

**HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**101 S BRIDGE ST  
LABELLE, FL 33935  
863-674-5600SUPPLEMENT NUMBER  
1**OFFENSE REPORT**

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| Agency Case Number<br><b>HCSO18OFF000923</b>  | Report Date / Time<br><b>03/15/2018 04:08 PM</b>        | Offense Description<br><b>S49 SEARCH WARRANT</b>                                   |
| CAD Incident Number<br><b>HCSO18CAD023143</b> | External Case Reference Number<br><b>PBSO 90-112660</b> | Range of Occurrence Date/Time<br><b>03/15/2018 02:33 PM to 03/15/2018 02:33 PM</b> |

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE**

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| County<br><b>HENDRY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Address<br><b>1705 RED RD , CLEWISTON, FL 33440</b> | Latitude<br><b>26.7386</b>                 | Longitude<br><b>-80.90189</b>       |
| Location Category<br><b>Residence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Location Type<br><b>Single family residence</b>     | Location Description<br><b>1705 Red Rd</b> | Location Status<br><b>Inhabited</b> |
| Weather<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/> Hail <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |                                                     | Lighting Condition<br><b>Daylight</b>      |                                     |

**PERSON: OTHER PERSON**

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| First Name<br><b>SHERYL</b>                        | Middle Name<br><b>A</b> | Last Name<br><b>BUCKHANAN</b>             | Suffix                                               | Date of Birth<br><b>09/26/1962</b> | Age<br><b>55</b>           | Race<br><b>W</b>                                                  | Sex<br><b>F</b>               | Height<br><b>505</b> | Weight<br><b>120</b> | Hair<br><b>BRO</b> | Eyes<br><b>BRO</b> |
| Master Name Index Number<br><b>HCSO03MNI066874</b> | Place of Birth          | Nation<br><b>USA</b>                      | Driver's License or Other ID<br><b>B255788628460</b> |                                    | State<br><b>FL</b>         | Class or Type                                                     |                               |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Address<br><b>625 N JINETTE</b>                    |                         | City<br><b>CLEWISTON</b>                  | County<br><b>HENDRY</b>                              |                                    | State<br><b>FL</b>         | Zip Code<br><b>33440</b>                                          | Phone<br><b>(863)233-4604</b> |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Residence Status<br><b>Within jurisdiction</b>     |                         | Vehicle on Report Associated with Person  |                                                      |                                    |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Wanted |                               |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Occupation                                         |                         | Employer<br><b>CLEWISTON YOUTH CENTER</b> |                                                      |                                    |                            | Master Business Index Number                                      |                               |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Address<br><b>110 WEST OSCELOA ST</b>              |                         | City<br><b>CLEWISTON FL 33440</b>         | State                                                | Zip Code                           | Phone<br><b>8639839831</b> |                                                                   |                               |                      |                      |                    |                    |

**PERSON: OTHER PERSON**

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| First Name<br><b>JOHN</b>                          | Middle Name<br><b>DOUGLAS</b> | Last Name<br><b>MORAN</b>                | Suffix<br><b>JR</b>                                  | Date of Birth<br><b>11/23/1970</b> | Age<br><b>47</b>           | Race<br><b>W</b>                                                  | Sex<br><b>M</b>              | Height<br><b>601</b> | Weight<br><b>230</b> | Hair<br><b>BRO</b> | Eyes<br><b>BLU</b> |
| Master Name Index Number<br><b>HCSO04MNI066105</b> | Place of Birth                | Nation                                   | Driver's License or Other ID<br><b>M650464704230</b> |                                    | State<br><b>FL</b>         | Class or Type                                                     |                              |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Address<br><b>1705 RED RD</b>                      |                               | City<br><b>CLEWISTON</b>                 | County<br><b>HENDRY</b>                              |                                    | State<br><b>FL</b>         | Zip Code<br><b>33440</b>                                          | Phone<br><b>863-245-5958</b> |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Residence Status<br><b>Within jurisdiction</b>     |                               | Vehicle on Report Associated with Person |                                                      |                                    |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Wanted |                              |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Occupation<br><b>UNKNOWN</b>                       |                               | Employer<br><b>SOUTHERN GARDENS</b>      |                                                      |                                    |                            | Master Business Index Number                                      |                              |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| Address                                            |                               | City                                     | State                                                | Zip Code                           | Phone<br><b>8639835333</b> |                                                                   |                              |                      |                      |                    |                    |

