

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY  
245 EAST MAIN STREET  
OTTAWA, OHIO 45875**

**STATE OF OHIO  
PUTNAM COUNTY**

**AFFIDAVIT FOR  
SEARCH WARRANT**

**Officer Jason Kottenbrock, of the Ottawa Police Department, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says that there are, within the jurisdiction of Putnam County Municipal Court at:**

**A MOBILE HOME TRAILER LOCATED AT:  
ELCREST TRAILER COURT  
1570 NORTH PERRY STREET  
LOT 61  
OTTAWA, OHIO 45875  
PUTNAM COUNTY**

**a white with brown trim mobile home trailer, with an enclosed porch with two (2) entry doors, and a doorway on the west side, with a detached storage shed, tan in color with a white roof and the curtilage thereto.**

**And contained therein the following items to be searched and/or seized:**

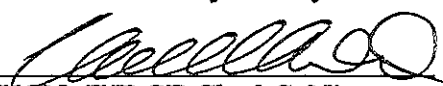
- 1) Any evidence pertaining to the crime scene located at said residence

Inside the mobile home trailer is alleged to have committed the crime of Murder, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2903.02, and /or Kidnapping, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2905.01, or any other related offenses.

The facts tending to establish the foregoing grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows: (see Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein).

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer Jason Kottenbrock  
Ottawa Police Department

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

  
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HON. JUDGE Chad C. Niese  
Putnam County Municipal Court  
Putnam County, Ohio

2013 MAY 13 A 8:47

PUTNAM COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL COURT

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY  
245 EAST MAIN STREET  
OTTAWA, OHIO 45875**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE SEARCH OF:**

**SEARCH WARRANT  
DAYTIME**

**A MOBILE HOME TRAILER LOCATED AT:  
ELCREST TRAILER COURT  
1570 NORTH PERRY STREET  
LOT 61  
OTTAWA, OHIO 45875  
PUTNAM COUNTY**

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**SEARCH WARRANT**


**TO:** Officer Jason Kottenbrock of the Ottawa Police Department or any Deputy Sheriff of Putnam County, Ohio:

Affidavit having been made before me by Affiant of the Ottawa Police Department, that he has reason to believe on the premises known as:

a white with brown trim mobile home trailer, with an enclosed porch with two (2) entry doors, and a doorway on the west side, with a detached storage shed, tan in color with a white roof, and the curtilage thereto, located at Elcrest Trailer Court, 1570 North Perry Street, Lot 61, in the Village of Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio, pertaining to the evidence of a crime scene.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to search forthwith the place named for property specified, serving this Warrant and making the search at any time in the daytime and if the property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of the Warrant and a receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written Inventory of the property seized and return this Warrant and bring the property before me within three (3) days of this date, as required by law.

**Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.**

  
**HON. JUDGE Chad C. Niese  
Putnam County Municipal Court  
Putnam County, Ohio**

PUTNAM COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
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On the 9 day of May 2013, I searched the mobile home trailer and/or detached shed, and curtilage thereto, located at Elcrest Trailer Court, Lot 61, in the Village of Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio, as described in the Search Warrant, at the place herein mentioned and the following articles were seized:

This inventory was made in the presence of LT. John St and RUC/2290 pursuant to Criminal Rule 41(D), and verified as being accurate by me.

Jason J. Kottenbrock  
Officer Jason Kottenbrock  
Ottawa Police Department

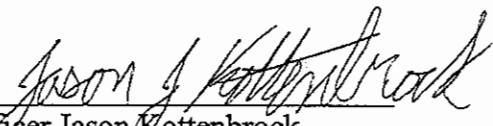
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The facts tending to establish the foregoing grounds for the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:


