

# SEARCH WARRANT

G.L. c. 276, §§ 1-7

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

District \_\_\_\_\_ COURT DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

Fall River \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

SEARCH WARRANT DOCKET NUMBER

115774

**TO THE SHERIFFS OF OUR SEVERAL COUNTIES OR THEIR DEPUTIES, ANY STATE POLICE OFFICER, OR ANY CONSTABLE OR POLICE OFFICER OF ANY CITY OR TOWN, WITHIN OUR COMMONWEALTH:**

Proof by affidavit, which is hereby incorporated by reference, has been made this day and I find that there is **PROBABLE CAUSE** to believe that the property described below:

- has been stolen, embezzled, or obtained by false pretenses.
- is intended for use or has been used as the means of committing a crime.
- has been concealed to prevent a crime from being discovered.
- is unlawfully possessed or concealed for an unlawful purpose.
- is evidence of a crime or is evidence of criminal activity.
- other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED** within a reasonable time and in no event later than seven days from the issuance of this search warrant to search for the following property:

- a. Ballistic evidence, to include expended shell casings and/or expended projectiles \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A bladed weapon of unknown size and description; c. Biological evidence, to include blood \_\_\_\_\_
- d. A black cellular device with a known pattern lock \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Permission to have the searched location photographed and video recorded as needed \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Permission to search any curtilage or common areas to the apartment \_\_\_\_\_

at:

120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River Massachusetts \_\_\_\_\_

which is occupied by and/or in possession of: \_\_\_\_\_

on the person or in the possession of (*identify any specific person(s) to be searched*): \_\_\_\_\_

You  are  are not also authorized to conduct the search at any time during the night.

You  are  are not also authorized to enter the premises without announcement.

You  are  are not also commanded to search any person present who may be found to have such property in his or her possession or under his or her control or to whom such property may have been delivered.

**YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED** if you find such property or any part thereof, to bring it, and when appropriate, the persons in whose possession it is found before the

Fall River \_\_\_\_\_ Division of the \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Court Department.

DATE ISSUED

11/23/21

SIGNATURE OF JUSTICE, CLERK-MAGISTRATE OR ASSISTANT CLERK

X \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST OR ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

PRINTED NAME OF JUSTICE, CLERK-MAGISTRATE OR ASSISTANT CLERK

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Finney

Cynthia V. Thomas

## RETURN OF OFFICER SERVING SEARCH WARRANT

*A search warrant must be executed as soon as reasonably possible after its issuance, and in any case may not be valid executed more than 7 days after its issuance. The executing officer must file his or her return with the court named in the warrant within 7 days after the warrant is issued. G.L. c. 276, §3A.*

This search warrant was issued on November 23, 20<sup>21</sup>, and I have executed it as follows:  
DATE

1. (1) Steak knife discovered behind television in northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
2. (1) Black LG cellular device discovered on floor of northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
3. (1) Butterfly pin keeper discovered on floor of northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
4. (2) .40 caliber expended shell casings discovered on floor of northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
5. (1) black steak knife blade discovered at the foot of bed of northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
6. (1) steak knife discovered on floor of northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street
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(attach additional pages as necessary)

This inventory was made in the presence of: Trooper Mark Weddleton #4061

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of all property taken by me on this search warrant.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING SEARCH X	DATE AND TIME OF SEARCH 11/23/2021 01:15	SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE X
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON MAKING SEARCH Christopher Johnson	TITLE OF PERSON MAKING SEARCH Trooper	DATE SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO 11/24/21

# APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

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TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS



District \_\_\_\_\_ COURT DEPARTMENT

Fall River \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

NAME OF APPLICANT  
Christopher M. Johnson

POSITION OF APPLICANT  
Trooper

SEARCH WARRANT DOCKET NUMBER

I, the undersigned **APPLICANT**, being duly sworn, depose and say that:

1. I have the following information based upon the attached affidavit(s), consisting of a total of 6 pages, which is (are) incorporated herein by reference.

