

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RETURN

Warrant received on the 29 day of December, 2015, from Warwick PD at
Kent County.

Sherrita Ross.
Judge-Clerk

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Complaint to Search and Seize Property / or Person

TO William C. Clifton Justice of the Supreme, Superior Court, or Judge of the District Court of the State of Rhode Island.

a) _____, Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain of Police, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff of WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, Member of the Division of State Police.

b) _____ a person authorized by law to bring complaints for violation of the law which it is my responsibility to enforce/a person who has a right to possession of the property stolen, embezzled, or obtained by false pretense or pretenses:

ON OATH COMPLAINS THAT:

(1) Certain property has been stolen or embezzled, or obtained by false pretenses, or pretenses, with intent to cheat or defraud within this state or elsewhere.

(2) Certain property has been kept, suffered to be kept, concealed, deposited, or possessed in violation of law, or for the purpose of violating the law;

(3) Certain property is designed or intended for use, or is or has been used in violation of law, or as a means of committing a violation of law;

(4) and prays that a warrant to search for and seize said property/person be issued and if the same be subject to forfeiture, that the property be forfeited.

The person/property or articles to be searched for and/or seized is described as follows:

Any and all evidence associated with an embezzlement, including but not limited to: a Wagner Pro Coat Airless Paint Sprayer ½ HP, a 24 " Frigidaire Dishwasher #FGID2466QF, a Frigidaire Countertop Microwave Man.# FFCE1638LS, Self Regulating Heat Cable and Accessories, LED FloodlightS (2) Man.#DSXF2, a Weather Guard Crossover Truck Box, Charlestown Scalloped Wooden fence, (2)- 275 Gallon Oil Tanks and other evidence contained herein to include any purchases made under the school department budget for items that are unaccounted for.

The name of the owner or keeper, thereof (if known) is:
David LaPlante DOB:04/06/67.

The place or person to be searched is described as follows:
The residence at 100 Fairway Lane, Warwick, RI 02889, a single family cape style structure with an attached garage to the right of the residence. The residence has beige vinyl siding, brown trim, brown shutters and a scalloped wooden fence.

Subscribed and sworn to before me:

William C. Clifton
Judge/Justice

December 7, 2015,
Date
[Signature]
Complainant

Search Warrant

State Ex rel		County: Kent
vs. Respondent David LaPlante DOB:04/06/67.		TO: An Officer authorized by law to execute the within warrant, _____

Complaint and affidavit having been made to me under oath, _____ and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause for the belief therein set forth that grounds for issuing a search warrant exist, you are hereby commanded diligently to search the place or person herein described for the property specified and to bring such property or articles, and to summon the owner, or keeper thereof, if any be named in the complaint, if to be found by you, to appear before the District Court in the district where such property shall have been seized, namely the Third Division of the District Court of Rhode Island.

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Name of owner, or keeper, thereof if known to complainant:

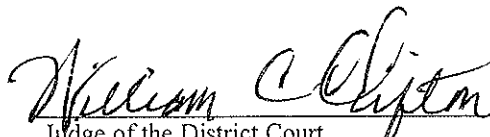
David LaPlante DOB: 04/06/67.

Said warrant shall be served in the daytime -- may be served in the nighttime -- within seven (7) days from the issuance hereof, AND IF NOT SERVED WITHIN SAID TIME TO BE RETURNED FORTHWITH TO A JUDGE SITTING IN THE ABOVE NAMED COURT.

Property seized by you hereunder shall be safely kept by you under the direction of the Court so long as may be necessary for the purpose of being used as evidence in any case. As soon as may be thereafter, if the same be subject to forfeiture, such further proceedings shall be had thereon for forfeiture as is prescribed by law.

Hereof fail not and MAKE TRUE RETURN PROMPTLY OF THIS WARRANT TO A JUDGE THERE SITTING with your doings thereon, accompanied by a written inventory of any property taken to a judge sitting in the above named court.

Issued at Third Division District Court in the county of Kent this 7th day of December, 2015 A.D.



Judge of the District Court
Justice of the Supreme/Superior Court

AFFIDAVIT

Your affiant upon oath states that he has reason to believe and does believe that grounds for such warrant exist and states the following facts on which such belief is founded on the following affidavit.

