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**CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION  
OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

GENERAL OFFENSE # 2008-407478
UNIT FILE NUMBER

That Todd Novisedlak is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case Number 2008-407478

There is probable cause to believe that Mycah Johnson committed the crime(s) of Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

**YOUR AFFIANT**

My name is Todd Novisedlak and I am currently employed by the Seattle Police Department as a Detective. I have been employed as an Officer/Detective for over 15 years. During my employment with the Seattle Police Department I have worked as an officer in Patrol for approximately 13 years. In April 2007 I was assigned as a Detective to investigate property crimes and juvenile cases. In March of 2008 I was assigned to the department's Vice Unit. My training has included the attendance and successful completion of Seattle Police Detective School, Seattle Police/Washington State Undercover School, and Seattle Police Anti-Crime Team training. My principal duties as a member of the Vice Unit include the investigation of Prostitution and Promoting Prostitution related cases.

**BACKGROUND**

On November 7, 2008, your Affiant and other members of the Seattle Police Vice unit contacted a 19 year old white female named T.G. after arranging a fictitious "date" with her at the Seatac (Seattle, Washington) Hilton. T.G. had posted an 'exotic' advertisement on Craigslist and detectives were attempting to establish whether she was prostituting herself. Detectives



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were also hoping to discover more information about two pimps, previously known to detectives, named DeShawn Clark and Thomas Foster. Deshawn Cashmoney Clark and Thomas Foster were the subjects of a separate investigation into promoting prostitution and possible kidnapping. Based on discussions with a woman named L.J., the victim in what was, at the time, a separate investigation, your Affiant had reason to believe that Deshawn Cashmoney Clark had been forcing T.G. into prostitution.

I contacted T.G. along with Seattle Vice Detective Bill Guyer at time and place previously arranged with T.G. over e-mail. T.G. had agreed to perform sexual acts in exchange for money. When T.G. opened her hotel room door and confirmed who she was, I told her she was under arrest for prostitution.

Post Miranda, she gave a detailed statement outlining how she had been forced into prostitution in December 2007 and then later from June 2008 through November 2008. During this conversation, T.G. claimed that she had worked for a pimp named "Goldie," but was unable to provide his true name or where he could be located. She described how "Goldie" had beaten her; had rented hotel rooms for her; and had required her to give him all of her earnings from her prostitution activities.

Six days after my initial contact with her, T.G. called me to say that she had been afraid to tell me the name of her real pimp. She feared that she would lose her life if she cooperated with the police and gave information about the man who was forcing her to sell her body for money. She said she desperately wanted out of the prostitution 'lifestyle' and wanted to get away from the individual who had forced her to prostitute. T.G. said that she was willing to assist law enforcement with the case because, one way or the other, she believed she would be hunted down by her pimp.



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T.G. explained to me that all of the things that she had described about being forced into prostitution had happened to her; however, the name of the man who had pimped her out was DeShawn Clark, not "Goldie." T.G. was specific in explaining that Deshawn Clark, also known as "Cash" or "Cash Money", has registered her in various hotels and driven her to areas for her to work as a prostitute. She also explained how DeShawn Clark would take all of the money she had earned prostituting and that he would use force and threats of force against her regularly.

T.G. also told me that DeShawn Clark and his associate Thomas Foster are members of a street gang called "Westside Street Mobb".

**WEST SIDE STREET MOBB**

Over the course of this investigation, this affiant has had occasion to consult with several law enforcement agents, including King County Sheriff's Office gang unit detective Joe Gagliardi. Detective Gagliardi is currently assigned to the KCSO Gang Unit, which has been tasked with gang investigative duties throughout King County. Between his previous agency in California and his current assignment, he has been actively working criminal street gangs for the last seven years of his career. Detective Gagliardi has received over 250 hours and given over 150 hours of formal training on gang awareness and investigations. Detective Gagliardi has contacted over 750 gang members of various Hispanic, black, Asian, white, prison, and outlaw motorcycle gangs throughout his career, and they have shared with him detailed information about gangs and their involvement.

