

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH

In the Matter of the
Application for a Search
Warrant for

Case No. CR29-22-2805

ORDER TO SEAL AND REDACT

Blue Ridge Knives Inc
Attn Legal Department
314 Lee Hwy
Marion VA 24354

MPD Case No. 22-M09903


This matter came before the court on February 10, 2023 on the court's motion to seal or redact pursuant to I.C.A.R. 32(i). The hearing was held via Zoom. William W. Thompson, Jr. and Ashley Jennings appeared on behalf of the State. Anne Taylor appeared on behalf of Mr. Kohberger.

The court reviewed the records, considered the arguments presented, weighed the interests in privacy and public disclosure, and announced its findings of fact on the record. Therefore, pursuant to I.C.A.R. 32(i)(2)(A), the court finds it necessary to seal in part and redact the record related to the search warrant because the documents contain highly intimate facts or statements, the publication of which would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person. After due consideration and with good cause,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the record herein shall be disclosed except for the following:

1. The *Affidavit in Support of Search Warrant* is SEALED.
2. The *Search Warrant* and *Receipt and Inventory* be REDACTED.
3. This order will remain in effect until further order of the court.

Dated: 2/27/2023


Megan E. Marshall
Magistrate Judge

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BY _____ DEPUTY

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ORDER SEALING SEARCH

WARRANT AND RELATED
DOCUMENTS

Based upon the Motion to Seal Search Warrant and Related Documents filed herein, the Court does hereby confirm and ORDER that the Affidavit for Search Warrant (including any exhibits), Search Warrant, Return of Search Warrant (including the inventory of items seized) and Order are confidential, exempt from disclosure and are SEALED pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 32(g)(1) for the reasons stated in the said Motion and until March 22, 2023, or further order of the Court, whichever occurs first.

SO ORDERED 12/23/22 @ 2:46 PM.

Megun Mashala
Magistrate Judge

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BY _____ DEPUTY

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MOTION TO SEAL SEARCH
WARRANT AND RELATED
DOCUMENTS

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The State of Idaho, by and through the Latah County Prosecuting Attorney, respectfully moves the Court pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 32(g)(1) and Idaho Code 74-124 for an Order Sealing Search Warrant and Related Documents, including the Affidavit for Search Warrant (including any exhibits), Search Warrant, Return of Search Warrant (including the inventory of items seized) and Order filed herein because release or disclosure would:


1. Interfere with enforcement proceedings;

2. Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
3. Disclose the identity of a confidential source; and
4. Disclose investigative techniques and procedures.

And the State seeks this protection for a minimum of ninety (90) days or until such time as the investigation is concluded and/or charges are filed.

Wherefore, the State respectfully prays that the Court seal from public disclosure the Affidavit for Search Warrant, Search Warrant, Return of Search Warrant and Order herein under the provisions of Idaho Court Administrative Rule 32(g)(1) and Idaho Code 74-124.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of December, 2022.



ASHLEY S. JENNINGS
Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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CLERK OF DIST CT. LATAH

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ATTN Legal Department) ORDER
314 Lee Hwy)
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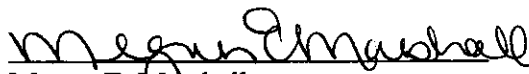
In the above-titled matter, this Court having heretofore issued a Search Warrant, and the said Search Warrant having been served according to law, and the Return of Warrant having been duly made as directed in said Search Warrant to this Court, and a written inventory of the property found and seized having been duly made and taken before the undersigned Magistrate or Judge and filed herein;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the said Peace Officer shall deliver or cause to be delivered, the property described in said inventory to the Moscow Police Department or such other law enforcement agency as may be appropriate for the purpose of preserving said property for use as evidence or until further order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Once any related criminal case has been concluded, including the expiration of time for appeal, or at such other

appropriate time, the property can be released or disposed of upon authorization of the jurisdictional prosecuting attorney.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said property or any part thereof, may be delivered to any person or laboratory or laboratories for the purpose of conducting or obtaining any tests, analysis, or identification of said property which is deemed necessary by the custodial law enforcement agency or jurisdictional prosecuting attorney without further order of this Court.

DATED 12/23/22 @ 2:46 PM.


Megan E. Marshall
Magistrate Judge

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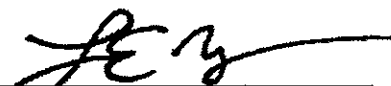
In the Matter of the Application)	Case No. CR29-
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)	
Blue Ridge Knives Inc.)	
ATTN Legal Department)	RETURN OF SEARCH WARRANT
314 Lee Hwy)	
Marion, VA 24354)	
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STATE OF IDAHO)
 :SS.
County of Latah)

I, Lawrence Mowery, the officer by whom this Warrant was executed, do certify the appended inventory contains a true and detailed account of all property taken by me or other officers pursuant to this Warrant, and that this Warrant and property have been duly returned before the Court at 12:00 o'clock p.m., this 22nd day of eceMBER, 2022.

I certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

12/22/2022
(Date)


Peace Officer

REDACTED

AFFIDAVIT OF LAWRENCE MOWERY

STATE OF IDAHO)
 :SS.
County of Latah)

I, Lawrence Mowery, being duly sworn, do hereby state the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

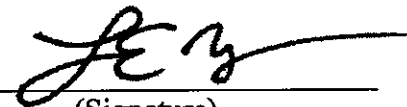
- (1) That I am employed by Moscow Police Department in the official position of Forensic Detective;
- (2) Affidavit has been a trained and qualified peace officer for Twelve (12) years;
- (3) On December 12, 2022, I obtained a search warrant for Blue Ridge Knives;
- (4) The warrant was served on December 13, 2022, by email (fax, email, etc);
- (5) On 12/16/22, I received an e-mail from Blue Ridge Knives which contained the requested information;
- (6) An inventory was prepared for all the items received; and
- (7) The information received was placed into evidence at the Moscow Police Department.

FURTHER your Affiant sayeth not.

Lawrence Mowery
Affiant

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

12/22/22
(Date)



(Signature)

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RECEIPT AND
INVENTORY OF WARRANT

On the 13th day of December, 2022, at approximately 7:54 o'clock A.M.,
the following peace officers: Detective Lawrence Mowery

served the Search Warrant heretofore issued upon the place and/or person(s) described therein as
directed in said Search Warrant. Entrance was obtained by: _____

The person(s) found in said place were: _____

The property found and taken and the location within or upon said place and/or person(s) are
as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

LOCATION/PERSON

Ka-Bar KA1217S

USMC Fighting Knife Sheath

Known purchases and quantities of Blue Ridge Knives from Ka-Bar

RECEIPT AND INVENTORY

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This Receipt and Inventory was made in the presence of: _____

A copy hereof was given to the following named person(s) on the _____ day of _____, 20____;

A copy hereof was left on this date in a conspicuous place in the place searched, there being no person(s) present during said search: _____

DATED this 22 day of December, 2022.

WITNESS



PEACE OFFICER

The undersigned person(s) hereby acknowledge receiving a copy hereof on this _____ day of _____, 20____:

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SEARCH WARRANT

MPD Case No. 22-M09903

TO: ANY PEACE OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE OR ASSIST IN ENFORCING
ANY LAW OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

Lawrence Mowery, having given me proof, upon oath, this day showing probable cause
establishing grounds for issuing a search warrant and probable cause to believe that the property
referred to and sought in or upon said premises consists of records and documents related to the
investigation of the homicides committed on November 13, 2022 at 1122 King Road in Moscow,
Idaho, that are in the possession or control of Blue Ridge Knives Inc. related to the sales of the
following items for the period of January 1, 2022 to present:

- Ka-Bar KA1217S, USMC Fighting Knife Sheath;
- Known purchases and quantities of Blue Ridge Knives from Ka-Bar include:

- On or about 03/08/2022 the purchase of 360 units
- On or about 06/24/2022 the purchase of 480 units

Sales information should include description of items purchased, names and addresses to which the purchased items were sold to or mailed to, payment method/payment history, correspondence to and from purchaser, as well as any and all other records Blue Ridge Knives Inc retains regarding these sales.

Located in or upon the following described premises:

Blue Ridge Knives Inc
ATTN Legal Department
314 Lee Hwy
Marion VA 24354
Ph: 276-783-6143

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO SEARCH the above-described premises for the property described above, TO SEIZE it if found and bring it promptly before the Court above-named. THIS WARRANT SHALL BE EXECUTED WITHIN 7 DAYS OF ISSUANCE, AND IS AUTHORIZED FOR DAYTIME SERVICE ONLY (pursuant to Idaho Criminal Rule 41, "daytime" means the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. local time), and UNDER THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DIRECTIONS:

****THIS SEARCH WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE, BLUE RIDGE KNIVES INC. IS ORDERED NOT TO DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OR CONTENTS OF THIS SEARCH WARRANT OR THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO THE SEARCH WARRANT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.**

BLUE RIDGE KNIVES INC. SHALL DISCLOSE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND INFORMATION WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ISSUANCE.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and DATED this 12th day of December, 2022, at 3:13 p.m.

Megan Marshall
Magistrate Judge