

## AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

The State of Texas  
County of Jefferson

The undersigned Affiant, being a Peace Officer under the laws of Texas and being duly sworn, on oath makes the following statements and accusations:

1. There is in Jefferson County Texas, a suspected place of business described and located as follows: an off white multi unit two story business complex located at 3391 Laurel Avenue. The building is off white in color with pale green trim. On the east end of the building it says "Clay Mathis Insurance Building" in large letters. The unit in the building to be searched is suite #116 which is located on the far west side of the building on the lower floor. The gain access to suite #116, enter the glass door on the north side of the building located the furthest to the right (west) as you face the front of the building. Once you enter the building through the glass door, you will see a stair well straight ahead and a doorway to your right. The doorway immediately to your right is suite #116 which is the unit to be searched. On the front (north) side of the unit, one of the windows has a sign in the window that reads "Tulip Spa, 3391 Laurel #116" and there is also an electric "Open" sign that can be turned on and off.

Said suspected place, in addition to aforesaid description will also include the area in, on, or around, all other buildings, structures, and places and vehicles on said premises and within the curtilage of said premises, that are found to be under the control of the suspected party named below, where said suspected party may reasonably reposit or secrete property that is the object of the search warrant requested herein.

2. There is at said suspected place and premises property concealed and kept in violation of the laws of the State of Texas and described as follows:

To wit: evidence of prostitution, promotion of prostitution, organized crime, and human trafficking including, but not limited to; sexual paraphernalia, ledgers, documentation, billing records, U.S. currency derived from illegal activities listed above, notes, and any other evidence pertaining to prostitution, the promotion of prostitution, organized crime, human trafficking or violation of local government code as related to (sexually oriented businesses).

3. Said suspected place and premises are in charge of and controlled by each of the following persons:

- 1) Nguyen, Helen Hien (Asian Female) [REDACTED]
- 2) unknown Asian female that possibly goes by the name of "CiCi" described as being approximately mid 20's to early 30's in age, approximately 5'0" tall with black hair.
- 3) unknown Asian female, unknown name described as being approximately 30 years of age, 5'3" in height and skinny build with blonde hair.
- 4) Other subjects unknown to Affiant

4. It is the belief of Affiant, and hereby charges and accuses that:

the above listed described suspect(s) are in possession of evidence and proceeds from violations of the laws pertaining to prostitution, promotion of prostitution, organized crime, and possible human trafficking, at the described suspected place.


5. Affiant had probable cause for said belief by reason of the following facts:

See attachment "A" which is incorporated herein and for all intent and purposes becomes a part of this Affidavit.

WHEREFORE, Affiant asks for issuance of a warrant that will authorize him to enter and search said suspected place and premises for said property and seize the same and to arrest each said accused person.

  
AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me by said Affiant on this the 26th day of April, 2018.

  
MAGISTRATE, Jefferson County, Texas  
Bayl. - Wortham  
Presiding Judge, 136th District Court

04/26/2018

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5. Affiant has probable cause for said belief by reason of the following facts:

My name is Bryan T. Baker and I am employed as a Police Officer by the City of Beaumont. I have been a police officer in the State of Texas for over 22 years now. I am 44 years of age and have been employed with the Police Department since January 1999. I am assigned to the Narcotics and Vice Division as a supervisor. I currently have over 15 years experience with narcotics and vice investigations. I have received numerous hours of training, including specialized training in narcotics investigations which includes specialized training in search warrant preparation and execution. I have also received specialized training for investigations of prostitution, promotion of prostitution and organized crime. Since being assigned to the narcotics division, I have also prepared and executed numerous search warrants, resulting in felony prosecutions in the state judicial system as well as the federal judicial system.

Some time around April of 2017, I became aware of a new spa that was preparing to open at 3391 Laurel suite #116 named Tulip Spa. I learned of this location from ads that were being placed on Backpage.com which is a known web site that is commonly used for promotion of prostitution. I have made numerous prostitution cases throughout my career off of ads that were placed on Backpage.com. The ad stood out to me because it showed pictures of Asian women dressed in provocative clothing and it also advertised that they would have a table shower. I knew from my training and experience that table showers were not usually common in legitimate massage parlors and are often an indicator of possible prostitution. Another reason it stood out was it advertised that their hours of operation were from 0900 hrs to 2100 hrs which is also common with Asian massage parlors that are often known for prostitution. Most legitimate spas operate on normal day time business hours and close around 5 or 6 pm. Once the spa opened, I began monitoring internet activity about the parlor on Backpage.com as well as Eccie.net which is another web site known for promotion and advertising of prostitution. While doing so, I found that on 4/19/2017 someone posted a review of the Tulip Spa on Eccie.net and in their review they reported that they spent \$100 at the spa in exchange for a table shower, a "CBJ" (covered blow job) and "mish" (missionary style sex). The poster commented on the size of the girls breasts that provided the service and as to whether or not her pubic area was shaved. Someone else commented on the same post that they paid \$30 for a "HE" (Happy Ending) meaning that the massage provider completed the massage by performing masturbation on the customer.