I, Detective Joseph Mee, do under oath depose and say:

I am member of the Warwick Police Department and have been continuously employed in that capacity for over twelve (12) years. I am presently assigned as a member of the Warwick Police Department's Detective Division. My duties include, but are not limited to: investigating violations of Rhode Island General Laws.

On December 2nd, 2015, members of the Warwick Police Department were advised of an embezzlement case involving David LaPlante DOB: 04/06/67, the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Warwick School Department.

Detectives were advised by School Superintendent Philip Thornton DOB: 01/17/65 that while Director David LaPlante was on vacation, School Construction Manager Robert Corrente DOB: 3/31/71 was reviewing and signing invoices and discovered what appeared to be some questionable purchases made by David LaPlante. The invoices were for several items purchased by LaPlante from the Grainger Supply Company and other vendors that did not appear to be for school use, in fact, it appeared as if these items were for use in and on a residential premise. A further inquiry of purchases made by Director LaPlante from the time period between July 1, 2014 to November 2015 was conducted. A total of \$73,464.37 in merchandise was ordered and payment authorized by LaPlante.

The list was narrowed down to a smaller list of questionable merchandise purchased by LaPlante totaling \$20,298.73. These items were purchased with school funds however after a check of several school buildings was conducted, it was determined by school employees that many of the items ordered by LaPlante were not installed or located on school property. Superintendent Thornton stated that employees drove by David LaPlante's personal residence located at 100 Fairway Ln. Warwick, RI. and

observed items on LaPlante's home that match the same description of items ordered and signed for by LaPlante. The items include self regulating heat cables and accessories on the roof of LaPlante's home (used to thaw ice/snow), and (1) one of (2) two LED Floodlights (#DSXF2) valued at \$374.00. The invoices for the heat cables and accessories total \$2,631.47. According to Superintendent Thornton, heat cables of this nature are not used in the school district and have not been located on school property. Your affiant also drove by and took photos of these items attached to 100 Fairway Lane and confirmed that they are an identical match to the items ordered and picked up by LaPlante on various dates.

Upon further investigation, it was also learned that David LaPlante picked up and authorized payment for decorative, "Charlestown Scalloped" wood fence, gates and fence supplies from State Wide Fence Builders Inc., Warwick RI. totaling \$2,205.61. This is the same style wood fence is on the left side of LaPlante's home. The fence consists of (9) sections of wooden panels with (3) gates and is an identical match to the receipt offered by State-Wide. It was confirmed that this type of decorative fence is not used by the school department and the fence is not on school property. Upon speaking to employees at Statewide Fence they indicated that this purchase was unusual as they have an open requisition order with the Warwick School Department and that purchases are always under \$1,000.00 unless accompanied by other bids from similar vendors. This purchase had no other bids attached.

An invoice from FW Webb Company was also provided to detectives for 2- 275 Gallon Oil Tanks with a total value of \$1,007.12. The invoice shows that the tanks were picked up and signed for by David LaPlante on 10/21/15. Only one school building would use an oil tank matching this description, however it has not been replaced and the tanks are not on school property. David LaPlante's residence does have an external oil filler tube and is listed on the Vision Appraisal Website as being heated by oil. Invoices for the above mentioned items as well as numerous other items have been provided to detectives for further investigation.

Additional items include a Weather Guard Crossover truck box observed in LaPlante's personal pickup truck, a Wagner Pro Coat paint sprayer which LaPlante loaned to another school employee over

the summer which matches the description of a paint sprayer purchased by LaPlante for the school but is not on school property.

David LaPlante met briefly with Superintendent Thornton and Chief Financial Officer Anthony Ferrucci on 12/04/15 after being served with a suspension letter. Superintendent Thornton stated that when LaPlante was asked about a residential dishwasher and the oil tanks, LaPlante was very solemn and apologized several times before telling him these items were not in or on the school district. LaPlante further stated to Tony Ferrucci that "I am all done". LaPlante did not want to talk any further and left the building.

Detectives made several attempts to contact LaPlante at his residence; however LaPlante did not return home after the meeting and had not returned to the residence as of 1645 hrs. that day. Detective Sgt. Canning and Detective Mee spoke with David LaPlante's wife and asked that David contact us for an interview. David LaPlante has not contacted detectives to discuss this matter.