2. Bases upon this information, there is **PROBABLE CAUSE** to believe that the property described below:

- has been stolen, embezzled, or obtained by false pretenses.
- is intended for use or has been used as the means of committing a crime.
- has been concealed to prevent a crime from being discovered.
- is unlawfully possessed or concealed for an unlawful purpose.
- is evidence of a crime or is evidence of criminal activity.
- other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

3. I am seeking the issuance of a warrant to search for the following property (*describe the property to be searched for as particularly as possible*):

- a. Ballistic evidence, to include expended shell casings and/or expended projectiles \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A bladed weapon of unknown size and description; c. Biological evidence, to include blood \_\_\_\_\_
- d. A black cellular device with a known pattern lock \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Permission to have the searched location photographed and video recorded as needed \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Permission to search any curtilage or common areas to the apartment \_\_\_\_\_

4. Based upon this information, there is also probable cause to believe that the property may be found (*check as may as apply*):

at (*identify the exact location or description of the place(s) to be searched*):

120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River Massachusetts

which is occupied by and/or in possession of:

on the person or in the possession of (*identify any specific person(s) to be searched*):

on any person present who may be found to have such property in his or her possession or under his or her control or to whom such property may have been delivered.

THEREFORE, I respectfully request that the court issue a Warrant and order of seizure, authorizing the search of the above described place(s) and person(s), if any, to be searched, and directing that such property or evidence or any part thereof, if found, be seized and brought before the court, together with such other and further relief that the court may deem proper.

- have previously submitted the same application.
- Have **not** previously submitted the same application.

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT  
Christopher M. Johnson

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

X

Christopher M. Johnson #3974  
Signature of Applicant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Justice, Clerk-Magistrate or Assistant Clerk

11/22/2021

DATE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL, SS  
DEPARTMENT

DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE TRIAL COURT

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**AFFIDAVIT OF TROOPER CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH  
OF 120 MELVILLE STREET 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR FALL RIVER, MA**

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The Commonwealth requests this Search Warrant for 120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River, in relation to the death of Anthony HARDEN (DOB 09/29/1991), which occurred on Monday November 22, 2021, in the City of Fall River in Bristol County, Massachusetts.

1. I, Trooper Christopher M. Johnson (#3974), being duly sworn, depose and say:
2. I am a Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police and have so been employed since 2015. I am a graduate of the Massachusetts State Police Academy, New Braintree, Massachusetts. I am currently assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, State Police Detective Unit, which specializes in the investigation of all crimes against persons and property. Prior to this, I worked as financial analyst for two banks and served for eight years on active duty in the United State Marine Corps as an infantry unit leader. I have a bachelor's degree in Economics from Fordham University. Through my training and experience I have developed an awareness of the various kinds of physical, biological, and virtual evidence to be associated with different types of crimes, to include murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and assault and battery. Through my training, experience I am aware of how physical evidence is preserved and concealed. Through my training and experience I have developed an awareness of the various kinds of physical and biological evidence to be associated with different types of crimes involving the processing and preservation of crime scene and the collection of physical and/or biological evidence.
3. I have personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances related below, as the result of my own investigative efforts and those of other police officers who have reported their findings to me. The State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and the Fall River Police Department are actively investigating the death of Anthony HARDEN (DOB: 9/29/1991) which occurred in the first-floor apartment of 120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, on November 22, 2021. The facts establishing the grounds for my request to the court for the issuance of a search warrant are as follows:

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## Investigation History

4. On Monday November 22, 2021 at approximately 1904 hours, I, Trooper Christopher Johnson (#3974), was contacted by Sergeant Jeremiah Donovan of the Bristol County State Police Detective Unit and notified of a fatal officer involved shooting in the City of Fall River. Sergeant Donovan advised that the incident occurred in the first-floor apartment of 120 Melville Street. A male party, identified as Anthony HARDEN (DOB 09/29/1991), herein "the decedent", was transported from the above address to the emergency department of Saint Anne's Hospital. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, the decedent was pronounced deceased at 1851 hours by Dr. Forzano. Investigators contacted the Massachusetts Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the on-call Intake Specialist accepted jurisdiction of the case. Investigators contacted Sergeant Peter Bengtson of the State Police Crime Scene Services Section (CSSS) who advised that he would be responding to the scene.

