

ARREST WARRANT

Warrant # 02-15164

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF TARRANT)

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETINGS

The undersigned Magistrate having heretofore found that probable cause exists for the issuance of this Warrant YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST TONYA POPE COUCH, A WHITE FEMALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], hereinafter referred to as the "suspect," and bring the said suspect before a Magistrate in and for Tarrant, County, Texas, instanter, then and there to answer the State of Texas for an offense against the laws of said State, to-wit:

HINDERING APPREHENSION, a FELONY, of which offense the said suspect is accused by the written affidavit, under oath of A. Wright #2052, a Sergeant with the Arlington, Texas, Police Department, and assigned to the US Marshals North Texas Fugitive Task Force, filed before me anterior to the issuance of this Warrant.

Said TONYA POPE COUCH is hereby committed to the appropriate jail for custody.

HEREIN FAIL NOT and due return make hereof to me at the place hereinafter named.

Witness my signature, this the 28th day of DEC., 2015.

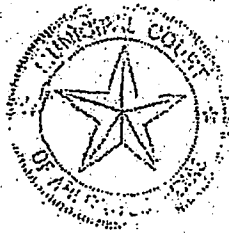
BOND AMOUNT \$ 10,000⁰⁰

Stewart Melner

Magistrate in and for Tarrant County, Texas
Municipal Court Judge
101 S. Mesquite Street, Arlington, Texas 76010

STEWART MELNER

Judge Printed Name



Came to hand on this the 28th day of Dec, 2015, and executed on the 31 day of Dec, 2015.

BY: Sgt A Wright 2052
Name of peace officer

Arlington PD
Description of office

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared A. Wright #2052, a Sergeant with the Arlington, Texas, Police Department, and assigned to the US Marshals North Texas Fugitive Task Force, who after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says that AFFIANT HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE AND DOES BELIEVE THAT:

On or about December 11, 2015, in Tarrant County, Texas, Tonya Pope Couch, a white female, Date of Birth [REDACTED], did then and there commit the offense of HINDERING APPREHENSION, in that she, with intent to hinder the arrest or detention of [REDACTED] under the authority of a directive to apprehend issued by the 323rd District Court in Tarrant County, harbored, concealed and provided means for [REDACTED] to avoid arrest or detention and punishment for the felony grade offense of PROBATION VIOLATION - INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER.

MY BELIEF AS AFORESAID IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

On December 11, 2015, a directive to apprehend was issued for [REDACTED] for PROBATION VIOLATION - INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER in the 323rd District Court in Tarrant County, Texas. Affiant, through his assignment with the US Marshals Service North Texas Fugitive Task Force, was assigned the duty to locate and apprehend [REDACTED].

On or about December 02, 2015, a video surfaced which allegedly depicted [REDACTED] at a party where alcohol was allegedly being served. From investigative interviews with witnesses, who have been fully identified and can be contacted at a later date, affiant learned that Tonya Couch, [REDACTED] was present when [REDACTED] attempted to devise a plan to lie about the video and say that it wasn't him depicted in the video. [REDACTED] was described as being scared that his probation would be violated.

On December 03, 2015, [REDACTED] was contacted by his probation officer and instructed to report for a drug test. [REDACTED] did respond as required. [REDACTED] did not respond to calls from his probation officer after this date and did not respond to a scheduled meeting on December 10, 2015.

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Affiant learned from an interview conducted on December 16, 2015 with Fred Couch, [REDACTED] that Tonya Couch had called him on or about December 03, 2015 and informed him that [REDACTED] was with her and that he (Fred Couch) would never see [REDACTED] again.

During the course of the investigation, affiant executed a search warrant to obtain financial transaction data on accounts belonging to Tonya Couch. Affiant observed a transaction on December 03, 2015 where Tonya Couch withdrew \$30,000 from her personal account. Affiant observed no account activity after this date.

Affiant learned from interviews with the witnesses referenced above, that on December 03, 2015, Tonya Couch was present for a discussion when [REDACTED] described intent to leave Texas and travel to Mexico. During the course of the investigation, through the issuance of a court order, affiant learned the phone numbers routinely used by both [REDACTED] and Tonya Couch were no longer active after December 03, 2015.

During the course of the investigation, affiant learned that [REDACTED] did not own a vehicle and did not have a valid driver license. Affiant learned that Tonya Couch owned and operated a 2011 black Ford F150 pickup, [REDACTED] License plate [REDACTED]. During an interview with a witness that has been fully identified but is unnamed in this affidavit, affiant learned that through telephonic communication, as of December 17, 2015, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had in fact fled Texas and travelled to Mexico together in her Black F150 Ford truck with their dog.

On December 28, 2015, affiant was informed that both [REDACTED] and Tonya Couch had been detained by Mexican authorities in the vicinity of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Both [REDACTED] and Tonya were found in the same residence. When Mexican authorities entered, Tonya Couch was found to be using a computer.

It is affiant's belief that Tonya Couch believed, beginning on December 02, 2015, that [REDACTED] was in violation of his probation given his actions as depicted on the released video and this was further solidified when he failed to report to his probation officer on December 03, 2015. Affiant believes that her actions portray a specific intent to harbor and conceal [REDACTED] and to provide the means to avoid arrest or detention for the matter before the court. Affiant is aware that the

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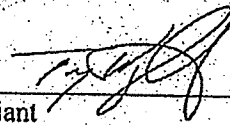
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media coverage on this case has been nationalized to include photos of both [redacted] and Tonya Couch and her vehicle. Affiant believes that Tonya Couch was fully aware that a directive to apprehend had been issued for [redacted] and that she knew he was considered a fugitive from justice.

Tonya Pope Couch is further identified by FBI number 673935DH6 and Texas SID number 05219324.

WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant be issued for the suspect hereinafter designated according to the laws of this State.

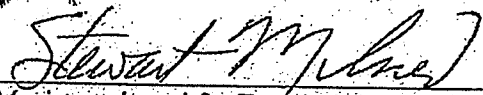
Witness my signature, this the 28 day of December, 2015.



Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 28th day of DECEMBER 2015, at 11:45 o'clock p.m.

BOND AMOUNT \$ 10,000⁰⁰



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Arlington Municipal Court Judge
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