During the course of this investigation several neighbors were spoken to, three of which stated that they have seen David LaPlante use a "Leaf Vacuum" on and around his property during the last couple of fall seasons. This matches up with an unaccounted for purchase of a self propelled litter vac purchased on 9-3-14 which is not in the schools districts inventory. Neighbors also confirmed that the fence around David LaPlante's home was erected 6 to eight weeks after the macro-burst storm that came through the area on 8-4-15, and damaged the original fence on the property. This is consistent with the order at Statewide Fence on 8-12-15 and pick up on 9-24-15 by David LaPlante. During the aftermath of this macro-burst storm numerous items were ordered and picked up by David LaPlante that are unaccounted for to include several chain saws, cases, sharpening tools, engine oil, tensioning kits, electric winches and a generator which may have aided him in the cleanup of his property as it was confirmed through neighbors and co-workwers that a tree fell directly on to his home at 100 Fairway Lane causing extensive damage. Neighbors also confirmed that they have seen LaPlante numerous times in the past backing up his truck and unloading what they described as equipment and items both into the garage and home. There is also a general feeling by these same neighbors that LaPlante always seems to have the

right "tools for the job" when something happens like the macro-burst storm or larger snow storms etc. These neighbors felt somewhat envious and assumed that he was "borrowing" these items from the school department.

Based on the aforementioned facts and circumstances I respectfully request that a search and seizure warrant be granted for 100 Fairway Ln. Warwick, RI 02889. This search would be for and any other evidence contained herein.

December 7, 2015

Date

Joseph E. Mee
Affiant

Kent Sc.. In Warwick this 7th day of December, 2015, before me personally came Detective Joseph Mee and made oath to the truth of the foregoing.

William C. Clayton
Judge of the District Court
~~Justice of the Supreme/Superior Court~~

RETURN OF SERVICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Providence, SC.

At 100 Fairway Ln. Warwick, RI 02889 (place), December 7, (date) A.D. 2015, pursuant to the within warrant I have made search during the -- DAYTIME -- as commanded and submit herewith a written inventory of property taken :

- (2) Pex Tubing 1/2 inch x 100 feet (blue)
- (1) Pex Tubing 1/2 inch x 100 feet (red)
- (1) Zoeller sump pump system with hose
- Wagner Paint Crew paint sprayer 770 model # 0515100 with (2) spray guns, (2) hoses, and
- (1) roller attachment
- (1) floor brush (color blue)
- Rain Bird 12 station model sst-1200s Smart controller sprinkler timer
- (1) Dymo Rhino 6000 label maker kit in black case
- Miscellaneous label cartridges
- (6) storage cabinets 36 inches x 30 inches
- (2) Speco indoor / outdoor speakers
- (1) Hose Reel 300PSI
- (1) Dayton condensation pump model 2HXZ8
- (3) quilted moving pads (color blue)
- (1) DeWalt Hammer Tacker and Stapler
- (1) GOJO gel hand cleaner - cherry - pump bottle
- (3) D-CON rat traps (mouse traps?)
- (1) box of Homeline assorted circuit breakers (Grainger)
- (1) LED under cabinet light 18 inch
- (2) rolls of Gorilla duct tape
- (1) box Polar Plastics .004MIL 10 foot x 100 foot film
- (1) Westward 18 gauge Brad Nailer
- (1) Bosch rotary hammer and chisels (serial# 889019016 and model# 11224VSR)
- (1) tri-pod stand (color yellow)
- (1) Luma Pro LED tri pod light twin head 120 volts AC 24K354A - temporary job site light
- (5) boxes of floor sander screens - miscellaneous brands
- (1) Burgess Propane insect fogger with propane cylinder
- (2) Black Flag fogging insecticide
- (1) Frigidaire countertop microwave model# FFCE1638LS serial# KG50280797
- (2) Progress Lighting recessed light kit (Grainger)
- (1) Stanley claw hammer
- (1) tool box containing miscellaneous cable connectors and items for cable installation
- (1) Liberty utility pump model 260
- (1) high capacity Zoeller model 314 4 HEX 4
- (1) Ames wall mount hose reel (2 additional reels on house)
- (8) 1 quart cans of VP small engine fuel
- (3) LED security floodlight item # 21YH26
- (1) LED wall cylinder down light model# OLLWD DDB-2 (4 additional lights on house)

