

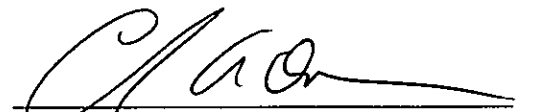
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
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 VS. :
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 \$2,905.00 U.S. CURRENCY :

TO THE CLAIMANT OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

You are required to file an answer to this Petition, setting forth your title in, and right to possession of, said property, within thirty (30) days from the service hereof. You are also notified that if you fail to file said answer a decree of forfeiture and condemnation will be entered against such property.


Cheryl A. Ondechek
Assistant District Attorney

On or about July 25, 2017, at approximately 3:52 a.m., Lancaster City Police Officers were near 7 North Mulberry Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to investigate a shooting. An Officer assigned to keeping the perimeter of the crime scene clear observed a truck driving into the block. When the Officer tried to stop the truck, the driver continued to drive and almost ran over his foot.

Officers initiated a vehicle stop, and learned that the driver, Steven Lee Lavender was driving during suspension. He appeared to be very lethargic and tired, and he told the Officers that he suffers from sleep apnea. The truck had windows with dark window tint. Officers asked him to roll down the windows. Officers observed a large bulge in his pants pocket, and also observed him reaching toward the center console of the vehicle.

Steven Lavender was asked to step out of the truck. He was searched for Officers safety. In his left front pants pocket, Officers located four (4) bundles of United States Currency, along with some loose bills. Officers later counted the cash, and it totaled \$2,905.00.

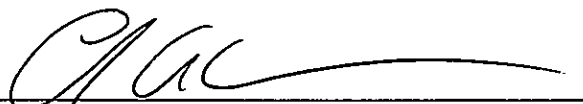
Officers searched the truck. In the area between the driver seat and the center console, Officers located two (2) clear plastic corner-tied baggies. One baggie was a corner tied baggie that

contained crack cocaine and the other corner tied baggie contained ten (10) individually wrapped baggies. Each of those baggies contained crack cocaine.

Subsequently, Steven Lavender was placed under arrest and transported to the Lancaster City Police Station. He was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Driving During Suspension and a summary traffic violation. After a jury trial, Steven Lavender was found guilty of Driving During Suspension and the summary traffic violation.

WHEREFORE, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully requests Your Honorable Court to issue an Order of Forfeiture that the property be adjudged forfeited to the Commonwealth and condemned, and that it be disposed of according to law.

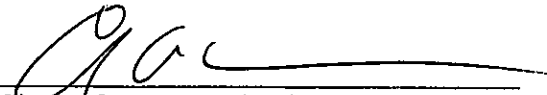
Respectfully submitted,
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



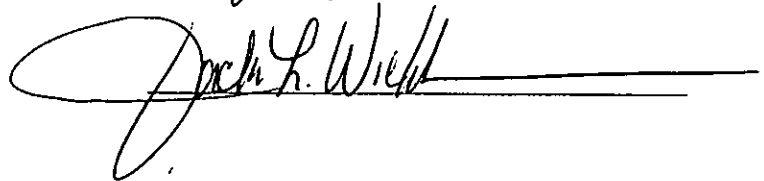
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER :

Cheryl A. Ondeczek, Assistant District Attorney, being duly affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing Motion are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

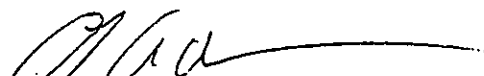

Cheryl A. Ondeczek
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Sworn and subscribed
before me this 25th day
of July 2019



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Jackie L. Wickenheiser, Notary Public
City of Lancaster, Lancaster County
My Commission Expires July 6, 2020
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

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