

TIBALDO, CHRISTOPHER

JC-001-025779

**SEARCH WARRANT**

TO: Investigator Kate Battan, an officer authorized by law and any other officer authorized to execute search warrants within the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Investigator Kate Battan, having this date filed an affidavit for a search warrant in conformity with the provisions of Rule 41, Colorado Rule of Criminal Procedure and C.R.S. 16-3-301, et. seq., as amended, for the following described PROPERTY, to wit:

Electronic data processing and storage devices, computers and computer systems, including central processing units; internal and peripheral storage devices, such as fixed disks, external hard disks, floppy disk drives and diskettes, tape drives and tapes, removable hard disk drives and cartridge drives, CD-ROM media, CD-Rewritable and Recordable drives and media, and the media thereof (including but not limited to Syquest, Zip, Jaz and others), optical storage devices or other memory storage devices;

Any and all correspondence, chat session logs, electronic mail (e-mail), including letters, notes, memorandum, or other communications in written or oral form, stored on the computer system(s) seized. These material could be attached to or contained within the e-mail or within the audit files of e-mail programs and/or possibly stored in the form of data, files, documents, graphics, or fragments or partially deleted fragments of the same, or other magnetically stored format, stored on floppy disks, hard disk drives, magnetic tapes, or other media capable of storing information in either a magnetic or optical form;

Any and all information related to the making of bombs and other explosive devices, to include plans, lists of material and other information related to said devices. Any and all explosive devices;

Printed or handwritten lists of telephone numbers, telephone records, or Internet Service Provider information;

Photographs or video tapes of individuals engaged in violent or simulated violent acts, or possessing bombs or firearms;

Any maps, schedules or drawings pertaining to Columbine High School or events on April 20, 1999;

Believed to be situated At The Place known and described as:

7444 South Zephyr Court, a town house with a brick front and white siding. It is a two-story building with a basement. The numbers 7444 are gold colored and are on a piece of wood to the left of the door.

Upon one or more grounds set forth in Rule 41, Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure and C.R.S. 16-3-302, as amended, namely:

- X Which is stolen or embezzled; or
- X Which is designed or intended for use as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
- X Which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
- X The possession of which is illegal; or
- X Which would be material evidence in a subsequent criminal prosecution in this state or in another state; or
- X Other: ANY DOCUMENTS AND/OR PAPERS TENDING TO SHOW OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF SAID PREMISES

I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is located within the premises above described, and the grounds for this search warrant exist.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to search the place above described for the property above described, and seize those items described.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to leave a copy of the search warrant and receipt for the property taken with the person from whom or from whose premises the property is taken; or, in lieu thereof, to leave a copy of the search warrant and receipt at the place from which the property is taken.


YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to make return of this search warrant and a written inventory of the property taken to the undersigned judge within ten days from date hereof.

On the basis of the information set forth in the affidavit and pursuant to C.R.S. 16-3-301, et. seq., as amended, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED to execute this search warrant in the manner set forth above, with the following special conditions, to wit: NONE

~~Init: Entry without prior announcement, identity and purpose is hereby authorized.~~

Dated this 7 day of May, A.D. 1999

[Signature]  
BY THE COURT  
JUDGE



## COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Investigator Kate Battan,

being duly sworn upon oath says:

that the foregoing offense(s) alleged was committed of this affiant's own personal knowledge, and the facts stated therein are true.

Your affiant is of lawful age and a sworn peace officer of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, in the County of Jefferson.

Your affiant states that the following facts are true and based upon his/her personal knowledge, as a result of his/her conversations with the person(s) named herein and reviewing their written reports.

On April 20, 1999, at about 11:20 a.m., Jefferson County Sheriff's Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call reporting that there was a shooting in the parking lot at Columbine High School, located at 6201 South Pierce Street, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Upon arrival, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies Scott Taborsky and Eric Miller observed numerous students who were yelling and screaming as they ran out of the school. Deputies Taborsky and Miller also heard what they believed to be gunshots coming from inside the school. Deputies Taborsky and Miller were told by numerous students that people had been shot inside the school.

Your affiant subsequently learned that 15 individuals were killed within Columbine High School during the incident as the result of gunshot wounds. Your affiant further learned that two of the decedents, Dylan Bennet Klebold, dob/09-11-81, and Eric David Harris, dob/04-09-81, were suspected of shooting the 13 decedents, and had injured approximately 25 other students.

On April 23, 1999, after seeing news coverage about the Columbine High School shooting, Robert Johnson, an Orangevale, California resident, contacted Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent Keith Aiken of the Sacramento, California Division office of the FBI. Johnson advised Special Agent Aiken that he has been communicating via an Internet chat room with some individuals who claimed to be involved with Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

On April 27, 1999, Special Agents Gina Palokangas and Thomas Anzelmo interviewed Johnson who told them the following information:

Robert Johnson met an individual using the name "Blade" in an America On Line chat room approximately six years ago and has communicated with "Blade" on a regular basis since that time. During one such encounter in a chat room "Blade's" told Johnson his first name was Chris. "Blade" also provided Johnson with his home telephone number of (303) 979-8171. Johnson told Special Agents Palokangas and Anzelmo that he has called the number provided and has had conversations with Chris, also known as "Blade". Searches for this telephone number using Internet data bases show it to be registered to Chris Tibaldo, 7444 South Zephyr Court, Littleton, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado. Johnson said that Chris has told him that he is a student at Columbine High School. Checks of student data sheets maintained by Columbine High School show that Chris Tibaldo is a Junior at Columbine High School. Records show Tibaldo's telephone number to be (303) 979-8171 and his address to be 7444 South Zephyr Court, Littleton, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Johnson further told Special Agents Palokangas and Anzelmo that he has also spoken with Chris' friend, "Cash" and "Vodka" on the Internet chat room. "Cash" told Johnson his first name is Brian. Johnson said he believes "Vodka's" first name is Dylan.

