 16-3-301, et. seq., as amended, for the following described PROPERTY, to wit:

- All account information and activity on any account belonging to Cory Friesen.
- All account information and activity on any account belonging to Christopher Morris.
- Any accounts which Cory Friesen or Christopher Morris are authorized to rent on.
- A list of current employees and schedule of employees working April 19, 1999.
- Time cards and any other records verifying which employees were working on April 19, 1999.

Believed to be situated At The Business known and described as:

Video City, 11068 West Jewell Avenue #C-7, which is a frame and stucco building on the south end of the strip mall complex, with the numbers 11068-C7 clearly affixed on the east entrance door.

Upon one or more grounds set forth in Rule 41, Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure and C.R.S. 16-3-302, as amended, namely:

- Which is stolen or embezzled; or
- Which is designed or intended for use as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
- Which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
- The possession of which is illegal; or
- X Which would be material evidence in a subsequent criminal prosecution in this state or in another state; or
- Other: ANY DOCUMENTS AND/OR PAPERS TENDING TO SHOW OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF SAID.

I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is located within the business above described, and that the grounds for this search warrant exist.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to search the place above described for the property above described, and seize those item described.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to leave a copy of the search warrant and receipt for the property taken with the person from whom or from whose premises the property is taken; or, in lieu thereof, to leave a copy of the search warrant and receipt at the place from which the property is taken.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to make return of this search warrant and a written inventory of the property taken to the undersigned judge within ten days from date hereof.

On the basis of the information set forth in the affidavit and pursuant to C.R.S. 16-3-301, et. seq., as amended, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED to execute this search warrant in the manner set forth above, with the following special conditions, to wit: _____

NONE

Dated this 11th day of May, A.D. 1999

BY THE COURT

Henry E. Fietz
JUDGE



COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Investigator Kate Battan,

being duly sworn upon oath says:

That the foregoing offense(s) alleged was committed of this affiant's own personal knowledge, and the facts stated therein are true.

Your affiant is of lawful age and a sworn peace officer of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, in the County of Jefferson.

Your affiant states that the following facts are true and based upon his/her personal knowledge, as a result of his/her conversations with the person(s) named herein and reviewing their written reports.

On April 20, 1999, at about 11:20 a.m., Jefferson County Sheriff's Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call reporting that there was a shooting in the parking lot at Columbine High School located at 6201 South Pierce Street, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Upon arrival, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies Scott Taborsky and Eric Miller observed numerous students who were yelling and screaming as they ran out of the school. Deputies Taborsky and Miller also heard what they believed to be gunshots coming from inside the school. Deputies Taborsky and Miller were told by numerous students that people had been shot inside the school.

Your affiant subsequently learned that 15 individuals were killed within Columbine High School during the incident as the result of gunshot wounds. Your affiant further learned that two of the decedents, Dylan Bennet Klebold, dob/09-11-81, and Eric David Harris, dob/04-09-81, were suspected of shooting 13 decedents, and had injured approximately 25 other students.

On April 20, 1999, Jefferson County Sheriff's Investigator Ralph Gallegos interviewed Christopher Morris, dob/06-09-81, shortly after the shootings at Columbine High School. Christopher Morris told Investigator Gallegos that he used to be part of the "Trench Coat Mafia" (TCM), and that he believed the people inside of Columbine High School doing the shooting were Dylan Klebold, Eric Harris, and [REDACTED]. Morris said Klebold, Harris and Perry are also members of the Trench Coat Mafia. Christopher Morris further told Investigator Gallegos that Eric Harris goes by the name of "Reb." Morris told Investigator Gallegos that two weeks prior to April 20, 1999 Eric Harris had been picked on by "jocks" at Columbine High School. Shortly after this incident, Christopher Morris was at Dylan Klebold's house with Eric Harris and Harris said, "Wouldn't it be nice to kill jocks?"

On April 22, 1999, Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agents Jack McGrath and Paulette Brundage interviewed Christopher Morris, who again admitted to being an associate of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Special Agents McGrath and Brundage asked Morris where he was at the time of the shootings on April 20, 1999, and he advised that he was at Cory Friesen's house playing a video game. Morris said that he and Friesen had gone to a Video City store located at West Jewell Avenue and South Kipling Street on the evening of April 19, 1999 and had talked to Charles Phillips, an employee of the store, who both he and Friesen knew. Morris said that Friesen had rented a computer game and that it was this game which he and Friesen were playing at Friesen's house during the time of the shootings at Columbine High School. Christopher Morris has denied any involvement or knowledge in the Columbine shooting and has denied being at Columbine High School during the time of the shootings. Christopher Morris asserts that he was at Friesen's home playing a computer game.

