



Iroquois County States Attorney's Office

James A. Devine
State's Attorney

September 16, 2024

Matthew Topic
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Chicago, Il. 60607

Re: Edgar County Watchdogs v. Iroquois County 2024 MR 15

Dear Attorney Topic:

Pursuant to the FOIA request of April 8, 2024, enclosed please find a copy a search warrant dated August 16, 2022 that was served on the Iroquois County Public health Department. I am unaware of any other search warrants in the last two years other that the enclosed documents.

I have been informed by the previous Public Health Department director that there were no subpoenas issued to the Iroquois County Public Health Department in the last two years.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 815 432 6980.

Sincerely,

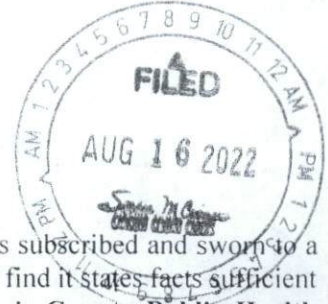
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James A. Devine
Iroquois County State's Attorney

2022.mx-272

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SEARCH WARRANT



PLACE TO BE SEIZED AND ITEMS TO BE SEIZED:

On this day Special Agent Nathan Schramka, Badge #5991, Complainant, has subscribed and sworn to a complaint for search warrant before me. Upon examination of the complaint, I find it states facts sufficient to show probable cause and therefore I command the search of the **Iroquois County Public Health Department, located at 1001 E. Grant St., Watseka, Illinois 60970**, and therefrom to seize, the following instruments, articles, and things which were used in the commission of, or may constitute evidence of the offenses of: **Theft, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1, and Official Misconduct, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/33-3, and violations of the Open Meeting Act, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(e)**, to Wit:

STAGE 1 TO BE PERFORMED BY YOUR AFFIANT OR OTHER MEMBERS OF ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following information contained in hard copies of documents or contained in any computer, laptop, recorder, USB, thumb drive, CD/DVD, or hardware, issued to or owned by Iroquois County:

1. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any audio or video recordings, notes, meeting minutes, files, records, reports, or logbooks, relating to Iroquois County Public Health Board meetings, including but not limited to executive and public sessions, between December 15, 2019, through August 15, 2022;
2. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any audio or video recordings, notes, meeting minutes, files, records, reports, or logbooks, relating to Iroquois County Board meetings, including but not limited to executive and public sessions, between December 15, 2019, through August 15, 2022; and
3. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any audio or video recordings, notes, meeting minutes, files, records, reports, or logbooks, relating to Iroquois County Health Committee meetings, including but not limited to executive and public sessions, between December 15, 2019, through August 15, 2022.

AND

STAGE 2 TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PRESIDING COURT

All meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public unless explicitly exempted pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c). Included in this subsection are discussions relating to employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and complaints lodged against employees. When public bodies discuss any of these exemptions, they move to begin what is known as a "closed" or "executive" session.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06(e), the Court may perform an *in camera* inspection of verbatim recordings or minutes from executive sessions in order to determine what portion, if any, must be made available to the parties for use as evidence in a criminal proceeding.

I further command that a return of anything so seized shall be made without unnecessary delay before me, or before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Date of issuance: August 16, 2022 Time: 9:00 A.M./P.M.

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Chief Judge

2022. MX-273

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS



SEARCH WARRANT

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The following information contained in hard copies of documents or contained in any computer, laptop, recorder, USB, thumb drive, CD/DVD, or hardware, issued to or owned by Iroquois County:

1. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any official records, reports, photographs, receipts, notes, or logbooks, relating to Dee Ann Schippert's payroll, timesheets, overtime, contract, calendar, or personal expenses, between December 15, 2019, through August 15, 2022;
2. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any digital or hard copies of records and documents including but not limited to, invoices, spreadsheets, transaction records, withdrawals, deposits, purchases, receipts, checks paid, checks deposited, payroll and/or overtime paid, and grant monitoring documents or submissions from COVID-19 related grants awarded to the Iroquois County Public Health Department, from December 15, 2019 through August 15, 2022; and
3. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any digital or hard copies of personnel and/or human resources files, including but not limited to: applications for employment, dates of hire, performance reviews, grievances, notices of corrective action/performance improvement, information regarding accommodations or promotions, approved time-off or leave of absence, notices of suspension; termination or resignation, end dates of employment, for former and current employees: Ryan Wheeler, Taylor Eades, Samantha West, Gina Greene, Anne Romadka, and Dee Ann Schippert.

I further command that a return of anything so seized shall be made without unnecessary delay before me, or before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

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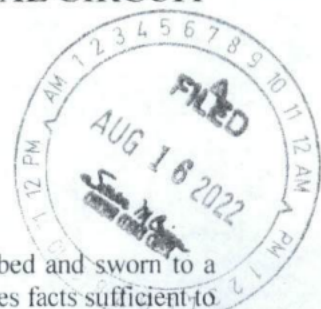


Chief Judge

2022-MX-274

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SEARCH WARRANT




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1. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: invoices, spreadsheets, transaction records, withdrawals, deposits, purchases, receipts, and checks paid, checks deposited, for accounts and/or codes for the Iroquois County Public Health Department with Iroquois County account or code names and numbers General: Code 810, Senior Services: Code 920, Community Health: Code 925, and Environmental Health: Code 940, from December 15, 2019 through August 15, 2022;
2. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: invoices, spreadsheets, transaction records, withdrawals, deposits, purchases, receipts, and checks paid, checks deposited, from COVID-19 related grants applied for by the Iroquois County Public Health Department, including, but not limited to, records from account and/or code 925 from December 15, 2019 through August 15, 2022;
3. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: payroll information including but not limited to: copies of checks and payslips, direct deposit information, salary and wage information, deductions, and employee benefits, for Dee Ann Schippert, from December 15, 2019 through August 15, 2022; and
4. For such instruments, articles, or things, which are more particularly described as follows: any digital or hard copies of personnel and/or human resources files, including but not limited to: notes, reports, and records of applications for employment, dates of hire, performance reviews, grievances, notices of corrective action/performance improvement, information regarding accommodations or promotions, approved time-off or leave of absence, notices of suspension, termination or resignation, end dates of employment, for former and current employees: Ryan Wheeler, Taylor Eades, Samantha West, Gina Greene, Anne Romadka, and Dee Ann Schippert.

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Chief Judge

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