Detective Gagliardi provided the following background information regarding the Westside Street Mobb. The Westside Street Mobb set of the Blood criminal street gang originated in West Seattle in mid-2006, roughly centered around the Delridge Community Center. Originally, Westside Street Mobb claimed the color red but claimed to be Folk gang



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members. However, in late 2006, Westside Street Mobb became involved in a turf war with Down Wit the Crew BGD, over their attempted expansion into Westside Street Mobb's territory. Due to this, Westside Street Mobb dropped the Folk identifiers and only claimed Blood affiliation. Westside Street Mobb gang members associate with the color red, the word "Westside", and the name "Street Mobb". Additionally, a number of Westside Street Mobb gang members have a similar tattoo, which is a depiction of a male figure holding money in one hand and a dollar sign pendant in the other, while wearing a baseball cap and smoking a marijuana joint. This male figure will almost always have a cross tattoo on his left bicep and a scar on his left cheek. There are a number of individual variations that may appear in this tattoo, such as what is depicted on the baseball cap and writing above or below the male figure.

Some members of the Westside Street Mobb may also have a "Crime Fam" tattoo; "Crime Fam" is a clique within the Westside Street Mobb; it is believed that it consists of members that are related by blood. There are two known variations of the "Crime Fam" tattoo - one consists solely of the words "Crime Fam", and the other has the words "Crime Fam" and an image of a male gangster wearing a backwards baseball cap, holding a smoking automatic rifle.

There are an estimated 20-30 members of the Westside Street Mobb gang, and the gang's primary criminal activities are robbery, narcotics sales, organized prostitution, illegal weapons possession, and aggravated assaults. The gang's forced prostitution activity includes individual gang members, either working alone or with other gang members, "pimping" out juveniles and women through the use of force, fear and coercion. These prostitution activities benefit not only the individual gang member financially, but it also helps to increase the gang's influence, wealth and status.



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confirmed through these same sources that all of these women have been engaged in prostitution. T.G. has also identified one other juveniles or young women by physical description and street name. As of this writing, your affiant has not been able to identify her true names or wherabouts.

**MYCAH JOHNSON**

As noted above, T.G. had detailed information concerning West Side Street Mobb, its members, and the scope of its criminal activities. As part of an ongoing discussion with law enforcement officials, of which your Affiant was a participant, T.G. identified MYCAH JOHNSON as a member of West Side Street Mobb. Based on T.G.'s description of JOHNSON as being a member of a violent street gang involved in promoting prostitution, you affiant consulted with King County Sheriff's Detective Joe Gagliardi to determine JOHNSON'S gang status. In accordance with both Washington State RCW 9.94A.030(16) and the more restrictive criteria of the King County Sheriff's Office, King County Sheriff's Office Gang Unit Detective Joe Gagliardi has confirmed that MYCAH JOHNSON is a member of West Side Street Mobb.

T.G. told me that JOHNSON had been pimping out a young Asian female by the name of C.D. (dob 07-15-90). T.G. explained that she knew JOHNSON had pimped C.D. out because she has seen C.D. working as a prostitute and that she had seen, first hand, JOHNSON collecting money from C.D. for her work as a prostitute. T.G. recalled sharing a hotel room with C.D. at the Garden Suites off of 240<sup>th</sup> and Aurora in September 2008. C.D. has told T.G. that Johnson is her pimp. She has also seen C.D. post on-line exotic advertisements for the purpose of prostitution.

T.G. believed that JOHNSON and C.D. had been involved with each other for much longer than June through November 2008, however she could not be certain of how long. There was no doubt in T.G.'s mind that JOHNSON was C.D.'s pimp.



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In accordance with both Washington State RCW 9.94A.030(16) and more restrictive criteria employed by the King County Sheriff's Office, Det. Gagliardi has validated T.G.'s pimp, DeShawn Cashmoney Clark, as a known member of the Westside Street Mobb set of the Blood criminal street gang. Furthermore, it is Detective Gagliardi's opinion that Clark's involvement in organized prostitution was committed for the benefit of, and in association with, the Westside Street Mobb criminal street gang.

