

STATE OF MAINE
HANCOCK, ss.

DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT FIVE
Division of Central Hancock

AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST FOR SEARCH WARRANT

TO ANY JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OR COMPLAINT JUSTICE:

I, Dennis Hayden, being first duly sworn on oath, state as follows:

That I am an officer of the Maine State Police Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Unit. I have been a Trooper with the Maine State Police for nine years and have been involved in drug investigation on a full-time basis since March of 1985.

That I have probable cause to believe and do in fact believe that presently located on the premises owned or occupied by Otto Snow is material described within. Said premises being described as a two story new wooden Cape wedgewood blue in color. The structure is located on the East Side Road in the Town of Hancock, County of Hancock, State of Maine. The structure is reached by proceeding northbound on U. S. Route 1 in the Town of Hancock to the intersection of the East Side Road, turning right onto this road and proceeding .1

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miles. The structure is the third house on the left after the junction of U. S. Route 1 and East Side Road.

There is now being concealed certain property to wit: property that constitutes evidence of the criminal offense of trafficking in a scheduled drugs; contraband, the fruits of crime or other things criminally possessed, and property designed or intended for use or which has been used as the means of committing a criminal offense.

1. Scheduled drugs and their chemical precursors, specifically 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine, a Schedule X drug, 2/5 Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde, Nitro Methane and Nitro Ethane.

2. Paraphernalia used in creating scheduled drugs such as lab equipment.

3. Notes and records and books concerning chemistry.

The facts and circumstances which lead me to believe this are as follows:

1. On Thursday, October 10, 1985, I received a telephone call from Gustave Fassler, known to me as the Resident Agent in Charge for the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for the District of Maine. He informed me that he had been contacted by Special Agent Bob Graham of D.E.A. and we proceeded to engage in a conference call. Graham told me that he had been contacted by Pfaltz and Bauer, Inc., of 122 East Aurora Street in Waterbury, Connecticut, a chemical supplier. This company informed Graham that Otto Snow, doing business as Nevro Tech, Inc., of the East Side Road in Hancock, Maine, with a telephone number of 207-422-3626 had ordered for next day delivery by United Parcel Service one kilogram of 2/5 Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde. At State Police request, shipment was withheld for one (1) day and delivery was made on Tuesday, October 15, 1985. Graham told me that this substance is a chemical precursor of 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine, a Schedule X drug.

2. I then contacted Jack Fasanello, a chemist with the D.E.A. lab in New York City. Mr. Fasanello told me the other chemical precursors for 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine which I should be looking for to confirm that Mr. Snow was making this substance. He told me that the substances were Nitro Methane

and Nitro Ethane. Fasanello further stated that his experience indicates an expectation that we would find notes and books concerning the making of these substances.

3. Contacts were made with the United Parcel Service informing them of Maine State Police interest in a shipment from Connecticut to Mr. Snow in Hancock. On Tuesday, October 15, 1985, at 8:00 a.m. I received a telephone call from Steve Walker of United Parcel Service who informed me that a package for delivery to Otto Snow of Nevro Tech, Inc. from the above-named supplier in Connecticut was due to be delivered that day. I then met with the United Parcel Service driver on Route 1 in Hancock and accompanied him on the delivery of this package. The driver informed me that he had, in fact, delivered this package from the Connecticut supplier to the Otto Snow residence described above at approximately 12 noon and that receipt thereof had been acknowledged by an elderly woman, thought to be Otto Snow's mother.

4. On Friday, October 18, 1985, I contacted Trooper Peter Dow of the Maine State Police in response to information received from the State Police Communications Center in Orono. Trooper Dow told me that he had been contacted by a United

Parcel Service driver who told him that he had on today's date delivered a package to the Otto Snow residence described above. According to Dow, the driver told him that the package was sent by Lancaster Synthesis, Ltd. of Windham, New Hampshire.

5. I then contacted Lancaster Synthesis, Ltd. by obtaining their telephone number from directory assistance. I spoke with Jim Guy, the General Manager of Lancaster Synthesis, Ltd., and I asked him if his firm had sent a package for delivery in Maine today. Guy confirmed that they had in fact done so. Without further prompting as to detail, Guy told me that his firm had shipped a quantity of Nitro Methane and Nitro Ethane to Nevro Tech, Inc. on the East Side Road in Hancock, Maine.

6. I then contacted Jack Fasanello at the D.E.A. lab in New York City and informed him of the above facts. Fasanello told me that when the 2/5 Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde and Nitro Ethane are mixed together the only product is 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine. According to Fasanello the process of making the 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine takes approximately 12 hours.

7. At approximately 7:55 p.m. I contacted Sergeant Michael Pratt of the Maine State Police at the Orono Barracks and he

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informed me that surveillance of the Otto Snow residence described above has been in place since approximately 6:30 p.m. and there has been no radio traffic from the surveillance team which would indicate movement.

8. I am informed by Jack Fasanello that some of the chemical substances which are formed as intermediate steps in the formation of 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine are chemically unstable and subject to explosion if not immediately destroyed.