**INITIAL NARRATIVE: 03/15/2018 04:08 PM**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Reporting Officer         |                                         |                                               | Approving Supervisor                            |                                            |                                               |
| Call Number<br><b>CH6</b> | Officer Name<br><b>SCOWDEN, LOUIS D</b> | Permanent ID Number<br><b>HCSO14PER000026</b> | Approved<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Supervisor Name<br><b>SCOWDEN, LOUIS D</b> | Permanent ID Number<br><b>HCSO14PER000026</b> |

On 3-8-18, I, Detective Sergeant Scowden ID# CH6, of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) was contacted by Detective Paige McCann of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Cold Case Unit. Detective McCann advised that she is investigating a homicide that occurred in 1990, PBSO case# 90-112660.

Through Detective McCann's investigation, John Moran Jr W/M 11-23-70, and Sheryl Buckhanan W/F 9-26-62, of 1705 Red Rd, Clewiston, FL. 33440, were developed as possible witnesses, and communicated with the suspect via Facebook, on their cell phones.

On 3-15-18, based on facts gathered by Detective McCann, I obtained a Search Warrant, signed by the Honorable Judge Scott Cupp, to seize Moran and Buckhanan's cell phones for evidentiary purposes.

The Search Warrant was served on 3-15-18, at approximately 1430 hours. Only Buckhanan's cell phone was seized. Moran is supposedly in Pompano Beach for work, and will return to Clewiston in a few days. Buckhanan's cell phone was turned over to Detective McCann via HCSO and PBSO property receipts.

At approximately 1958 hours, Moran called me. He was upset, yelling obscenities at me, saying "You had no fucking right to go into a house not owned by me, or my wife." I tried explaining the Search Warrant process to Moran, which seemed to only make him more upset. Moran did say that he will gladly surrender his cell phone when he returns to Clewiston. Moran ended the conversation with an open ended threat, saying "You better never step foot on my property again."

Copies of the original signed Search Warrant, Order to Seal, Search Warrant inventory return, HCSO and PBSO property receipts are attached to this report.

This report will be closed, and forwarded to records.

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**REPORTING OFFICER / SUPERVISOR APPROVAL**

| Reporting Officer                                                                              |                                 | Approving Supervisor                                                                            |                          |                                 |
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| Call Number<br><b>CH6</b>                                                                      | Name<br><b>SCOWDEN, LOUIS D</b> | ID Number<br><b>626</b>                                                                         | Rank<br><b>DETECTIVE</b> | Name<br><b>SCOWDEN, LOUIS D</b> |
| Signature<br> |                                 | Signature<br> |                          |                                 |

**LaBelle (863) 674-5600**  
**Clewiston (863) 805-5000**

# PROPERTY RECEIPT

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# SEARCH WARRANT INVENTORY & RETURN

HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HENDRY

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Received this Search Warrant on the 15 day of March, 2018 and executed the same on the 15 day of March, 2018, by searching the 1705 Red Rd, Clearwater, FL 33440 described therein and by taking into my custody the property described in the following Inventory and Return and by having and delivered a copy of the Search Warrant and this Inventory and Return to Sheryl Buchanan.