5. Trooper Mesheau and I arrived at 120 Melville Street at approximately 1941 hours and met with Fall River Police Department Detective Moses Pereira who advised of the following: At 1718 hours the Fall River Police Department received a call for service from Sarah GREALISH (DOB: 03/29/1991) for a domestic disturbance. Responding members of the Fall River Police Department learned that the alleged disturbance occurred on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Ms. Grealish advised that she was located at 130 Lowell Street Apartment 1W in the City of Fall River, and Officers Sullivan and Campellone were dispatched there to obtain her report. Due to the nature of this call for service (domestic disturbance), Fall River Police Officers Michael SULLIVAN (DOB: 04/30/1996) and Chelsea CAMPELLONE (DOB: 08/11/1994), were both dispatched to 130 Lowell Street.

6. Ms. Grealish reported that the decedent attacked her on Saturday during a visit to his residence at 120 Melville Street. Ms. Grealish further alleged that during this visit, the decedent had taken some of her personal items, most importantly her cellular device. After speaking with Ms. Grealish, Officers Sullivan and Campellone made their way to 120 Melville Street in order to speak with the decedent. Officers Sullivan and Campellone arrived at 120 Melville Street at approximately 1805 hours. Officers Sullivan and Campellone made their way into the first-floor apartment and met with the decedent. A struggle ensued after the decedent lunged at the officers with a knife. Officer Sullivan and the decedent both fell to the floor as a result of this altercation, forcing Officer Campellone to deploy deadly force through the use of her issued firearm. Officer Campellone fired two shots, striking the decedent with both.

7. Officers Sullivan and Campellone immediately requested that the Fall River Fire Department be dispatched to 120 Melville Street in order to perform life-saving measures on the decedent. Fall River Fire Department Rescue 2 ambulance arrived on scene and made their way into the residence. Emergency responders quickly loaded the decedent into the ambulance and

were initially dispatched to the emergency department of Rhode Island Hospital. However, due to the decedent's critical condition, Rescue 2 instead reported directly to the emergency department of Saint Anne's Hospital for immediate medical intervention. When further life-saving measures were unsuccessful, emergency department Doctor Forzano pronounced the decedent at 1851 hours.

8. In the immediate wake of this incident, Officers Sullivan and Campellone were transported to the emergency department of Charlton Memorial Hospital for treatment. Responding officers cleared 120 Melville Street of all occupants and secured the residence in preparation for a search warrant application. Additionally, multiple officers from the Fall River Police Department and the Bristol County State Police Detective Unit were dispatched to Saint Anne's Hospital, 120 Melville Street, and the Fall River Police Department to assist with the investigation.

9. Trooper Foley made his way to the emergency department of Saint Anne's Hospital and met with hospital staff. Trooper Foley learned that the decedent appeared to have been struck by two rounds and displayed two clear entry, and two clear exit wounds. One of the rounds appeared to have struck the decedent's right oblique, while the second appeared to have struck the decedent in the abdomen. Investigators learned that the decedent was on active monitored probation pending a jury trial in Fall River District Court for charges issued in November of 2019.

10. Trooper Mesheau and I surveyed the exterior of 120 Melville Street and noticed that it is a rear single-family residence located in the back lot of 122 Melville Street. Investigators learned that the residence is a single story with no less than two bedrooms attached by a hallway. Investigators further learned that the altercation between the decedent and Officer Sullivan occurred in the residence's northeast bedroom.

11. Investigators conducted interviews at the Fall River Police Department with members of the decedent's family. Investigators first interview with the decedent's twin brother, identified as Anton HARDEN (DOB 09/29/1991). The interview was both audio and video recorded within an interview room in Fall River Police Department's Major Crimes Division. During the interview, Mr. Harden reported that the decedent had been residing with him pursuant to his conditions of release for the aforementioned open criminal matter by Fall River District Court. Mr. Harden further advised that he had spoken with the decedent prior to the arrival of Officers Sullivan and Campellone regarding an earlier incident with Ms. Grealish. The decedent advised that he had captured a video recording of Ms. Grealish retrieving some of her belongings from the decedent. Mr. Harden claimed that he had viewed this footage on the decedent's cellular device.



12. Investigators also conducted an interview with Ms. Grealish at the Fall River Police Department. During the interview, Ms. Grealish advised that she is the decedent's on-again off-again girlfriend, and that the pair had been intimate for approximately two years. When asked, the decedent described in detail the altercation between her and the decedent that took place on Saturday, November 19, 2021. During this altercation, Ms. Grealish explained that the decedent had become angry and jealous over several numbers that he discovered Ms. Grealish had blocked in her cellular device. In response, Ms. Grealish alleged that the decedent lunged at her and grabbed the collar of her shirt. Ms. Grealish further explained that the decedent struck her across the right side of her face with what she described as an approximate eight-inch-long stick that he had spray painted black.

