

# Search Warrant

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Mansfield Municipal Court  
Mansfield, Ohio  
Richland County, Ohio

Number: 15-035540

State of Ohio : 284 Spring St.  
County of Richland : Mansfield, Ohio

**TO: CHIEF KENNETH COONTZ, MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND ANY AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS AGENCY. SHERIFF STEVE SHELDON, AND ANY AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS AGENCY. STATE OF OHIO BCI & I AND ANY AND ALL MEMEBERS OF THEIR AGENCY. CHIEF RODNEY SMITH, ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ANY AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS AGENCY.**

**GREETINGS:** Whereas there has been filed with me an affidavit, of which the following is a copy:

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DANIEL F. SMITH  
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## Affidavit for Search Warrant

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Mansfield Municipal Court  
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### AFFIDAVIT

State of Ohio : 284 Spring St.  
County of Richland : Mansfield, Ohio

Before me, the undersigned Judge of Mansfield Municipal Court, personally appeared Detective **Bill Bushong badge # 191** being duly sworn according to law, disposes and says that (s)he believes and has good cause to believe, that in the place described below:

**284 Spring Street Mansfield, Ohio. Dwelling is a two story aluminum sided wood framed structure blue in color. Also, include all motor vehicles parked on the property and any and all outbuildings.**

There is located the following property, for which search authorization and seizure is sought, to wit:

1. The body of Patsy Hudson DOB: 08/13/1953
2. Blood and other bodily fluids
3. Any evidence pertaining to the crime of Kidnapping and Abduction

### **Evidence from Investigation .**

### **2905.01 Kidnapping.**

(A) No person, by force, threat, or deception, or, in the case of a victim under the age of thirteen or mentally incompetent, by any means, shall remove another from the place where the other person is found or restrain the liberty of the other person, for any of the following purposes:

- (1) To hold for ransom, or as a shield or hostage;
- (2) To facilitate the commission of any felony or flight thereafter;
- (3) To terrorize, or to inflict serious physical harm on the victim or another;
- (4) To engage in sexual activity, as defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code, with the victim against the victim's will;
- (5) To hinder, impede, or obstruct a function of government, or to force any action or concession on the part of governmental authority;
- (6) To hold in a condition of involuntary servitude.

(B) No person, by force, threat, or deception, or, in the case of a victim under the age of thirteen or mentally incompetent, by any means, shall knowingly do any of the following, under circumstances that create a substantial risk

of serious physical harm to the victim or, in the case of a minor victim, under circumstances that either create a substantial risk of serious physical harm to the victim or cause physical harm to the victim:

(1) Remove another from the place where the other person is found;

(2) Restrain another of the other person's liberty.

(C)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of kidnapping. Except as otherwise provided in this division or division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, kidnapping is a felony of the first degree. Except as otherwise provided in this division or division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, if an offender who violates division (A)(1) to (5), (B)(1), or (B)(2) of this section releases the victim in a safe place unharmed, kidnapping is a felony of the second degree.

(2) If the offender in any case also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense, the court shall order the offender to make restitution as provided in division (B)(8) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code and, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3) of this section, shall sentence the offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (B)(7) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the victim of the offense is less than thirteen years of age and if the offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexual motivation specification that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense, kidnapping is a felony of the first degree, and, notwithstanding the definite sentence provided for a felony of the first degree in section 2929.14 of the Revised Code, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to section 2971.03 of the Revised Code as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3)(b) of this section, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to that section to an indefinite prison term consisting of a minimum term of fifteen years and a maximum term of life imprisonment.

(b) If the offender releases the victim in a safe place unharmed, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to that section to an indefinite term consisting of a minimum term of ten years and a maximum term of life imprisonment.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Involuntary servitude" has the same meaning as in section 2905.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Sexual motivation specification" has the same meaning as in section 2971.01 of the Revised Code.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 29, HB 86, § 1, eff. 9/30/2011.

Amended by 128th General Assembly File No. 58, SB 235, § 1, eff. 3/24/2011.

Effective Date: 07-01-1996; 2007 SB10 01-01-2008; 2008 HB280 04-07-2009

## **2905.02 Abduction.**

(A) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly do any of the following:

(1) By force or threat, remove another from the place where the other person is found;

(2) By force or threat, restrain the liberty of another person under circumstances that create a risk of physical harm to the victim or place the other person in fear;

(3) Hold another in a condition of involuntary servitude.

(B) No person, with a sexual motivation, shall violate division (A) of this section.

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of abduction. A violation of division (A)(1) or (2) of this section or a violation of division (B) of this section involving conduct of the type described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section is a felony of the third degree. A violation of division (A)(3) of this section or a violation of division (B) of this section involving conduct of the type described in division (A)(3) of this section is a felony of the second degree. If the offender in any case also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or information charging the offense,

the court shall sentence the offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (B)(7) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code and shall order the offender to make restitution as provided in division (B)(8) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Involuntary servitude" has the same meaning as in section 2905.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Sexual motivation" has the same meaning as in section 2971.01 of the Revised Code.