Time Search Warrant served: 1430

Time Search Warrant cleared: 1445

## PROPERTY TAKEN PURSUANT TO SEARCH WARRANT:

|                                                                           |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ITEM #1 LG cellular phone - Tribute HD 4237187589<br>IMEI 358784077675905 | ITEM #10 |
| ITEM #2                                                                   | ITEM #11 |
| ITEM #3                                                                   | ITEM #12 |
| ITEM #4                                                                   | ITEM #13 |
| ITEM #5                                                                   | ITEM #14 |
| ITEM #6                                                                   | ITEM #15 |
| ITEM #7                                                                   | ITEM #16 |
| ITEM #8                                                                   | ITEM #17 |
| ITEM #9                                                                   | ITEM #18 |

I, Louis Scarden, the officer by whom this Search Warrant was executed, do swear that this Inventory and Return contains a true and detailed account of all of the property taken by me on said Search Warrant.

Affiant's Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3-15-18

Witness Signature: [Signature]

CASE NUMBER: HCSO/BOFF000923

ORIGINAL - CASE EVIDENCE

PINK - OFFICER

GOLDEN ROD - ISSUING JUDGE

YELLOW - CLAIMANT

(GOLDEN ROD COPY TO BE RETURNED TO JUDGE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF EXECUTION.)

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN  
AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STATE OF FLORIDA     }  
                                      }  
COUNTY OF HENDRY    } AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

Before me, Judge Scott H. Culp, Judge of the Circuit/County Court, In and For Hendry County, Florida, personally appeared **Detective Sergeant Louis Scowden #CH6**, Deputy Sheriff, of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, and **Detective Paige McCann #4975** of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says she has probable cause to believe and does believe that in the residence, premises, and curtilage more particularly described as:

1705 Red Road, Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida. A one story, single family dwelling, The residence is located in the cul-de-sac of Red Road .

To reach the above-described residence, start at the major intersection of Highway US 27 and County Road 835. Travel south on CR 835 from US 27, for approximately one mile. Turn east onto Pit Rd, then north onto Red Road for approximately ¼ mile, ending at 1705 Red Road.

And there is now being kept in the said residence, premises, out buildings, structures, vehicles and curtilage, Any cellular device, or SIM card reasonably believed to be assigned to Sprint phone # 863-245-5958, which belongs to **JOHN MORAN JR W/M 11-23-70** and/or Sprint phone # 423-718-7584 which belongs to **SHERYL BUCKHANAN W/F 9-26-62**.

All of which is being kept and/or used in violation of the laws of the State of Florida to-wit:

**F.S.S. 782.04, Homicide.**  
**F.S.S. 914.22, Tampering with a witness.**

There now exists probable cause to believe that there is currently being kept in the said residence, curtilage, out buildings, structures, and/or any vehicles: Any cellular device, or SIM card reasonably believed to be assigned to Sprint phone # 863-245-5958, which belongs to **JOHN MORAN JR W/M 11-23-70** and/or Sprint phone # 423-718-7584 which belongs to **SHERYL BUCKHANAN W/F 9-26-62**. Electronic or otherwise: such as cell phones, personal electronic devices (PDA), computers, and other related equipment, all of which are being kept and/or used in violation of the laws of the State of Florida.

Your Affiant's reasons for his beliefs that the laws of Florida are currently being violated as stated above and the facts establishing the grounds for this Affidavit and the probable cause for believing that such facts exist, and these same facts having been presented to this issuing Magistrate as follows:

1. Your Co-Affiant, Detective Sergeant Louis Scowden has over nine years of law enforcement experience. Detective Sergeant Scowden has been with HCSO for over three years, and has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as an investigator for more than a year. Detective Sergeant Scowden has attended multiple training courses throughout his law enforcement career to include Advanced Report Writing, Speed Measurement, Field Training Officer, Army National Guard Multi-jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force Training - To include Asymmetric Threat Recognition, Reacting to Tactically Trained Subject, and Tactical Care Cover and Concealment, Human Trafficking Education. Attended a Credit Card Fraud Conference hosted by Discover Card. Attended the 2017 International Association of Homicide Investigators conference. Military training includes, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) School, Advanced EOD Team Leader Academy, FBI Home Made Explosive (HME) recognition course, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) electronics and defeat course, and Post Blast Investigation course.