13. When asked, Ms. Grealish explained that this was not the first incident of abuse. She further explained that she believed the decedent had an infatuation with knives and she believed that the decedent possessed no less than four. She explained that the decedent always possessed a particular knife, which she described as a knife that the decedent had spray painted black. Ms. Grealish explained that the decedent had made threats to harm her in the past to include threats of homicide. When asked, Ms. Grealish explained that she believed that the decedent was willing and capable of murdering her. She further explained that the decedent had threatened her and poked her with a large sword that he kept in his bedroom, and on several occasions held a knife to her throat. Ms. Grealish also told investigators that the decedent told her if she called the police that he would die. She claimed that he made this statement earlier in the day on November 22, 2021.

14. Ms. Grealish explained that during the late afternoon hours of Monday November 22, 2021, she returned to 120 Melville Street in an attempt to collect the belongings that the decedent had kept from her since Saturday. Ms. Grealish claimed that prior to her visit, the decedent called her 76 times. When asked, Ms. Grealish described the decedent's cellular device as a black smartphone-type cellular telephone with a pattern lock that Ms. Grealish was familiar with. She claimed that she arrived at the residence and engaged in a heated verbal altercation before the decedent returned her items. Once she retrieved her cellular device, she noticed that the decedent had damaged that device and defaced it with various markings. After retrieving her items and returning home, she contacted the Fall River Police Department to report the previous incidents. Based on the interview with Ms. Grealish, investigators believe that Anthony Harden's cellular device is still within his apartment.

15. Investigators learned that responding members of the Fall River Police Department had entered 120 Melville Street after hearing the radio transmission of officers needing assistance. Upon arrival, emergency responders discovered the decedent lying facedown on the bedroom floor. When the decedent was rolled, they observed a knife that had been underneath the

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decedent. One of the officers on-scene retrieved the knife from the floor and placed it on top of the computer desk located inside of the decedent's bedroom.

### Conclusion

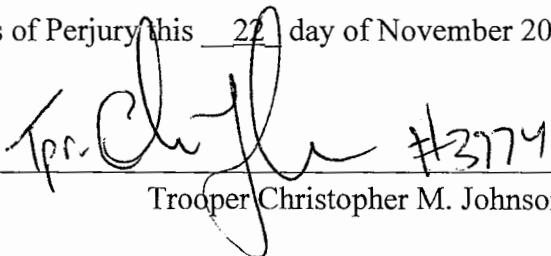
16. As a result of this incident, investigators have probable cause to believe that there is ballistic evidence located in or in close proximity to the northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River. Investigators have further probable cause to believe that a bladed weapon remains in or in close proximity to the northeast bedroom of 120 Melville Street in City of Fall River. Investigators have further probable cause to believe that biological evidence, to include blood, is located inside of 120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River.

17. Therefore, I respectfully request that that court issue a warrant and order of seizure and search, authorizing the search of **120 Melville Street in the City of Fall River and any and all exterior accesses, to include the entire basement area, to include curtilage**, for evidence of the officer involved shooting resulting in death of Anthony HARDEN including as follows:

- a. Ballistic evidence, to include expended shell casings and/or expended projectiles
- b. A bladed weapon of unknown size and description
- c. Biological evidence, to include blood
- d. A black cellular device with a known pattern lock
- e. Permission to have the searched location photographed and video recorded as needed
- f. Permission to search any curtilage or common areas to the apartment

This affidavit sworn and subscribed to me contains 6 pages.

Signed Under Pains and Penalties of Perjury this 22 day of November 2021.

 #3774  
Trooper Christopher M. Johnson



Sworn and Subscribed before:

Trn Doyle #3974

**REQUESTED INFORMATION PAGE**

***Items to be searched for:***

- a. Ballistic evidence, to include expended shell casings and/or expended projectiles
- b. A bladed weapon of unknown size and description
- c. Biological evidence, to include blood
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**Location to be searched:**

120 Melville Street Fall River, the registered address of Anthony HARDEN

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