**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**INSTALLATION AND USE OF (APPLICATION UNDER SEAL)**

**INTERCEPTION DEVICE BRAZOS COUNTY**

**APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER WITH OFFICER’S AFFIDAVIT**

**Target Location / Address**

**A two-story apartment unit located in Southgate Village Apartments at 134 Luther St #183. The apartment exterior is tan brick and siding, with a small covering over the front door, and is identified by the number “183” on the exterior near the door.**

**Texas Penal Code Offense Under Investigation:**

**Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon, Public Servant)**

**Agency for which Requested: College Station PD**

**Requesting Officer/Prosecutor: Det. Jared Cleere**

**Incident Number: 21-001499**

***If reasonably ascertainable, the following is currently known as:***

**Names of the Subjects of the Investigation:**

**Bridges, Jonathan Devon (B/M, 12/21/90)**

An “authorized peace officer” (a member of a law enforcement unit specially trained to respond to and deal with life-threatening situations and authorized to possess an interception device and responsible for the installation, operation, and monitoring of the device in an immediate life-threatening situation, TX CCP 18A.202(a)) is making this application for a lawful court order issued in accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 18A.204.

The applicant attests that, based on his or her reasonable belief that an immediate life-threatening situation existed that was within the territorial jurisdiction of the officer or another officer the officer was assisting and required interception of communications before an interception order could, with due diligence, be obtained. Based on this reasonable belief, the applicant or another authorized peace officer working in conjunction with the applicant used or installed an interception device (as described by TX CCP 18A.001(14)) after obtaining oral or written consent from a judge of competent jurisdiction, a district judge for the county in which the device was installed or used, or a judge or justice of a court of appeals or of a higher court.

The applicant requests that the magistrate issues a written order authorizing the use of said interception device in accordance with TX CCP 18A.204 based on the applicant’s following sworn affidavit:

**Background of Affiant**

Your Affiant, Detective Jared Cleere, has worked for the College Station Police Department since September of 2004. He began as a Communications Operator, and was hired as a sworn Peace Officer in January of 2012. Following basic academy training, he swore into service as a police officer assigned to the Uniformed Patrol division on June 8th, 2012. Det. Cleere remained with the Uniformed Patrol division, serving as a patrol officer and, later, as a Field Training Officer, until he was selected as a Detective in December 2015. Det. Cleere has served as a Detective since that time, assigned the primary responsibility of investigating crimes involving fraud, such as forgery, credit card abuse, and business thefts. Det. Cleere was selected as a member of the Hostage Negotiations Team in 2016 and has been trained and actively engaged as a Hostage Negotiator since that time. During his time as a police officer, Det. Cleere has participated in investigations of a wide variety of crimes, including Capital Murders, Robbery and Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assaults, and numerous other serious offenses. Det. Cleere has also specialized in offenses of a technical nature, investigating computer crimes and offenses committed using the internet, frequently obtaining documentary evidence from third-party sources. Det. Cleere has been previously recognized as an expert witness in the field of mobile phone record analysis and tracking.

**Summary of Incident**

On Thursday, February 25th 2021, at about 0920 hours, an officer with the College Station Police Department responded to Southgate Village Apartments at 134 Luther St in College Station, Brazos County, Texas for a call for service. The reporting person called 911 and said that a male, later identified as Jonathan Devon Bridges, was “acting real crazy” and refusing to leave the caller’s residence. The officer made contact with the female caller and Bridges, but discovered that no criminal offense had occurred, as Bridges was a resident of that apartment. This call for service ended at about 0940 hours.

At about 0945 hours, Officer B. Smith of the College Station Police Department was dispatched to the same address again as the same caller called 911 again to report that Bridges had returned to the scene and was assaulting her. She told the dispatcher that Bridges had a gun. She screamed on the line, and then the call disconnected. Due to his knowledge of the previous call, Ofc. Smith already knew the description of the female’s vehicle. Ofc. Smith encountered a vehicle matching the description as he entered the complex at 134 Luther St. Ofc. Smith was driving a fully marked College Station Police Department patrol Tahoe with distinctive lettering, symbols, markings, and emergency lights and siren; he was also wearing the complete and distinctive blue uniform of the College Station Police Department with visible badge and patches. Ofc. Smith could see that the vehicle was occupied by at least two people and that the front passenger was a black male. Ofc. Smith activated his overhead emergency lights to notify the vehicle to stop in order to investigate the call for service to which he was responding.

As Ofc. Smith opened the door of his vehicle to exit and make contact with the occupants of the other vehicle, the passenger, later identified as Bridges, exited the vehicle and began running away towards the center of the apartment complex. Ofc. Smith gave commands for the defendant to stop multiple times as he exited his patrol vehicle, gave chase, and continued to give commands for Bridges to stop.

As Bridges continued to flee, Ofc. Smith saw him produce a handgun, aim the handgun behind him in the direction of Ofc. Smith, and fire a round. Ofc. Smith paused briefly to announce over the police radio that he was taking fire and continued pursuit of Bridges. He again called for Bridges to stop. Bridges continued to flee, entering another apartment inside of the complex (apartment #183). At that time, Ofc. Smith discontinued his pursuit of Bridges and reported that Bridges had barricaded himself inside of the apartment.

The College Station Police Department activated additional resources to deal with the barricaded gunman, including summoning the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT). Both teams are composed of peace officers specially trained to respond to and deal with life-threatening situations. During their response to this incident, officers identified that there was a need for additional communications options with Bridges and decided that the most appropriate way to accomplish this was with the use of a corded negotiations phone, commonly referred to as a “throw phone.” This throw phone device has the capability to transmit and record audio and video signal both when it is in use by the subject on the other end of the line and when it is not in use, and as such meets the legal definition of an “intercept device” by Texas law (TX CCP 18A.001(14)). Before beginning the interception, Detective P. Matush contacted Judge K. Hawthorne of the 85th District Court and received oral consent for the interception of communications (TX CCP 18A.203). The device was deployed. The incident was resolve peacefully at 1418 hours, and at that time the device was removed from the apartment.

WHEREFORE, APPLICANT ASKS FOR ISSUANCE OF A COURT ORDER THAT WILL AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF SAID INTERCEPTION DEVICE.

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APPLICANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME BY SAID APPLICANT :

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**District Judge**

**TIME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ District Court**

**Brazos County, Texas**

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**COURT ORDER**

This matter having come before the Court pursuant to an application under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 18A.202 authorizing the installation and use of an interception device in an emergency situation and in support of a criminal investigation against the suspect(s), identified below:

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above identified applicant, or any other authorized peace officer working in conjunction with the applicant, may possess and use an interception device and install, operate, and monitor that device in the above described life-threatening situation.

THIS ORDER SHALL EXPIRE on the earlier of: the 30th day after the date of execution of the order, or; the conclusion of the emergency that initially justified the interception

IT IS ORDERED that this Order and the application be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court.

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