1. Officer Jason Kottenbrock has been with the Ottawa Police Department for eleven (11) years, and has been in law enforcement for twelve (12) years.
2. On May 9, 2013, at approximately 5:32am, a call was made to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office by Michelle Grothouse, where she reported three (3) missing juveniles, that her 2006 silver Chevrolet HHR was missing, and that there was blood found inside her residence along with a handgun.
3. Officer Jason Kottenbrock arrived on scene within minutes after he was dispatched to Elcrest Trailer Court, 1570 North Perry Street, Lot 61, in the Village of Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio.
4. Michelle Grothouse resides at the Elcrest Trailer Court, 1570 North Perry Street, Lot 61, in the Village of Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio, a white with brown trim mobile home trailer, with an enclosed porch with two (2) entry doors, and a doorway on the west side, with a detached storage shed, tan in color with a white roof.
5. Officer Kottenbrock spoke with Michelle Grothouse upon his arrival. Ms. Grothouse advised she is the mother of two (2) boys, Blane Romes, fourteen (14) years old, and Blake Romes, seventeen (17) years old, who resides with her at said address, along with Vicky Fay, and her son, Michael Aaron Fay, being under the age of eighteen (18). All five (5) individuals reside together at the above noted address.
6. Ms. Grothouse advised Officer Kottenbrock that she called home at 5am to speak with her son who was leaving for a class trip, but she was unable to make contact. She further advised she went home where she noticed her silver 2006 Chevrolet HHR vehicle was missing, she entered said residence and saw blood on the floor and a gun laying on the couch, and all three juveniles were missing.
7. Officer Kottenbrock was permitted into the home by Michelle Grothouse and he observed blood once he entered the entry door in the hallway, blood on the floor, a .22 caliber hand gun was seen laying on the couch, and a magazine to the gun was found on the floor.
8. Upon further investigation, Officer Kottenbrock observed blood throughout the house, the hallway, and into one of the bedrooms. Once inside the bedroom Officer Kottenbrock observed two (2) single beds within said bedroom with one (1) bed having blood on it towards the upper part of the bed.
9. Vicky Fay, who was also present upon Officer Kottenbrock's arrival, advised that the handgun found on the couch was her gun, and only she and her sons, Kyle Nichols (who resides at 13101 State Route 15, Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio), and Michael Aaron Fay, had access to said gun.

10. Officer Kottenbrock observed the trail of blood to lead from the bedroom to the back entry door to the west side of the mobile home trailer.
11. Officer Kottenbrock further observed tire marks near the back door to the west side of the mobile trailer where it appeared as if something was drug through the grass. The tire tracks lead away from the mobile home trailer.
12. To date, the whereabouts and the condition of the three (3) named juveniles are unknown but it appears one (1) or more of the juveniles may be injured, and/or the victim(s) of a crime.
13. The schools where the three (3) juveniles attend have been contacted and have failed to appear to school.
14. The local medical care facilities have been contacted and have not reported that any of the three (3) named juveniles have presented to their facilities for treatment.
15. An attempt to locate has been issued for the three (3) missing juveniles and the 2006 silver Chevrolet HHR.
16. The property located at 1570 North Perry Street, Lot 61, in the Village of Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio, has been secured by law enforcement for further processing.
17. The undersigned believes that a search of said residence will uncover evidence of the following crimes: Murder, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2903.02, a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and or Kidnapping, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2905.01, a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and any other related offenses.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer Jason Kottenbrock  
Ottawa Police Department

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Chad C. Niese  
Putnam County Municipal Court  
Ottawa, Ohio

**RETURN**

May 9th, 2013

I received the attached Search Warrant on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, and have executed it as follows:

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, at 11:30 o'clock A.M., I searched the person/premises described in the Warrant and I left a copy of the Warrant with Nobody was home left on kitchen counter together with a receipt for the items seized.

**VERIFICATION**

Case Number 2013 MISC.17

**STATE OF OHIO:**  
**County of Putnam, SS.**

Officer Jason Kottenbrock, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a Law Enforcement Officer taking property under a Search Warrant, and that the attached constitutes a full and complete written inventory of all property taken pursuant to the Search Warrant.

Jason J Kottenbrock  
Officer Jason Kottenbrock  
Ottawa Police Department

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

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JUDGE - CLERK - DEPUTY CLERK

**Attached is an Inventory of property taken  
Pursuant to the Search Warrant.**

2013 MAY 13 A 8:48  
PUTNAM COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL COURT

CASE# CS-69-13-01-583

## Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): 1570 N. Perry # 61 Ottawa, Ohio