During her discussions with law enforcement, T.G. identified the other following individuals as being close associates of Deshawn Cashmoney Clark and as members of West Side Street Mobb: Shawn Clark (Deshawn Cashmoney Clark's brother); Thomas Foster; Gerald Jackson; and Mycah Johnson.

During her months being forced into prostitution by DeShawn Cashmoney Clark (June through November 2008), T.G. saw Clark and his West Side Street Mobb associates "pimp" out a number of juveniles and young adult females. She has seen some of these women beaten by West Side Street Mobb members. She has seen a number of the women posting exotic ads on Craigslist and other prostitution-related internet sites. She has seen the women give the money they earn from prostitution to their pimps, which include the men listed above. She has shared rooms with them.

At Clark's direction, T.G. has traveled out of state for the purpose of prostitution with at least two of the women. In all, T.G. has identified 13 juveniles or young women, by name and picture, as being prostitutes for West Side Street Mobb members or their associates.

Through certified driver's license photos, court records, arrest reports, web postings, statements from some of the women, and discussions with other law enforcement officers, your affiant has confirmed the names and identities of 12 these victims. Your affiant has also



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As part of providing a detailed account of Deshawn Cashmoney Clark's criminal activities, T.G. informed law enforcement officers that she was not the only person who worked as a prostitute for him. T.G. identified a juvenile, named N.S. (dob 08-08-1991), as being one of Deshawn Cashmoney Clark's prostitutes. She described Clark pimping out N.S. between June and November 2008. Your affiant has confirmed through court records, police reports, web postings, and by talking with N.S. and her mother that N.S. has been working as a juvenile prostitute and that Deshawn Cashmoney Clark was her pimp.

In June of 2008, King County Sheriff's deputies, under incident number 08-145631, arrested N.S. at a motel in south Seattle for prostitution. N.S. was advertising as a prostitute on Craigslist and was working out of the La Hacienda Motel. The motel clerk informed KCSO deputies that N.S.'s room had been paid for by, and rented under the name of, MYCAH MAURICE JOHNSON, B/M 11-05-89.

When officers responded to the motel, JOHNSON was not present. However, another juvenile female was also in the room with N.S. That juvenile was C.D., the same juvenile prostitute that T.G. identified as being pimped out by West Side Street Mobb member MYCAH JOHNSON.

To further corroborate T.G.'s statement that JOHNSON and C.D. were associated with each other and that C.D. was working as a prostitute for JOHNSON, your Affiant obtained Tukwila Police Department case number 08-4834 from August 5, 2008. In that case, an undercover Tukwila Police Detective spotted C.D. walking on Highway 99 in Tukwila. He approached C.D. and she offered him oral and vaginal sex for \$50 for an hour. Officers then arrested C.D. for prostitution.



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MYCAH JOHNSON posted C.D.'s \$1,000.00 bail on the ensuing Tukwila Municipal Court case (CR0051791) on August 19, 2008. Your affiant is aware that it is common practice for pimps to post bail for their prostitutes at the time of arrest. This allows the pimp to put the girl back on the street so that she can continue to make him money.

Furthermore, as part of this ongoing investigation into West Side Street Mobb, in early March 2009, King County Sheriff's detectives contacted a number of motel clerks along Pacific Highway 99 (based on motels in which T.G. worked as a prostitute for DeShawn Cashmoney Clark). KCSO detectives took pictures of the suspects identified by T.G., including MYCAH JOHNSON, as well as victims identified by T.G., including C.D. The manager of the Traveler's Choice motel readily identified JOHNSON as having rented a room from him before. He also identified C.D. as being associated with JOHNSON, Deshawn Clark and T.G.. The manager remarked that he had seen JOHNSON and CLARK "beat the shit out of those girls" (referring to T.G., and C.D.) on more than one occasion. Your affiant is aware through training and experience investigating promoting prostitution cases that pimps frequently use violence as a means to control the women or girls who prostitute for them.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to best of my knowledge and belief. Signed and dated by me this 6th day of March, 2009, at Seattle, Washington.

