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**Affidavit in Support Of Search Warrant**

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The facts establishing the foregoing grounds for issuance of a search warrant are as follows: Your affiant is Ian Laughlin. I am a Senior Deputy with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. I have been employed with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department for over twelve years.

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During this time, I have been assigned to the Custody Division and Patrol Division. I have worked patrol in the City of Thousand Oaks, the City of Moorpark, and the unincorporated area of Ventura County. I was dispatched to and investigated hundreds of crimes ranging from battery, robbery, property crimes, threat crimes, crimes against persons, domestic violence, and suspicious deaths.

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I have worked as a Detective in the unincorporated area of Eastern Ventura County, as a Misdemeanor Detective for the City of Thousand Oaks, a Robbery and Assault Detective, and a Sexual Assault Detective. I am currently assigned as a Fraud and Forgery Detective within the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Major Crimes Bureau.

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While working as a Detective, I have investigated or assisted in the investigation of hundreds of crimes ranging from battery, threats, thefts, burglary, stalking, spousal battery, child abuse, child sexual assault, adult sexual assault, restraining order violations, domestic violence, property crimes, robberies, felony assaults, homicides, officer involved shootings, and other felony crimes.

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3 and other lawful searches. I have learned the importance of  
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6 behind by the perpetrators and victims of crimes. I have  
7 learned about the importance of collecting items to identify  
8 both known and unknown suspects, and provide supporting evidence  
9 to witness, victim, and suspect statements.

10 I have received in excess of 300 hours of formal training  
11 through the Ventura County Sheriff's and Police Academy, Robert  
12 Presley Institute, Ventura College, California State University,  
13 Channel Islands, and San Jose State University. My training has  
14 been in the subjects of adult sexual assault, child  
15 physical/sexual abuse, interview and interrogation, child  
16 forensic interviewing, robbery, battery, homicide, threat  
17 crimes, crime scene evidence processing, and the collection and  
18 interpretation of various types of evidence. I have received in  
19 excess of 100 hours of informal training from other  
20 investigators in these subjects as well.

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22 I have probable cause to believe that the crimes of Murder,  
23 in violation of Penal Code Section 187 has been committed, based  
24 on the following facts:

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26 On August 12, 2007, I became involved in this investigation  
27 when Captain Boyd, a fellow peace officer employed with the  
28 Ventura County Sheriff's Department, phoned me and told me that

1 there was a murder in the area of 1800 Hillcrest Avenue in the  
2 City of Thousand Oaks.

3 I spoke with Sergeant Sparks, whom I know as a fellow peace  
4 officer employed with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.  
5 Sergeant Sparks told me that patrol deputies were dispatched to a  
6 disturbance call at 1800 Hillcrest Avenue. As the call  
7 progressed, deputies responded code three (lights and siren).

8 Sergeant Sparks further explained that Deputy Blanck and  
9 Deputy Roland located the suspect, who was later identified as  
10 Calvin L. Sharp, in a common courtyard area near some apartments.  
11 Sergeant Sparks told me that two citizen witnesses were  
12 attempting to detain Sharp. Sergeant Sparks said Sharp was  
13 acting out of control and it took four deputies using a Tazer to  
14 subdue Sharp. Sergeant Sparks said one child was found deceased  
15 in the apartment complex common area in the general area where  
16 the citizens detained Sharp and where a large knife was found.  
17 Sergeant Sparks said another person was injured and was  
18 transported to Los Robles Hospital.

19 Sergeant Sparks told me Sharp's vehicle, a van bearing the  
20 license plate 5XFV362, was located parked in the area. Sergeant  
21 Sparks told me that Deputy Blanck recently arrested Sharp at the  
22 Motel 6 in Newbury Park for a marijuana violation.

23 I spoke with Sergeant Panza, whom I know as a fellow peace  
24 officer employed with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.  
25 Sergeant Panza told me that a minor child named Seven Ruiz was  
26 found deceased at the 1800 Hillcrest Drive location. Sergeant  
27 Panza told me that Seven's mother, Sandra Ruiz, was transported  
28 to Los Robles hospital with stab wound injuries that she received

1 from a meat cleaver. Sergeant Panza told me that the meat  
2 cleaver and blood evidence were located in the common area of the  
3 apartment.

4 Sergeant Panza told me that a resident named [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED], said she has seen Sharp in and around apartment 261  
6 located at 1800 Hillcrest Drive in the City of Thousand Oaks.  
7 The witness further stated that on August 12, 2007, she saw Sharp  
8 trying to block Sandra and Sevan from leaving the apartment and  
9 that she saw Sandra and Sevan running from apartment 261.

10 I spoke with Deputy Roland, whom I know as a fellow peace  
11 officer employed by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.  
12 Deputy Roland told me he spoke with an apartment resident named  
13 [REDACTED]. Deputy Roland said Kindred told him she heard a  
14 scream and then noticed a person, later identified as Calvin  
15 sharp, swinging at Susan Ruiz and her child with a meat cleaver.

16 I spoke with Detective Brantley, whom I know as a fellow  
17 peace officer employed by the Ventura County Sheriff's  
18 Department. Detective Brantley told me that Susan Ruiz was in  
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I ran a California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) inquiry for the California license plate number 5XFV362. The registered owner was listed as Calvin L. Sharp with an address of 3903 Blackwood Street in Newbury Park, CA.

Based on my training and experience, I have learned that people involved in serious crimes often go to extensive lengths to conceal their crimes or to hide items that might link them to the commission of crimes.

Based on the fact in this case, I believe Calvin Sharp intentionally stabbed Sandra Ruiz and her child in a fit of anger. I believe searching Calvin Sharp's Silver van, Motel 6 room, and Sandra Ruiz' apartment will provide evidence related to this murder and will help establish that an Calvin Sharp committed a felony and is responsible for the murder of Sevan Ruiz and the attempted murder of Sandra Ruiz.

I also request that this search warrant be sealed to protect the integrity of the investigation for the following reasons:

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2. Release of the contents of this affidavit, warrant and/or returns in this matter could reveal investigative techniques, sensitive witness and suspect statements and disclosures, investigative findings and evidence that would jeopardize the ongoing investigation.

3. Disclosing the contents of this affidavit to the public, press, and the suspect's attorneys could result in witnesses and the suspects being tipped off concerning the investigation because it is still ongoing. Such information could result in the destruction of important evidence, such as crucial witness and other potential suspect(s) statements. It is therefore necessary for law enforcement to withhold the information contained within this affidavit from the public.

I also request Night service is necessary because my training and experience indicates the longer a search of this type is delayed, the greater the chance that physical evidence, such as trace evidence, will diminish in evidentiary value. Trace

1 evidence is often small, sometimes invisible to the eye (such as  
2 latent fingerprints and blood) and is easily eliminated by  
3 environmental changes or can be accidentally altered by persons  
4 about the premises. Furthermore, waiting until morning will  
5 involve shift changes of uniformed officers who are currently  
6 being used to secure the area and prevent contamination of the  
7 crime scene and will result in chain-of-custody problems, which  
8 will be minimized by a prompt search.

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14 I ran a Ventura County Integrated Justice Information  
15 System (VCIJIS) inquiry for Calvin Sharp. I located information  
16 that listed Sharp's complete name as Calvin Leonard Sharp with a  
17 date of birth of August 20, 1979, and Social Security Number [REDACTED]-  
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During this investigation, I wrote a search warrant to search Sandra Ruiz's home, Sharp's Motel 6 room, and Sharp's van. The Honorable Judge Ken Riley reviewed and authorized the search warrant.

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