Throughout the past year I conducted numerous surveillance operations and found the traffic in and out of the Tulip Spa to be common with what one would expect to find at a place of prostitution. Out of all the numerous hours I spent watching the spa, I never once saw a female client come and go from the business. All of the clients were men. From my personal knowledge and past experience, I know that some women often enjoy visiting spas much like men and often frequent spas. I continued to monitor the internet traffic and found and preserved numerous posts that referred to receiving happy endings at the conclusion of massages as well "BJ's" (blow jobs / oral sex) and "Full Service" (sex). Some of the posts referred to the sexual parts of the ladies and how they looked without clothing. One post referred to having seen some of the girls inside Tulip Spa also working at Spa's in the Houston area which is known for high volume of Asian massage parlors that offer sexual favors for money. This led me to believe that there was possibly organized crime as well as possible human trafficking going on. One post

went on as far to talk about three different sexual positions that the client and one of the girls performing the massages performed. On several occasions, myself and other officers conducted surveillance at closing time and saw what appeared to be Asian and Hispanic females leaving the business after hours. Several times we followed them to local hotels where they appeared to be staying indicating they did not have a permanent residence here in Beaumont and were from somewhere else most likely.

A local records check of the business showed that the city of Beaumont Occupancy Certificate showed that the business belonged to Helen Hien Nguyen [REDACTED] that shows to live here in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. During all of the hours I conducted surveillance on the location, I never saw Helen Nguyen come and go from the business. On some of the paperwork I found through the city of Beaumont, I found that the business was listed as a relaxation station instead of a spa or massage therapy place. I believe this was done to try and avoid some of the regulations and certifications that a certified massage therapist has to go through. Throughout the year, I received approximately three anonymous tips from people stating that they thought prostitution was taking place at Tulip Spa due to the activity they have seen coming and going from the house. Some of the men I have seen leave the business often look around while walking back to their vehicles as if they are making sure there is no one watching them such as police. The building itself has cameras on the outside that only appear to be attached to the Tulip Spa front and back. They also have most of the windows covered with tin foil to keep people from looking in or out. As the narcotics supervisor I decided against allowing or attempting any of our officers from going inside to try and get evidence of prostitution due to the sensitive nature of what was taking place inside.

On 04/25/2018, our unit conducted surveillance of the Tulip Spa starting at 1657 hrs. As I parked to begin surveillance, I saw a w/m already parked on the parking lot to the west of the building. I saw the w/m get out of his truck and go inside the business so I videotaped him entering. At 1717 hrs (20 minutes later) the w/m came back out and left in his vehicle. Officers stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation and identified the driver as W/M [REDACTED]. I approached Mr. [REDACTED] and identified myself to him and explained why I was there. Mr. [REDACTED] appeared nervous. After talking with Mr. [REDACTED], he revealed to me that he did go into Tulip Spa, was only there for approximately 20 minutes and that he paid \$60.00 for a massage and a \$40.00 tip to the girl that gave the massage. Mr. [REDACTED] admitted that he was unclothed during the massage and that the female did perform masturbation on him. I clarified that he was telling me that the female performing the massage did touch his penis and performed masturbation he confirmed that it had occurred. He said that he did not ejaculate because he thinks the girl got scared that he was a police officer. This was recorded on in car video for documentation purposes. He described the girl as an Asian female, in her mid to late 20's, black hair, approximately 5'0" tall with a skinny build and that he thinks her name was "CiCi."

At approximately 1724 hours, a white male was videotaped entering the business and then exiting at approximately 1741 hrs. The white male left in a blue Ford F-350 bearing Tx LP# [REDACTED]. The vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation and the driver was identified as [REDACTED]. After introducing myself, Mr. [REDACTED] told me that he paid \$60.00 for a massage that the girl barely performed. He said at one point the girl performing the massage touched his penis and asked if he would give her extra money to rub his penis but he said he did not have any more money so she wouldn't and he ended up leaving. He described the female as an Asian female, black hair, late 20's to early 30's, approximately 5'0" tall and thin build. I

clarified that he was telling me the female did touch his penis and he confirmed that she did. This interview was also recorded on in car video for documentation purposes.

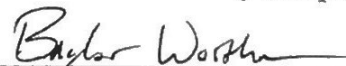
At approximately 1744 hrs, a white male exited a black Dodge truck bearing Tx LP# [REDACTED] and went inside Tulip Spa. The w/m exited at approximately 1806 hrs and was videotaped entering and leaving. Once the vehicle left, the vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation and the driver was identified as [REDACTED]. I identified myself to Mr [REDACTED] and explained why I was there. He told me that he went inside Tulip Spa because a friend told him it was a good place to go get a massage. He told me that he was completely unclothed inside during the massage and that the girl performing the massage did touch his penis during the massage. He said that he did become aroused and that his penis did become erect. He said that the female told him to relieve himself and so he performed masturbation on himself while he was on the massage table. He told me the female then cleaned him off and he left. He described the female as an Asian female with blonde hair, about 30 years of age, approximately 5'3" and a skinny build.

Based on the fact that in just a little over one hour, I made contact with three men who left the Tulip Spa and admitted to being involved with sexual acts and sexual contact with employees of the Tulip Spa, I believe that the Tulip Spa is a cover business for a place of organized prostitution as well as organized crime and possibly human trafficking. Further evidence that Tulip Spa was not legit was the fact that all three men I had spoken with had spent more than 60 for approximately 20 minutes of being present inside the spa. From my past knowledge and experience, I know that the common rate for massage therapy is approximately \$60.00 for a one hour massage. It does not make sense to pay more money to a place that is not even a licensed massage therapy clinic unless something illegal is taking place such as what has been reported to me in person and online. I believe that money, written documentation, sexual paraphernalia, as well as video evidence may be present at 3391 Laurel #116 that may be evidence of the above listed offences.

WHEREFORE, Affiant asks for issuance of a warrant that will authorize him to enter and search said suspected place and premises for said property and seize the same and to arrest each said described and accused person.

  
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