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## **2921.12 TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE**

(A) No person, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation is in progress, or is about to be or likely to be instituted, shall do any of the following:

(1) Alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any record, document, or thing, with purpose to impair its value or availability as evidence in such proceeding or investigation;

(2) Make, present, or use any record, document, or thing, knowing it to be false and with purpose to mislead a public official who is or may be engaged in such proceeding or investigation or with purpose to corrupt the outcome of any such proceeding or investigation.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of tampering with evidence, a felony of the third degree.

## **2921.31 OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

(A) No person, without privilege to do so and with purpose to prevent, obstruct, or delay the performance by a public official of any authorized act within the public official's official capacity, shall do any act that hampers or impedes a public official in the performance of the public official's lawful duties.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of obstructing official business. Except as otherwise provided in this division, obstructing official business is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If a violation of this section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, obstructing official business is a felony of the fifth degree.

## **2921.32 OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE**

(A) No person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for crime or to assist another to benefit from the commission of a crime, and no person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication as a delinquent child, or disposition of a child for an act that if committed by an adult would be a crime or to assist a child to benefit from the commission of an act that if committed by an adult would be a crime, shall do any of the following:

(1) Harbor or conceal the other person or child;

(2) Provide the other person or child with money, transportation, a weapon, a disguise, or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension;

(3) Warn the other person or child of impending discovery or apprehension;

(4) Destroy or conceal physical evidence of the crime or act, or induce any person to withhold testimony or information or to elude legal process summoning the person to testify or supply evidence;

(5) Communicate false information to any person.

(B)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of obstructing justice.

(2) If the crime committed by the person aided is a misdemeanor or if the act committed by the child aided would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, obstructing justice is a misdemeanor of the same degree as the crime committed by the person aided or a misdemeanor of the same degree that the act committed by the child aided would be if committed by an adult.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(4) of this section, if the crime committed by the person aided is a felony or if the act committed by the child aided would be a felony if committed by an adult, obstructing justice is a felony of the fifth degree.

(4) If the crime committed by the person aided is aggravated murder, murder, or a felony of the first or second degree or if the act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult and if the offender knows or has reason to believe that the crime committed by the person aided is one of those offenses or that the act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult, obstructing justice is a felony of the third degree.

**AFFIANT STATES THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR SUCH BELIEF'S ARE:**

1. Upon his knowledge as a Law Enforcement Officer.
2. Twenty one (21) years as a Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Assigned to the Detective Bureau, which investigates major felony cases.
4. On 12/22/15 Patricia Rentz called the Mansfield Police Department to report that her sister, Patsy Hudson, was missing and has not been seen or heard from since early July 2015. MPD Officers went to Patsy Hudson's residence (284 Spring Street, Mansfield, Ohio) and were able to gain entry into the residence to check on her wellbeing. Patsy Hudson was not located inside the residence at that time. Both of the vehicles that are registered to Patsy Hudson are present at the residence. Patricia Rentz stated it is not normal behavior for Patsy Hudson to leave her residence with telling family where she is going.
5. A check with the U.S. Postal Service found that Patsy Hudson has not forwarded or stopped the mail service at her residence. Further investigation revealed that Patsy Hudson has not paid her city water and sewer bill since June of 2015. The electricity has not been turned off at Ms. Hudson's residence as it is automatically paid from her bank account that her SSI is directly deposited into near the first of every month. A check with Chase Bank, where Ms. Hudson has her account, revealed that the SSI payments are still going into her account however; ATM transactions all over the country have been made to take the money out of her account. Also on her account it was found that someone is paying a Verizon cell phone bill using her debit card, (phone number 931-200-7905), and it was reported that Ms. Hudson does not have a cell phone. A Subpoena has been completed and sent to Verizon Wireless for the owner's information.
6. After speaking with several neighbors it was found that Ms. Hudson had a dispute with her neighbor at 290 Spring Street over her cats. A Police report was generated by the Mansfield Police Department (15-017968) on 7/04/15 in reference to the incident. The neighbors also advised that very soon after the mentioned dispute the residents of 290 Spring Street, described as a w/m in his early 50's possibly named Walt, and a w/f in her early 50's, promptly loaded their belongings into a light blue Ford van and moved out. The same neighbors stated since the residents of 290 Spring Street moved out they have not seen Patsy Hudson. Further investigation revealed that the residents of 290 Spring Street were Walter T. Renz and his girlfriend Cara and they were in possession of a light blue Ford van that was purchased by the home owner, Dwight Wallen, who is the cousin of Walter Renz.

Dr. William B. ... 191  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11 day of JANUARY, 2016.