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGE

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## COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Investigator Kate Battan,

being duly sworn upon oath says:

that the foregoing offense(s) alleged was committed of this affiant's own personal knowledge, and the facts stated therein are true.

Robert Johnson also advised Special Agents Palokangas and Anzelmo that during conversations with Chris and Brian, they have claimed to have hacked into Columbine High School's computer system.

During a subsequent interview, Deaver Police Department Detective Jeffrey Ruetz interviewed Columbine High School student Aaron Bonewell, who said that his friend, Chris Tihaldo, was friends with Zach Heckler and Dylan Klebold. Bonewell told Detective Ruetz that Klebold, Heckler and Tihaldo shared information about programming computers using the "Linux" operating system. FBI Computer Analysis and Response Team (CART), examiner Paul Fields examined a computer hard drive belonging to Klebold and confirmed that the operating system used on that hard drive was the "Linux" operating system. Paul Fields also found evidence of the user name "Blade" on that system, indicating that communication to or from Blade had been conducted on Klebold's computer. FBI Special Agents Richard Price and Matthew Hellman later interviewed Zach Heckler who said that he had gotten into trouble for hacking into the Columbine High School computer system. Heckler also said that he was friends with Dylan Klebold.

Robert Johnson further told Special Agents Palokangas and Anzelmo that after the shooting at Columbine High School, Johnson contacted "Blade", also known as Chris, via the Internet, to see if he was alright. While on the Internet chat room, "Blade" said that during the Columbine High School shootings, [REDACTED] helped set off the bombs in the cars and was carrying a 9mm, but didn't use it. Johnson said during this chat room conversation: "Cash", also known as Brian, joined in the conversation and said that [REDACTED] helped build the bombs that were used at Columbine High School. Johnson said he then telephoned Chris at (303) 979-8171. While on the telephone Chris told Johnson that he knew the two shooters and four others who were killed during the Columbine. <sup>Investigator, KFP</sup> Johnson also spoke to Brian on the telephone. Johnson said that both Chris and Brian were "acting strangely" which is why he contacted the FBI.

On May 5, 1999, Investigators Perry J. Powell and Michael Jeffries with the Colorado State Patrol made contact with Chris Tihaldo at 7444 South Zephyr Court, Littleton, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado. When Investigators Powell and Jeffries contacted Tihaldo, also present at the residence was Brian Ford, dob/04-08-81. While in the residence, Investigators Powell and Jeffries saw a computer and a variety of computer equipment laying around the house.

Based upon the aforementioned information, your affiant respectfully requests that the court issue a search warrant for the residence located at 7444 South Zephyr Court, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, described as:

**A town house with a brick front and white siding. It is a two-story building with a basement. The numbers 7444 are gold colored and are on a piece of wood to the left of the door.**

For the purpose of searching for the following:

Electronic data processing and storage devices, computers and computer systems, including central processing units; internal and peripheral storage devices, such as fixed disks, external hard disks, floppy disk drives and diskettes, tape drives and tapes, removable hard disk drives and cartridge drives, CD-ROM media, CD-Rewritable and Recordable drives and media, and the media thereof (including but not limited to Syquest, Zip, Jaz and others), optical storage devices or other memory storage devices;

  
Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGE

COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Investigator Kate Battan,

being duly sworn upon oath says:

That the foregoing offense(s) alleged was committed of this affiant's own personal knowledge, and the facts stated therein are true.

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Any maps, schedules or drawings pertaining to Columbine High School or events on April 20, 1999;

Any firearms, and live or spent ammunition.

Your affiant further requests that this affidavit and warrants or orders resulting from this affidavit be sealed by the court to preserve the integrity of the on-going criminal investigation.

Approved Henry J. Heits  
Judge



[Signature]  
Sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup>

of May, 19 99

Henry J. Heits  
JUDGE

JC-001-025784

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )  
STATE OF COLORADO )

RETURN AND INVENTORY

I, Investigator Kate Battan, received the within Search Warrant on this 7th day of May, 1999, and executed it as follows:

On May 7, 1999 at 2:20 o'clock p.m., I searched the premises described in the Search Warrant and left a copy of the Search Warrant with:

or 7444 South Zephyr Court  
(an address of search)

(occupant's name)

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the Search Warrant:

- (216) floppy disks
- Tower CP
- Zip disk
- Zip drive
- Miscellaneous papers
- (14) VHS video tapes
- Supra Express modem and power supply
- Photos
- Compaq Presario
- Slims Port
- Miscellaneous fireworks

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This inventory was made by Michelle Green, in the presence of  
(signature of officer)

Charles E. Davis, and is a true and detailed account of all  
(signature of another officer or credible person)

property taken pursuant to the Search Warrant.