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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**District of Nebraska**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

DEJAY LAUREN MONSON,

Case Number: 8:08MJ168

I, Wes Greve, the undersigned complainant state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about September 16, 2008, in Burt County, District of Nebraska

Ct. I - defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) & (b)(1), and


Ct. II - possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c).

I further state that I am a Burt County Deputy Sheriff and that this complaint is based on the  
Official Title

following facts:

See attached affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of this complaint:       Yes       No

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant

Jamie Keatts  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Complainant

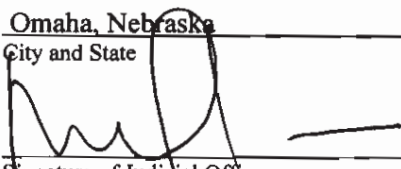
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

September 23, 2008  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

at

Omaha, Nebraska  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City and State

Thomas D. Thalken  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Judicial Officer

## ATTACHMENT A

I, Jamie Keatts, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

Deputy Keatts is a patrol Deputy with the Burt County Sheriffs Office. Deputy Keatts has been employed with the Burt County Sheriff's Office since 2002 as a part time deputy and became a full time deputy in April of 2008. Previously, Deputy Keatts was employed by the Washington County Sheriff's department from 1997 until 2007. I received training through the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center after completing 14 weeks of basic training in 1997.

Deputy Keatts received training in Basic Narcotic Investigation and Drug Identification from the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2002.

Deputy Keatts has received courses of instruction from the DEA relating to investigative techniques and the conducting of drug and financial investigations. Deputy Keatts has participated in, and has conducted, investigations which have resulted in the arrests of individuals who have received, manufactured, and distributed controlled substances, as well as the seizure of illegal drugs and proceeds derived from the sale of those illegal drugs.

Deputy Keatts has participated in and conducted investigations involving illegal drug activities since 1997. Deputy Keatts is familiar with the methods in which illegal drug traffickers conduct their business, including, but not limited to, their methods of manufacturing, importing, and distributing illegal drugs, their use of businesses / houses in which to manufacture and store illegal drugs and conduct meetings, and their use of numeric codes and code words to conduct their illegal drug transactions.

On September 16<sup>th</sup> 2008, Deputy Keatts utilized a confidential informant (CI) that set up a transaction to purchase a Tech 9 firearm from Dejay Monson. The purchase of the Tech-9 firearm was made from Monson at his residence of 1730 County Road F, Craig, NE. The CI gave Monson \$400 in cash and one ounce of Marijuana. An anticipatory state search warrant was prepared and executed at approximately 9 pm. after the sale of the firearm. During the execution of a search warrant, a Marijuana grow operation was discovered on the Monson property. Along with this Marijuana grow, Monson was in possession of more than 67 pounds of packaged Marijuana. Also located were approximately 266 Marijuana plants including; 3 separate outdoor grow areas. 35 Marijuana plants were in a grow operation in the basement in a concealed room under a grow light. Upon reviewing the packaged Marijuana it was discovered that a large portion of the Marijuana was packaged by brand, potency, and style. Deputy Keatts further noted that the large amount of Marijuana was for more than personal use due to the quantity, packaging and grow operation.

During the execution of the search warrant 33 firearms were seized including; a Thompson submachine gun, an AK-47, 11 handguns and 20 rifles and/or shotguns. A pistol grip shotgun was located in the main living room mounted above the door and loaded. Twenty-eight of the firearms were located in the master bedroom. In addition, law enforcement located in the master bedroom 5 one-gallon bags of marijuana, a turkey roaster pan full of marijuana, a brown paper


bag with marijuana, several glass jars and a coffee can full of marijuana. Also, a small refrigerator containing marijuana buds and rolled joints of marijuana.


During a post arrest interview, after waiving his Miranda Rights, Monson admitted to delivering Marijuana to other people with medical conditions. Deputy Keatts determined through the interview with Monson that he has been growing and cultivating Marijuana for approximately five years.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> Floyd Monson (father to Dejay Monson) arrived at the Washington County Sheriff's Office and turned over \$5,000.00 in cash to bond Dejay Monson out on the Burt County charges. A corrections officer counted the United States currency with latex gloves on and placed the currency in a sealed Washington County bond envelope and into a plastic bag. Detective Nelson obtained the plastic envelope with the currency and secured it until a certified K-9 narcotics dog was located. The K-9 did alert and indicate on the \$5,000 which was then seized by Detective Nelson and entered into evidence at the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Based on the foregoing information, your affiant believes that there is Probable Cause to believe that Dejay Monson has committed the offense of distribution and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. And Possession of a firearms in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

Subscribed and sworn to me by Deputy Sheriff Jamie Keatts on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2008.

  
Thomas D. Tholken  
U.S. Magistrate Judge

  
Jamie Keatts,  
Burt County Deputy Sheriff