[Signature]  
JUDGE, Mansfield Municipal Court

**THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OHIO, WITH ALL NECESSARY AND PROPER ASSISTANCE, TO ENTER, IN THE Day time, INTO THE BELOW DESCRIBED; 284 Spring Street Mansfield, Ohio Dwelling is a two story aluminum sided wood framed structure blue in color. Also, include all motor vehicles parked on the property and any and all outbuildings.**

**IN THE COUNTY AFORESAID, AND THERE DILIGENTLY SEARCH, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS FROM ISSUANCE OF THIS WARRANT, FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:**

1. The body of Patsy Hudson DOB: 08/13/1953
2. Blood and other bodily fluids
3. Any evidence pertaining to the crime of Kidnapping and Abduction

(A) Designate "DAYTIME", (0700 hours to 2000 hours), UNLESS probable cause in affidavit justifies "NIGHTTIME". See Criminal Rule 41, (F).

(B) Name or Describe the person to be searched, and/or "WITH PARTICULARITY" describe the place, and/or vehicle to be searched. See Criminal Rule 41, (C).

(C) Identify and describe the property to be searched for and seized. See Criminal Rule 41, (B).

**AND TO FURTHER COMMAND YOU TO KEEP ALL PROPERTY SEIZED, AND EACH PART THEREOF, FOR USE AS EVIDENCE, AND TO MAKE RETURN PROMPTLY, ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN INVENTORY OF ANY PROPERTY TAKEN, TO THIS UNDERSIGNED JUDGE OF THE Mansfield Municipal Court.**

Given under my hand this 11 day of JANUARY, 20 16, at 17:52 o'clock, [P.M.].

CLERK OF COURTS  
DANIEL F. SMITH

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JUDGE, Mansfield Municipal Court

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JOURNAL ENTRY FOR SEARCH WARRANT

MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT  
MANSFIELD, RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO  
JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter having come on for consideration this day, and it appearing to this Court upon the affidavit attached thereto and incorporated herein, and any testimony transcribed

And made a part thereof, that there is probable cause to believe that the offense which is substantially stated in the affidavit has been committed;

And it is further appearing to this Court that any persons, premises, and places for which search authorization is sought, and all property sought to be seized, are within the jurisdiction of this Court;

I, the undersigned Judge, therefore order that a search warrant be issued under my signature and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and the Rules of Criminal Procedure, that it be directed to Chief Kenneth Coontz, Mansfield Police Department, Sheriff Steve Sheldon Richland County Sheriff's Department, and any and all members of their command; that it be served within three (3) days from issuance of said warrant; and that return be made promptly.

1.11, 2016 at 1752 o'clock PM  
DATE

  
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JUDGE, MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

DANIEL F. SMITH  
CLERK OF COURTS

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( ) RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT  
(RETURN FOR SEARCH WARRANT)

( ) MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

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Received this Search Warrant on 11 day of JANUARY, 20 16, at o'clock 1753 M., and pursuant to its command, I executed the same on the 12 day of JANUARY, 20 16, by searching the premises therein described for the persons and for things therein set forth in the (A) nighttime / daytime, of said day, whereupon I seized the following:

| ITEM # | DESCRIPTION OF ITEM        | LOCATION FOUND | SERIAL # | I.D.# |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------|----------|-------|
| 1      | CIGARETTES FROM TRASH      | LIVING ROOM    |          | 866   |
| 2      | STRAW FROM CUP             | LIVING ROOM    |          | 866   |
| 3      | COFFEE CUP CAP             | LIVING ROOM    |          | 866   |
| 4      | PRES. PILL CONTAINER       | LIVING ROOM    |          | 866   |
| 5      | TOOTH BRUSHES              | UPSTAIRS BATH  |          | 866   |
| 6      | METAL BOX                  | BACK PORCH     |          | 866   |
| 7      | CUTTING FROM AREA MATTRESS | LIVING ROOM    |          | 866   |
| 8      | CIGARETTE BUTTS            | BLUE TOYOTA    |          | 866   |
| 9.     | PHONE                      | " "            |          | 214   |
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Received by (Signature) Det. William Buckhorn 191  
Name and Title

Witnessed by (Signature) SGT. Ken Capner 214  
Name and Title



MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT  
(RETURN FOR SEARCH WARRANT)

I, William Busthorpe, witnessed the taking of the above property and making of the inventory of such described property that was seized in compliance with this search warrant.

NAME OF CHIEF Kenneth A. Coontz

BY: William Busthorpe

TITLE: DETECTIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of JANUARY, 2016 and having received this return on this date. It is hereby ordered that the property seized be held in the custody of MPO until further order of the Court.

[Signature]  
JUDGE, MANSFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2016

TIME: 2:08 o'clock P.M.

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DANIEL F. SMITH  
CLERK OF COURTS

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