

Det. Vince Sanchez has sworn to the attached affidavit regarding the following:

1. The PERSON, PLACE or THING to be searched is described as and located at:

A) The entire premises and curtilage, including any and all out-buildings, and vehicles associated with the two-story, single family residence located at 726 S. 12th Street, being described as a wood frame structure, white with red trim.

2. The PROPERTY to be searched for and seized, if found, is specifically described as:

A) The person of THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER, a black male, DOB 6-8-64; any firearms and or ammunition; any records or photographs related to the presence or occupancy of said location by THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER.

3. The FACTS establishing probable cause or the grounds for the search are:

A) I am a Police Officer employed by the Saginaw Police Department. I am currently assigned to the Gang Task Force.

*Bundy street*

B) As part of an investigation into a shooting that occurred on 29 April 1998, at about 2320 hrs. an interview was taken with Robert James Mason. Mason told investigators that on that date and at that approximate time, he returned to his residence located at 3250 Bundy Street, Saginaw, MI. Mason drove to his residence in his Lincoln automobile. Mason was followed to his residence by a friend of his, Anthony "Chan" Thomas, who was driving his 1992 Cadillac. As Mason arrived at his residence, he saw a group of males standing across the street from his residence. After Mason parked in his driveway, he walked up the driveway to the rear of his home to enter his residence. He saw that two windows on the side of his home had been broken out. As Mason approached the rear door of his residence, he saw that it was partially open. Before Mason could enter the home, an unidentified black male wearing a black ski mask, opened the door from the inside, pointed a gun outside and began firing. Mason knew the male was a black male from seeing the skin around his eyes through the openings on the ski mask. Mason immediately went to the ground. At that time, Mason saw and heard males from across the street begin firing multiple rounds in the direction of his house and toward Thomas and Thomas' vehicle. At one point, Mason looked towards the rear of his property, where he had parked a mobile home, at which time he saw a male known to him as THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER standing at the corner of the mobile home holding a large handgun firing that hand gun in the direction of Thomas and Thomas' vehicle. WICKER was the only person that Mason could positively identify. At some point, Thomas ran from the location and the firing stopped.

*Robert James Mason*

C) As part of the investigation of this incident, officers of the Saginaw Police Department responded to 3250 Bundy and observed multiple bullet holes

*Weapons*

in the house as well as multiple bullet holes in Thomas' Cadillac. On the street, officers recovered spent shell casings for a 9mm handgun, a .45 spent round, shotgun shells, at least three spent shell casings and a least one spent round for a .380 handgun.

D) On 1 May 1998, investigators interviewed Anthony "Chan" Thomas. Thomas also stated the on the above date and time and at the location noted, he was present when multiple males began firing weapons in his direction. Thomas told investigators that his Cadillac had been shot up and that during the shooting, he looked toward a parked mobile home at the rear of Mason's residence and saw a male known to him as THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER holding a large handgun and firing it at him. Thomas told investigators that he is positive that the male he saw was THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER based on several prior contacts he has had with WICKER, including an incident that took place on 25 March 1998 where WICKER and DEWAYNE JULKS forced their way into his vehicle which was located in front of 1717 E. Genesee, at which time Thomas was physically assaulted and at which time WICKER told him that he, WICKER, was "PETER RABBIT" and that he was going to kill him and his family. At the time the March incident took place, WICKER and the other males had used a 1981 Cadillac bearing Michigan plate 6BKP60, which they had left at the scene at the approach of police. That plate was found to be registered to Darrell Harris and Marilyn Moore, residence address of 726 S. 12th Street, Saginaw, MI. Moore was identified as the grandmother of WICKER, Harris was identified as an associate of WICKER.

E) Pursuant to that incident in March 1998, investigating officers obtained a search warrant for 726 S. 12th Street, Saginaw, MI.. The search warrant was executed at which time officers identified the mother and grandmother of WICKER as being present in the residence. Both identified a room to officers that they said was used by WICKER. In that room, officers seized photographs of WICKER and his brother as well as documents establishing that WICKER stayed there and or had the right to enter the location. Officers also seized shotgun shells from that room and found a 20 gauge shotgun in another room of the house.

F) On the evening of 1 May and the early morning of 2 May 1998, I established surveillance at 726 S. 12th Street in an attempt to ascertain if WICKER had returned to that address. From my surveillance location, and making use of binoculars, I saw a male consistent with the known physical description of WICKER exit the home, walk about the yard and then re-enter the residence on several occasions. At the time I observed this male, I saw that he was walking as if he was in a great deal of pain, leaning to his side, holding his side and stomach area, and favoring his shoulder as if it had been recently hurt.

\*G) As part of my investigation, I have learned that on 21 March 1998, a male by the name of Tony Smith was shot and killed at 2323 Collingwood, Saginaw, MI. Investigators have been told by various informants that at the time Smith was shot, he was in possession of a firearm, that he returned fire, and that he hit the male that shot him, wounding the shooter in the shoulder/back area. These sources of information have also told investigators that the shooter was "PETER RABBIT", a/k/a THOMAS WICKER. The information about a gunshot injury is consistent with my observations of the male at the target address during the above noted surveillance.

H) At approximately 12:20pm on 2 May 1998, surveillance officers in place at the target residence saw the known girlfriend of THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER, Tracy Young, arrive at and enter the target address.

I) Based on information received from Mason and Thomas, and as verified by police investigation and the recovery of physical evidence, an arrest warrant for the person of THOMAS "PETER RABBIT" WICKER for the charges of Assault With Intent to Murder and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony were authorized by the 70th District Court on 2 May 1998.

J) Based on the totality of the information set forth above, officers have maintained surveillance at that target address awaiting the authorization of this search warrant.

K) Wherefore, based on the totality of information possessed by me in this investigation, I have probable cause to believe that the person and items sought to be seized will be located in the place sought to be searched and that such items are contraband, are evidence of the commission of crimes and or are instrumentalities used to violate the laws of this state.

This affidavit consists of 3 page(s).

Reviewed on 5/26/98  
Date

by [Signature]  
Prosecuting Official

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[Signature]  
AFFIANT

Subscribed to and sworn to before me on 5-26-98

[Signature]  
District Judge  
70th Judicial District  
State of Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
70TH DISTRICT COURT

SEARCH  
WARRANT

COURT CASE NO.  
POLICE AGENCY NO.

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER;

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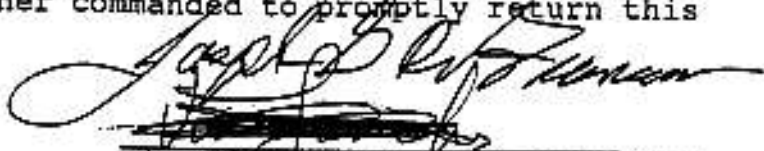
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IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN; I have found that probable cause exists and you are commanded to make the search and seize the described property. Leave a copy of this warrant and a tabulation (a written inventory) of all property taken with the person from whom the property was taken or at the premises. You are further commanded to promptly return this warrant and tabulation to the Court.

Issued: S-2-98  
Date

  
District Judge, 70th Judicial  
District, State of Michigan