Your Affiant, Detective Paige McCann (#4975), has been duly appointed as a Deputy Sheriff for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and has all the powers and duties of a law enforcement officer in and for Palm Beach County, Florida. Your Affiant has successfully completed the practical and academic instruction required by the State of Florida to be certified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Your Affiant has been a certified law enforcement Officer since 1992 and is currently assigned to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Division, Cold Case Homicide Unit. Your affiant has

been assigned to the Violent Crimes Division investigating Homicides since 1995. Your Affiant has completed advanced training including, but not limited to Advanced Homicide Investigations, Spanish for Law Enforcement, Cold Case Homicide Investigations, basic interviews and interrogation, and Blood Spatter interpretation. Your Affiant has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida State University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lynn University.

Detective Sergeant Scowden is the Co-Affiant on this Search Warrant, to assist Detective McCann with a homicide investigation. As Detective McCann does not possess jurisdictional authority within Hendry County.

The below Probable Cause was provided by Detective McCann, by facts gathered during her investigation.

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2. On May 26, 1990, Marlene Warren was at her residence located at 15470 Takeoff Place, Wellington, Florida, along with her son and several of his friends. Around 10:00 a.m., they noticed a white Chrysler LeBaron pulled into the driveway at the residence. A person dressed as a clown carrying a flower arrangement along with two balloons exited the vehicle and approached the front door. As Marlene Warren opened the front door to accept the flower arrangement and balloons, she was shot in the face by the person dressed as a clown. As Marlene Warren fell to the ground the person dressed as the clown calmly walked to the Chrysler LeBaron and drove away. Marlene Warren was transported to the hospital where she died two days later. The initial investigation focused on Marlene Warren's husband, Michael Warren and Sheila Keen with whom he was having an affair with. An arrest was never made during the initial investigation. The homicide of Marlene Warren was re-opened in 2014. It was learned that Michael Warren and Sheila Keen maintained a relationship and eventually got married and moved to Tennessee and then to Virginia. When this case was reopened, interviews were conducted as well as additional DNA and microscopic analysis was conducted on evidence collected during the initial investigation. As a result, probable cause was established linking Sheila Keen Warren to the murder of Marlene Warren.

This case was presented to a grand jury who indicted Sheila Keen Warren for the first degree murder of Marlene Warren. Sheila Keen Warren was arrested on September 26, 2017, in Virginia. One of the witnesses during the initial investigation, John Moran Jr. was re-interviewed and confirmed the information he provided in his statement to detectives in 1990 was true and accurate. After the arrest of Sheila Keen Warren, information was received that John Moran Jr. may have additional information in reference to this homicide. Det. Springer met with John Moran Jr. in October 2017, at which time another statement was obtained. Moran advised that

since the arrest of Sheila Keen, Michael Warren contacted him through his Facebook account.

In February 2018, Det. Springer received a message on his voice mail from John Moran Jr. requesting Detective Springer contact him. Moran Jr. advised that that he (Moran) could "give us" Michael Warren for the murder of his wife, Marlene Warren. Det. Springer attempted to contact John Moran Jr. via telephone however was unsuccessful therefore Det. Springer and your affiant traveled to John Moran Jr. residence located at 1705 Red Road, Clewiston, Florida in attempt to discover the information Moran Jr. advised he had.