On April 27, 1999, Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agent Matthew Harris interviewed Columbine High School student Christopher Wisher, dob/03-19-83. Wisher told Special Agent Matthew Harris that he was in the parking lot of Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, at about 11:15 a.m., and heard a sound like fireworks going off. Wisher told Special Agent Harris that he saw a white male dressed in black, wearing a trench coat, outside of the cafeteria, who shot at three students with a shotgun.

Sworn to before me this _____

day of _____, 19 _____

JUDGE

JC-001-025887

COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Investigator Kate Battan,

being duly sworn upon oath says:

that the foregoing offense(s) alleged was committed of this affiant's own personal knowledge, and the facts stated therein are true.

Wisher told Special Agent Harris that he thought the male might be Chris Morris.

On May 6, 1999, West Metro Fire Department Investigator Dan Pfannenstiel interviewed Ashley Egeland, dob/11-20-83, who is a student at Columbine High School. Egeland said that on April 20, 1999, at about 11:10 a.m., she was in the gym class when she heard an unknown student yell that "someone was coming with a gun." Ashley told Investigator Pfannenstiel that she ran to the main hall that runs east/west in Columbine High School and saw "two gunmen." Ashley Egeland further told Investigator Pfannenstiel that the first male was carrying a long gun and was shooting at doors and lockers. Egeland recognized this gunman as Eric Harris. Ashley told Investigator Pfannenstiel that she saw the second gunman who had a black gun in his left hand and was also shooting his gun. Ashley Egeland said that she recognized this person as [REDACTED]. Investigator Pfannenstiel further questioned Ashley Egeland about the identification of the second gunman and she indicated that she was 99.9% sure it was [REDACTED] and that it was "definitely not Dylan Klebold."

On May 10, 1999, Denver Police Department Detective Jeffrey Ruetz and Denver Police Department Sergeant Ernie Martinez responded to the Video City store located at 11068 West Jewell Avenue, #C-6, City of Lakewood, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, and contacted John Heim, the owner and President of the store. Detective Ruetz was attempting to confirm Christophe Morris' alibi and obtain information and records regarding the alleged video game which was rented on April 19, 1999 by Cory Friesen and Christopher Morris. Heim confirmed that Cory Friesen had an account established at the store, but refused to disclose any details concerning the account or any transactions posted against it. Heim also refused to confirm or deny whether or no Charles Phillips was working at the store on the evening of April 19, 1999. Heim would not provide any information which would confirm or deny Morris' alibi.

Based upon the aforementioned information, your affiant respectfully requests that the court issue a search warrant for the rent records of Cory Friesen's and employment and attendance records for the employees of Video City located at 11068 West Jewell Avenue #C-7, City of Lakewood, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, described as:

A frame and stucco building on the south end of the strip mall complex, with the numbers 11068-C7 affixed on the east entrance door.

For the purpose of searching for the following:

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All account information and activity on any account belonging to Christopher Morris.

Any accounts which Cory Friesen or Christopher Morris are authorized to rent on.

A list of current employees and schedule of employees working April 19, 1999.

Time cards and any other records verifying which employees were working on April 19, 1999.

Your affiant further requests that this affidavit and warrants or orders resulting from this affidavit be sealed by the court to preserve the integrity of the on-going criminal investigation.

Approved

Henry Ruetz
Judge

Sworn to before me this

11th

day of

May, 19 *99*

Henry Ruetz
JUDGE



JC-001-025888

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
STATE OF COLORADO)

RETURN AND INVENTORY #4298

I, Investigator John Healy, received the within Search Warrant on this 11 day of May, 1999, and executed it as follows:

On May 11, 1999, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., I searched the Premises described in the Search Warrant and left a copy of the Search Warrant with:

Heim, John
(occupant's name)

at 11068 West Jewell Ave
(at address of search)

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the Search Warrant:

- Copy of the Weekly Employee Work Schedule
- Copy of the Rental History Invoice
- (7) Video City employee timecards
- Copy of the current Video City employees

This inventory was made by _____, in the presence of _____

(signature of officer)

_____, and is a true and detailed account of all

(signature of another officer or credible person)

property taken pursuant to the Search Warrant.

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