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION                                   | LOCATION FOUND                   | FOUND BY WHOM |
|------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1    | Cast of tire impression area #1               | farm field                       | Hammond       |
| 2    | Cast of tire impression area #2               | farm field                       | Hammond       |
| 3    | Cast of tire impression area #3               | edge of parking lot              | Hammond       |
| 4    | Cast of tire impression area #2               | farm field                       | Hammond       |
| 5    | swab of <del>front entry door</del> BATH SINK | Mobile home                      | Hammond       |
| 6    | swab of <del>front entry door</del> KIT Floor | Kitchen floor                    | Hammond       |
| 7    | swab of <del>front entry door</del> Trailer   | Ext. of trailer                  | Hammond       |
| 8    | <del>swab of front entry door</del>           |                                  |               |
| 9    | Damaged cell phone                            | entertainment center living room | Hammond       |
| 10   | SWAB OF DAMAGED CELL PHONE                    | N/A                              | Hammond       |
| 11   | CARTRIDGE CASE (FIRED)                        | North bedroom trash can          | Hammond       |
| 12   | SOIL SAMPLE FROM FIELD                        | FIELD                            | Hammond       |
| 13   | SWABS OF R/B STAIN (PACARD 12)                | HALLWAY                          | Hammond       |
| 14   | SAMSUNG CELL PHONE                            | Child's Bedroom                  | Hammond       |
| 15   | SWABS OF R/B STAIN PACARD 15                  | Living room                      | Hammond       |
| 16   | CARPET SAMPLE PACARD 15                       | Living room                      | Hammond       |
| 17   | Magazine w/ 3 rounds                          | PACARD 16 Living room            | Hammond       |
| 18   | SWAB OF R/B STAIN                             | PACARD 18 living room couch      | Hammond       |

Signed

S/A J. M. H.  
Inventory Agent

Date

5-9-13

| Items            | Released By | Received By     | Date/Time    |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 5-7, 9-10, 12-18 | J. M. H.    | Lt. J. H. D. 78 | 5/9/13 22:00 |
| 5-7, 9-10, 12-18 | SWICK       | ELI B. M.       | 5/9/13 22:30 |
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## Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

CASE# ~~CS-69-13-0583~~

CS-69-13-01-583

## Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): 1570 N. Perry # 61 OHawa, Ohio

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION                       | LOCATION FOUND               | FOUND BY WHOM |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 19   | Browning Arms Co                  | Living room                  | Hammond       |
|      | 515 MW 20910                      |                              |               |
| 20   | Cell phone back plate             | North bedroom trash can      | Hammond       |
| 21   | BLUE JEANS W/RB STRIPS            | KITCHEN                      | Hammond       |
| 22   | Towel w/ R/B STRIPS               | Living room                  | Hammond       |
| 23   | BLUE BLANKET                      | Living room couch            | Hammond       |
| 24   | BLUE STRIPED ALLOW CASE           | SOUTH BED - North Bedroom    | Hammond       |
| 25   | BLUE BLANKET                      | Living room floor near couch | Hammond       |
| 26   | Red + yellow blanket w/R/B strips | Living room floor placard 14 | Hammond       |
| 27   | PILLOW w/ R/B STRIPS              | KITCHEN Trash can            | Hammond       |
| 28   | White towel (found in kitchen)    | Kitchen Trash can            | Hammond       |
| 29   | Dog tie / strap                   | Victim beneath mobile home   | Hammond       |
| 30   | SWABS FROM ALLOW (kitchen)        | PILLOW from trash can        | Hammond       |
| 31   | SWABS FROM Towel (placard 14)     | Towel Kitchen trash          | Hammond       |
| 32   | SWAB OF VIC'S RIGHT WRIST         | Beneath mobile home          | Hammond       |
| 33   | SWAB OF VIC'S RIGHT ANKLE         | Beneath mobile home          | Hammond       |
| 34   | SWAB OF VIC'S LEFT WRIST          | Beneath mobile home          | Hammond       |
| 35   | SWAB OF VIC'S Left ankle          | Beneath mobile home          | Hammond       |

Signed S/A R.M.H.  
Inventory AgentDate 5/9/13

| Items     | Released By        | Received By          | Date/Time   |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 20, 22-35 | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Lt. J. St. 78</u> | 5/9/13 2200 |
| 20, 22-35 | <u>Stout</u>       | <u>Evil Bm</u>       | 5-9-13 2230 |
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## Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

CASE# CS-69-13-01-0583

## Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): 1570 N. Perry #61 Ottawa, Ohio