- (1) IDS high speed burnisher serial# 054488 model# IDS-20HD
- (3) chainsaw bar and chain - Oregon 20inch (model# 27852), Oregon 14" inch, and Stihl 25"
- (2) Irwin speedbor set with wood boring bits
- (3) Irwin ship auger bits - sizes 1 1/2 inch, 1 inch, 1/2 inch
- (1) Eaton surge protector 120V / 240V
- (1) container of Echo bar and chain oil
- (1) oval waste container hands free (stainless steel)
- (2) amber LED warning lights
- (1) Igloo ice chest / cooler (color white)
- (1) self regulating heat cable on reel
- (1) Shure microphone
- (1) flush mount LED light model# FMSATL (ceiling light)
- (2) 6 bin can caddy
- (1) Dayton hang up vacuum model# 4TB89
- (1) box Dayton vacuum filter
- (1) Rigid drain cleaning gun kit
- (1) Westward portable power source 800 / 600A
- (1) Delta Pro crossover truck black (color black)
- (1) Natural gas pipe marker
- (1) Dayton 12 gallon vacuum model# 3VE2OA
- (1) Speco amplifier Serial# 024914 Model # P-60FACD
- (1) hose kit 4 inch x 8 foot for KV650H-SPH (leaf vac)
- (2) knife sharpeners (brand - gatco and chef's choice)
- (1) Rain Bird rain sensor part no. A61200
- Kline magnetic nut driver set
- miscellaneous air hose couplers
- miscellaneous ratcheting combo wrenches
- (4) DeWalt chisels
- (1) Lithonia LED wall pack# OLWX1
- (1) Billy Goat outdoor vacuum bag
- (2) Eco Zone temporary works site lights 120V model# L1323 (color green)
- (1) Work Wear 2XL rain coat (color black)
- (1) flat supply hose 3/4 inch 50 feet (color blue)
- (1) Forstner Drill Bit set 1/4 inch to 1- 3/8 inch - 8 PIECE
- (1) manual faucet with lever 1/2 inch Male NPSM
- (1) rain pants size XL (color black)
- (1) pair slip on shoes size 11 (color moss green)
- (1) Reese Tow Ring 8000 lb, 7-3/8 inch
- (1) Honeywell wifi Vision Pro 8000 Model# TH8320Wf1029 programmable thermostat
- (1) box of assorted cable connectors
- (1) Hubbell Disconnect Switch 30A, 2000V
- (2) pair of Mechanix black work gloves
- (1) Lithonia LED outdoor stake light 75 CRI, 670 lm, 4000K
- (2) Flexzilla Air hose coupled assembly (color green)
- (1) Generac manual transfer switch power cord 50 ft cord (color black)
- (1) Pex manifold - preassembled

