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Mr. Kevin Taylor  
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Kevin,

The below listed account is subject to an ongoing criminal investigation and at this time a Sealed Search and Seizure Warrant has been issued authorizing the collection of information as outlined. Once this information is received further investigative action may be sought to include the cloning / electronic interception of the below listed account.

**Gmail, Google, Incorporated Account ID "XXXXXXXX" or "XXXXXXXX@gmail.com".**

- (1) Subscriber and account information including name and address.
- (2) Payment history for premium services.
- (3) Date that account was created.
- (4) Current account status.
- (5) Alternate contact information including email addresses.
- (6) Login records with associated IP Addresses.
- (7) Any (sent, read, unread, deleted, archived) email associated with this account along with any attached files.
- (8) Any additional information maintained or within the databases of GMail, Google, Incorporated

This request is made in reference to Title 18 Section 2703(f) in regards to Access to Wired and Stored Communications.

**The account must be kept active and no interruptions can take place.**  
**Do not disclose the existence of this request to anyone.**  
**Disclosure could impede an ongoing criminal investigation.**

Please contact me with any questions. If possible to speed the process the information can be emailed prior to sending hard copy.

Thank You,

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**DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT**

**FOR**

**XXXXXXX COUNTY**

**APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**

**TO: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Associate Judge of the District/Circuit Court for Baltimore County, State of Maryland.**

Application is herein made for a Search and Seizure Warrant in that there is probable cause to believe that evidence relating to the violation of the laws pertaining to **Controlled Dangerous Substances as defined in Sections CR 5-303(d) through CR 5-904 of the Criminal Law Article of Maryland is contained within the GMail, Google, Inc. account of:**

**XXXXXXXXXX**

More particularly described as:

**Google ID: XXXXXXXXXXX**

**GMail: XXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com**

Retained at the GMail, Google Incorporated Operational Headquarters located at:

**GMail, Google, Incorporated  
Custodian of Records  
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway  
Mountain View, California 94043  
Phone: 650-253-0000  
Fax: 650-649-2939**

Your Affiants are **XXXXXXXX** and **XXXXXXXX** members of the **XXXXXXXX** County Police Department.

## EXPERTISE

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## PROBABLE CAUSE

Enter Probable Cause Here

**Google Inc.** (NASDAQ: GOOG and LSE: GGEA) is an American public corporation, earning revenue from advertising related to its Internet search, web-based e-mail, online mapping, office productivity, social networking, and video sharing as well as selling advertising-free versions of the same technologies. Google's headquarters, the Googleplex, is located in Mountain View, California. As of March 31, 2008 the company has 19,156 full-time employees. As of October 31, 2007, it is the largest American company (by market capitalization) that is not part of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

The Google web search engine is the company's most popular service. As of August 2007, Google is the most used search engine on the web with a 53.6% market share, ahead of Yahoo! (19.9%) and Live Search (12.9%). Google indexes billions of Web pages, so that users can search for the information they desire, through the use of keywords and operators. Google has also employed the Web Search technology into other search services, including Image Search, Google News, the price comparison site Google Product Search, the interactive Usenet archive Google Groups, Google Maps, and more.

In 2004, Google launched its own free web-based e-mail service, known as **GMail** (or Google Mail in some jurisdictions). GMail features **spam-filtering technology** and the capability to use Google technology to search e-mail. The service generates revenue by displaying advertisements and links from the **AdWords** service that are tailored to the choice of the user and/or content of the e-mail messages displayed on screen.

Google runs its services on several **server farms**, each comprising thousands of low-cost commodity computers running stripped-down versions of **Linux**. While the company divulges no details of its hardware, a 2006 estimate cites 450,000 servers, "racked up in clusters at data centers around the world."

Your Affiants know through training, knowledge and experience that GMail, Google, Inc. maintains records and other vital data associated with their subscriber accounts including but not limited to: **(subscriber and account information including name and address, payment history for premium services, date that account was created, current account status, alternate contact information including email addresses, login records with associated IP addresses and any (sent, read, unread, deleted, archived) email associated with the account along with any attached files).**

Your Affiants also know that **XXXXXX** currently has or had an email account with GMail, Google, Inc. as described previously.

Your Affiants further know through training, knowledge and experience that persons involved in illegal criminal acts will utilize various forms of communication such as cell phones, landline phones, pagers, Internet chat, text messaging and email to further facilitate their criminal acts and to communicate with co-conspirators.

Therefore, your Affiants pray that a search and seizure warrant be issued authorizing with the proper assistance that GMail, Google, Incorporated provides **Certified Copies** of:

- (1) **Subscriber and account information including name and address.**
- (2) **Payment history for premium services.**
- (3) **Date that account was created.**
- (4) **Current account status.**
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Subscribed and Sworn to, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2008.

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**Detective XXXXXX**  
**XXXXXXXX County Police Department**

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**Detective XXXXXX**  
**XXXXXXXX County Police Department**

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**Judge of the Circuit/District Court**  
**For XXXXXX County, State of**  
**Maryland**

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**  
**COUNTY OF XXXXXXXX, STATE OF XXXXXXXX**

The state of Maryland to Detective XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX, members of the XXXXXXXX County Police Department, or any other duly authorized police officer.

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS:

It appears to me, the subscriber, a District/Circuit Court Judge of Baltimore County, State of Maryland, aforesaid, by written application and information which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and which has been sworn to and signed by Detective XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX, members of the XXXXXXXX County Police Department, that I have probable cause to believe that evidence of violations relating to the laws pertaining to **Controlled Dangerous Substances as defined in Sections CR 5-303(d) through CR 5-904 laws of the Criminal Law Article of Maryland is contained within the GMail, Google, Inc. account of:**

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The grounds for the search and the basis for the probable cause are as fully specified in the written application and affidavit of Detective **XXXXXXXX** and **XXXXXXXX**, members of the **XXXXXXXX** County Police Department, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The reasons and probable as set forth are the grounds for the issuance of this warrant as prescribed by the provisions of Section 1-203 of the Criminal Procedure of Maryland.

You are, therefore, hereby commanded, with necessary and proper assistance, to provide **Certified Copies** of:

- (1) Subscriber and account information including name and address.**
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HEREOF, Fail Not at Your Peril and Have You Then and There This Warrant.

Given, Under My Hand and Seal, This \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

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**Associate Judge of the District/Circuit Court  
For **XXXXXXXX** County, State of Maryland**