Det. Springer and I met with John Moran, Jr and his girlfriend, Sheryl Buckhanan on the front porch of their residence. John Moran was very nervous and advised that he was afraid to provide the information regarding Michael Warren's involvement. John Moran, Jr. advised that he and his father John Moran Sr. had worked for Michael Warren around the time of Marlene Warren's murder. John Moran Sr. told his son, prior to his death, that he had driven the second getaway car the day of the murder. John Moran Sr. told him (Jr.) where the getaway car and the gun used in the homicide were disposed of after the murder. John Moran, Jr. would not provide us with the location but alluded to the fact it was in the water at a location he would have to physically take us to. John Moran Jr. expressed that he was in fear that Michael Warren would have him killed if he provided the information to detectives. John Moran Jr. advised that since the arrest of Sheila Keen (Warren) Michael Warren contacted him via his Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/sheryljohn.moran>) as well as on his cellular phone (863-245-5958). According to John Moran Jr, he and Michael Warren communicated through instant messenger through Moran Jr. Facebook account. Michael Warren also contacted him through his girlfriend Sheryl Buckhanan's cellular phone (423-718-7584) since her cellular phone had the same area code as Warren (Kingsport, Tennessee). Moran Jr. advised this was specifically done to avoid suspicion if Law Enforcement were to examine Michael Warren's cellular phone records. John Moran Jr. advised that during his communication with Michael Warren via Facebook and his cellular phone, Michael Warren offered to buy him a house if John Moran Jr. would testify on their behalf. In addition, John Moran Jr. advised that he and Michael Warren have been communicating regarding this homicide through text messages and instant messenger (Facebook). Your affiant knows from training and experience that the results of this search warrant will likely lead to information that could possibly implicate Michael Warren in the homicide of Marlene Warren as well as tampering with a witness (John Moran Jr.) John Moran Jr. briefly showed me his cellular phone and text messages and commented that somehow Michael Warren had erased his comments from the text messages. Moran advised Michael Warren's cellular phone number was 423-480-0407. John Moran Jr. once again

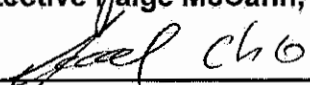


expressed concern regarding his safety if he were to provide the information that would implicate Michael Warren in the murder of his wife Marlene Warren. John Moran Jr. refused to cooperate any further at this time and inquired regarding reward money for the information he could provide so he could relocate to avoid being harmed or killed by Michael Warren.

Based on the facts set forth through the investigation, I believe it is imperative to obtain the cell phone, and/or any other electronic devices, with internet capabilities for communicating online or otherwise: such as cell phones, personal electronic devices (PDA), computers, and other related equipment for John Moran Jr., and Sheryl Buckhanan.

WHEREFORE, your Affiant, Detective McCann and Co-Affiant, Detective Sergeant Scowden, prays a Search Warrant be issued commanding the Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, or his duly appointed Deputies, with the proper and necessary assistance from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and any other Law Enforcement agency actively involved in this ongoing investigation to search the residence, premises, out buildings, structures, vehicles and curtilage, described and named above being in Hendry County, Florida, making the search of the residence, premises, out buildings, structures, vehicles and curtilage thereof, any outbuildings, any vehicles thereon, and any person(s) therein believed to be involved in illegal activity, in the daytime or the nighttime as the exigencies of the occasion may demand or require or on Sunday and to search the residence, structures, premises, and curtilage thereof, any outbuildings, any vehicles thereon, and any person(s) therein, and all the spaces therein for Any cellular device, or SIM card reasonably believed to be assigned to Sprint phone # 863-245-5958, which belongs to **JOHN MORAN JR W/M 11-23-70** and/or Sprint phone # 423-718-7584 which belongs to **SHERYL BUCKHANAN W/F 9-26-62**. Electronic or otherwise: such as cell phones, personal electronic devices (PDA), computers, and other related equipment, and if the same be found upon the residence, premises, and curtilage or person(s), to seize the same as evidence and to arrest any person(s) in the unlawful possession thereof.

  
Detective Paige McCann, AFFIANT

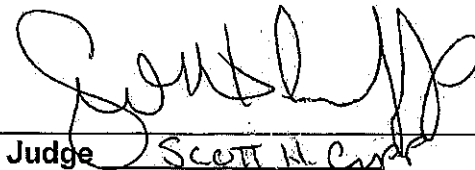
  
Detective Sergeant Louis Scowden, CO-AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH.

x Personally Known, or

   Type of Identification:

- a. HCSO ID:   CH6    
b. Florida D/L:             
c. Other:

  
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Judge Scott H. Cook

JUDGE OF THE  
CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT, TWENTIETH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY  
COUNTY, FLORIDA.