- (1) Code 3 single lighthouse LED white, Rect, 3-1/2 L
- (1) Rain Bird anti siphon valve 3/4 inch
- (1) Werner ladder stabilizer aluminum
- (1) Dayton welding cylinder truck, 2 cyl, 500 lb. (color red)
- (9) GE LED lamp build, CA 11, E12, 4.5 W, 2700K
- (1) Ratcheting winch 1800 lb
- (3) tie down ratcheting straps
- (1) Dayton 22 gallon wet/dry vacuum model# 4TB85A
- (1) Senco Auto feed screw driver with (3) cans of Senco screws
- (1) DeWalt cordless cut out tool kit, voltage 18.0 NiCd, Battery Inc., 26000 No Load RPM
- (1) Westward welding cart 3 tiered item no. 2WDP6
- (1) Dewalt cordless cutoff tool, 18 V 4-1/2 inch with blade and handle (serial no. 770394)
- (1) green truck wash brush
- (1) Corrugated tubing, nylon, 3/8 in., 100ft.
- (1) Lithonia LED emergency lighting unit with battery
- (1) Speedaire portable electric air compressor 1.8 HP, 115 VAC, 26 Gal, 150 PSI (green)
- (1) Lumapro ext. cord reel with hand lamp 16/3AWG, 25 ft.
- (1) package of 2 Fogcutter fog lamps - halogen
- (1) Generac Portable generator 120/240 V, 75000 rated watts, 9375 surge watts
- (1) Generac power cord 50ft CS6365 Plug end
- (1) suction and discharge hose 3in x 20 ft (black and yellow)
- (1) Westward inverter 115VAC, 13.8 VDC, 1200W, 3 outlet
- (2) Rust-Oleum Epoxy floor paint
- (1) Lithonia DSXF LED floodlight in box (model DSXF1LED150K)
- (1) Lithonia DSXF LED floodlight not in box (model DSXF1LED150K)
- (1) Stihl HS46C Hedge Trimmer #294423734 (Precision Saw & Mower)
- (1) Box of Athletic tape
- (1) Box of Sylvania Led Lights (A19)
- (1) Box of Sylvania Led Lights- Narrow Flood
- (2) Blue furniture dollies
- (1) Flexcon Hydronic expansion tank
- (1) Box of disposable cold packs
- (1) Bottle/tank of Argon Gas w/gauges

(1) Koshin k-180 Trash Pump (Serial# Z44-22110204201 Misc.#A1104004913)

(2) Blue trash pump hoses

(1) Dayton Industrial Floor Blower (Serial# 17101006 Mod.# 4ZCZ6)

(2) Lithonia 4' shop lights

(1) DigiRoller Plus II Digital Measuring Wheel (Model# 6425 DRP2)

(3) Trailer Hitches (1) Reese (1) Putnam (1) unk. brand

Dewalt 12" saw blade

Dewalt Lithium Ion Charger DC9319 (Part of combo kit)

Milwaukee Sawzall Blades 2- packages (1) Wood (1) Metal

Luma Pro Comm./Industrial Electric Cord Reel Model# 1A136A

Air Hose (blue)

3/4 inch pump hose (black w/blue handle)

Misc. water valves (check valves)
Red bolt cutters

Westward 15/2 Amp Battery Charger #1JYU9A
Dayton brad nailer – 2” Finish
Conduit (metal box type conduit)
Kobalt multi-head Pex crimper
Air gun-cutoff tool/sander/grinder kit
Liberty sump pump model #257 Ser.#B59876256
Little Mule 1/4hp winch (garage ceiling)
Wire (part #24C014 color grey)
14/2 100’ foot wire (grey)
Dewalt tool belt
Dewalt Planer (in case)
GOJO hand cleaner
Dell laptop DPN-GYXJ3A00JSD2
Ace ratchet set
3/8 x 80’ rope (color blue)
Taco 6 Zone Valve control box ZVC406
6 zone switching relay SR506
Simer sump pump 1/3 hp
40”x300’ plastic banquet roll AEP Industries
Misc. aluminum fittings (2bags)
2- welding tanks w/gauges (1) torch
(1) Liberty Pump 1/3 hp in box #257
Siemens (SPD 4 coax) total surge protector
Siemens single protector SPD4TEL
Teel ½ hp pump
Portfolio deck light #0092812
Lenox saw blades 6”
Lenox saw blades 8”x ¾”x.035”
Campbell Hausfeld emergency air compressor
Jumper cables (2-sets)
Shop light (florescent)
Furniture moving straps
Mechanics gloves
Wire Connector kit (wire nuts)
Assorted ropes
Welding mask
Mig welder pliers
Hypertherm Powermax 380 Plazma Cutter
2-Stihl chainsaws
First aid kit (orange carry bag)
Electric panel
Bottle of compressed gas (ABCO)
(3) Umbrellas

I have also summoned _____ named in said Complaint, as commanded to appear before the _____ Division of the District Court in _____ at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, on _____ A.D. 2015.

I have also given to DAVID LAPORTE the person from whom -- from whose premises said property was taken -- a copy of the within warrant -- I have left a copy of the within warrant at -- on the place from which said property was taken -- but I did not find the person from whose premises said property was taken but left a copy of said warrant -- on the place from which the property was taken.

Det. Joseph Mue
Authorized Officer