9. It is now after 7:00 p.m. and some of the materials sought in this search warrant are contraband subject to ready disposition or destruction. Moreover, the Snow premises are currently under surveillance, which surveillance is subject to detection.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully pray that this Honorable Court cause to issue a Search Warrant for execution in either the

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daytime or the nighttime to search the above-described Otto
Snow dwelling for the above-described contraband and evidence.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 18th day of October, 1985.

Dennis Hayden
DENNIS HAYDEN

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Augusta,
Maine, this 18th day of October, 1985 at 9:19 P.M.

C. M. [Signature]
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

A True Copy

Attest: Dec 17 1985
[Signature] Clerk

HANCOCK

STATE OF MAINE

DISTRICT COURT

District Number Five

Division of _____
Central Hancock

SEARCH WARRANT

TO: Any officer authorized by law to execute this Search Warrant

Affidavit ~~is~~ having been made before me by Dennis Hayden, Maine State Police

which affidavit ~~is~~ ~~are~~ attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that grounds for the issuance of a search warrant exist, you are hereby commanded to search the place or person herein described for the property herein specified and, if the property is found, to seize such property and prepare a written inventory of the property seized.

Place or person to be searched: the dwelling of Otto Snow in the Town of Hancock, County of Hancock, State of Maine. This is a two-story new wooden cape, Wedgewood Blue in color. The structure is located on the East Side Road in said Hancock and is reached by turning right at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 northbound and the East Side Road in said Hancock. One then proceeds .1 mile and the structure is the third house on the left.

Property or articles to be searched for: 1. Scheduled drugs and their chemical precursors, specifically: 2,5 Dimethoxy Amphetamine, a Schedule X drug, 2/5 Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde, Nitro Methane and Nitro Ethane. 2) Paraphernalia used in creating drugs such as lab equipment. 3) Notes and records and books concerning chemistry. ~~XXXXXX and XXXXX on XXXXX scheduled drugs and XXXX chemical precursors~~

Name of owner or occupant of place to be searched, if known to affiant:

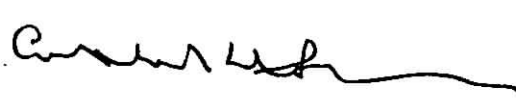
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This warrant shall be executed between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
and shall be returned, together with a written inventory, within 10 days of the issuance
hereof, to the _____
Division of the _____
District of the District Court of Maine.

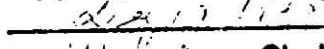
For reasonable cause shown, this warrant may be executed either in the daytime
or in the nighttime and shall be returned together with a written inventory, within
10 days of the issuance hereof, to the Central Hancock
Division of the Fifth District of
the District Court of Maine.

Issued at Augusta in the County of
Kennebec this Eighteenth day of
October, 19 85.



District Judge
~~Complaint Justice~~

A True Copy

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk Clerk

STATE OF MAINE
DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT FIVE
DIVISION Central Hancock
DOCKET NO. _____

INVENTORY

On October 18, 19 85 (date), pursuant to the
warrant issued by Courtland Perry
and dated October 18, 19 85, I searched the place or person
therein described and I submit here a written inventory of property taken.

1. Books and papers on mushrooms
2. Box containing chemical apparatus
3. 2 bottles of suspect marijuana seeds
4. Box chemical apparatus
5. Box chemical literature
6. 10 bottles 2,5 Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde
7. Jar of piperonal
8. Box of chemical apparatus
9. Notebook Psilocybin mushroom cultivation
10. Ohaus 4 beam scale
11. Kimbale lab set
12. White powder
13. Magazine "High Times"

Dennis Hayden
Authorized Officer

State of Maine

HANCOCK, ss

Personally appeared the above named Dennis Hayden

and made oath/affirmation that the above inventory is true and correct.

Before me, Margaret W. Dorr
(Deputy) Clerk/Notary Public

A True Copy

Attest: Margaret W. Dorr

Clerk

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DOCKET NO. 85-3741

INVENTORY

On October 18, 19 85 (date), pursuant to the
warrant issued by Courtland Perry
and dated October 18, 19 85, I searched the place or person
therein described and I submit here a written inventory of property taken.

14. Box of cultures
15. Box of cultures
16. Jar of grain
17. Jar of grain
18. Two jars culture
19. Six jars culture
20. Suspect mushroom spores and labels identifying
21. Photo
22. Pressure cooker
23. Lye and filter papers
24. Denatured alcohol
25. 2 bottles Nitro Ethane; 1 bottle Nitro Methane
26. 3 pieces of paper (records)

Dennis Hayden
Authorized Officer

State of Maine

HANCOCK, ss

Personally appeared the above named Dennis Hayden

and made oath/affirmation that the above inventory is true and correct.

Before me,

Margaret H. Lorr
(Deputy) Clerk/Notary Public

A True Copy

Attest:

22.17.1985
Margaret H. Lorr Clerk