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION                                     | LOCATION FOUND             | FOUND BY WHOM |
|------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| 36   | shoes found on floor                            | Kitchen                    | Hammond       |
| 37   | bel left of shoe print                          | Kitchen floor              | Hammond       |
| 38   | SWAB R/B STAIN                                  | SOUTH Bed room floor       | Hammond       |
| 39   | SWAB rear storm door interior handle rear porch | living room                | Hammond       |
| 40   | SWAB front entry door ext handle                | rear porch                 | Hammond       |
| 41   | SWAB rear door int handle                       | front patio door           | Hammond       |
| 42   | SWAB outside door knob                          | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 43   | Fitted sheet (south bed)                        | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 44   | Handkerchiefs + Belt                            | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 45   | 3 belts   | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 46   | Wallet + card                                   | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 47   | Left glove placard 8                            | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 48   | Right glove placard 7                           | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 49   | Camera  | north bedroom              | Hammond       |
| 50   | SWAB OF R/B STAIN (FOOT)                        | SOUTH BED IN NORTH BEDROOM | Hammond       |
| 51   | SWAB OF R/B STAIN (PLACARD 6)                   | SOUTH BED IN NORTH BEDROOM | Hammond       |
| 52   | Brown & White Comforter                         | South Bed in North Bedroom | Hammond       |
| 53   | YELLOW SHIRT W/ R/B STAINS                      | LIVING ROOM                | Hammond       |

Signed S/A [Signature]  
Inventory AgentDate 5-9-13

| Items | Released By | Received By          | Date/Time    |
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| 37-53 | [Signature] | Lt. John [Signature] | 5-9-13 22:00 |
| 37-53 | Stock       | EVA RM               | 5/9/13 2230  |
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## Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

CASE# C8-69-13-01-583

## Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): 1570 N. Perry Lot #61 Ottawa Ohio

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION               | LOCATION FOUND            | FOUND BY WHOM  |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 54   | Pillow w/ cover           | South bed - north bedroom | Hammond        |
| 55   | LATENT PRINTS             | MOBILE HOME               | Hammond / Horn |
| 56   | BLOODY ITEMS IN TRASH BAG | BENEATH MOBILE HOME       | Hammond        |
| 57   | SKIRT OF Trailer          | Beneath Mobile Home       | Hammond        |
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Signed

Inventory Agent

Date 5-9-13

| Items                 | Released By                | Received By                   | Date/Time   |
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| <del>54, 55, 67</del> | <del>SP4 [illegible]</del> | <del>LT. [illegible] 78</del> | 5-9-13 2200 |
| 54, 55, 67            | SP4 [illegible]            | [illegible]                   | 5-9-13 2200 |
| 54, 55, 62            | Stack                      | EVJ Kim                       | 5-9-13 2230 |
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## Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

CASE# CS-69-13-01-583

## Inventory/Receipt Attachment

I received the below listed property from (person/location): Various

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION     | LOCATION FOUND      | FOUND BY WHOM |
|------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 57   | DNA STANDARD    | VICKY FAY           | Hammond       |
| 58   | DNA STANDARD    | Michelle Grothausen | Hammond       |
| 59   | BLANKET + BAG   | Road 7 near victim  | Hammond       |
| 60   | Purple blankets | Road 7 on victim    | Hammond       |
| 61   | car parts       | Road 7 near victim  | Hammond       |
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Signed S/A O M H  
Inventory AgentDate 5/9/13

| Items     | Released By | Received By    | Date/Time   |
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| 57-59, 61 | S/A O M H   | Lt. John S. 78 | 5/9/13 2200 |
| 57-59, 61 | SHOCK       | EVS Rm         | 5/9/13 2230 |
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PUTNAM COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT  
TERESA J. LAMMERS, CLERK OF COURT  
245 E. MAIN STREET, SUITE 303  
OTTAWA, OHIO 45875-1986  
419-523-3110 (Fax 419-523-5284)

Receipt Type **Non-Case** Outstanding Amount **0.00**

Receipt Number **154218** Receipt Date **05/17/2013**

Description **Receipt for: COPIES**

Action

Judge

Received From **TOLEDO BLADE**

On Behalf Of

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| Net Received   | 1.10 |
| Change         | 0.00 |

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| <b>CASH</b>      | <b>1.10</b> |           |             |

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| <b>COST</b>          | <b>1.10</b> |

Deputy Clerk: **eruhe** Transaction Date **05/17/2013**  
**11:31:48.92**

Comments