

County Court, City and County of Denver, Colorado Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse, Room 160 520 W. Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80204	Filed in the County Court City & County of Denver, Colorado  DEC 29 2021  CLERK OF COURT
Plaintiff: The People of the State of Colorado	
Defendant: <b>Travis Liam Singhaus</b> <b>11/09/1974</b>	
	Case Number: 21CR07546  Div: Criminal Ctrm 2300
<b>SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT FOR AT LARGE ARREST WARRANT</b>	

I, TERESA WERTSCH of lawful age do swear upon my oath to the facts set forth below and on 10 continuation page(s):

Your affiant, TERESA WERTSCH, an Investigator for the Denver District Attorney's Office, Economic Crime Unit was assigned to investigate allegations of THEFT, in violation of 18-4-401(1),(2)(i) CHARITABLE FRAUD, in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2) FORGERY, in violation of 18-5-102(1)(e) CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II) CHARITABLE FRAUD, in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2) CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II) CHARITABLE FRAUD, in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2) CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II) by **Travis Liam Singhaus** against [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and A [REDACTED], on DA Case Number 2021ECU00113.

On or about 12/03/2021, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], filed a complaint with the Denver District Attorney's office regarding Travis Liam Singhaus aka Travis Wayne Smith (Singhaus), dba Impact Locally aka Impact Network aka Impact Humanity (jointly referred to as "Impact entities" unless otherwise noted). On or about 12/06/2021 and subsequent dates thereafter, [REDACTED], through its legal counsel, relayed the following to your affiant:

[REDACTED] relayed that [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) is a tax-exempt, nonprofit philanthropic organization that distributes charitable funding to entities across Colorado. At all times relevant to this investigation, [REDACTED] was located at [REDACTED] in the City and County of Denver. One of the [REDACTED] charitable mechanisms is the creation and **management** of Donor-Advised Funds (DAF). Individuals and entities can contribute funds to [REDACTED] to create a DAF with their funds. Individuals and entities, as donors, can also request a grant be made with their DAF funds to a specific charity. On 12/14/2021, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), the

██████████ assigned to Singhaus' Impact Network, told your affiant the ██████████ is not obligated to follow a donor's request. Due to IRS restrictions on DAF funds, the ██████████ is required to only distribute grants from a DAF to a charity with a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) who have applied for and received tax exempt status as an IRC 501c3 charitable organization from the Federal government. The ██████████ is barred from providing DAF grant funds to a charity that does not hold a 501c3 exemption status.

Special Agent Sondra Pennington (SA Pennington) with Colorado's Department of Revenue's Criminal Tax Enforcement unit relayed to your affiant that nonprofit charitable organizations with tax-exempt status are organized under IRS Section 501c3. This makes the organization eligible to provide tax deductions to people who donate to the charity. It also means the organization does not pay taxes on profits. Under 501c3 guidelines the organization cannot be structured to benefit private interests; and employees, members, or stakeholders cannot benefit from the net earnings made by the nonprofit.

#### **Travis Singhaus and the Impact Entities**

██████████ stated that in late 2018, a private donor to the ██████████ DAF, identified as ██████████ (██████████) recommended providing DAF grant funds from his DAF to a company called Impact Locally run by Travis Liam Singhaus aka Travis Wayne Smith (Singhaus). At all times relevant to this investigation, Impact Locally was located at 2526 Welton Street located in the City and County of Denver. On 12/14/2021, ██████████ told your affiant that Singhaus was running a clothing store, Impact Humanity, that provided free clothing to Denver's homeless population. Singhaus also provided additional services to the homeless population, such as sack lunches and taking kids hiking in the mountains. ██████████ was impressed by Singhaus' work through Impact Locally and asked ██████████ to direct his DAF funds to Impact Locally. ██████████ did not discuss in detail Singhaus' Impact entities' charity statuses. ██████████ left the vetting of Singhaus' company to the ██████████ ██████████, ██████████ (██████████) interacted with Singhaus beginning in August 2020, handling any further donation requests from Singhaus.

██████████ stated that on 12/27/2018, she emailed Singhaus informing Singhaus of ██████████ desire to provide DAF grants to Impact Locally. ██████████ asked Singhaus directly if Impact Locally was a 501c3 nonprofit and for its EIN number. On 01/03/2019, Singhaus replied to ██████████ stating, in part, ██████████

██████████." Singhaus attached to his email to ██████████ an IRS 501c3 determination letter, bearing the name "Impact Network" located at 2526 Welton St, Denver CO 80205-2600, listing EIN # ██████████, and the contact person as Travis Smith. The determination letter purportedly confirmed Impact Network's exemption under IRC section 501c3.

██████████ stated she also verified the EIN through GuideStar, a non-profit charity database. GuideStar listed the EIN registered to a public 501c3 charity, Impact Network, as of 07/2016 but with a different address. In ██████████ experience, GuideStar could have out-of-date information for charities, including addresses and websites. It was also not unusual for ██████████ to find a charity

with one name, such as Impact Network, dba another entity, such as Impact Locally or Impact Humanity. On 01/04/2019, [REDACTED] emailed Singhaus back stating, "I see that this organization is listed with the IRS as "Impact Network"..." and asked Singhaus to verify his charity's address. In Singhaus' reply to [REDACTED] Singhaus never corrected [REDACTED] assumption that Impact Locally was a dba under Impact Network. Singhaus never told [REDACTED] that the determination letter he sent to [REDACTED] on 01/03/2019 was a forgery; that the EIN number listed on the letter belonged to a different "Impact Network" entity; nor that none of Singhaus' Impact entities held 501c3 charity status. [REDACTED] subsequently set up Impact Network with Singhaus to receive DAF grant funds through [REDACTED].

On 01/17/2019, [REDACTED] formally requested the first DAF grant to Impact Network of \$5,000 for the purchase of a 3x6 trailer. Based on Singhaus' representations to [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] authorized the \$5,000 grant. On or about 01/25/2019, the [REDACTED] issued check # [REDACTED] for \$5,000 payable to Impact Network for the specific purchase of a 3x6 trailer. Singhaus deposited the check into account # [REDACTED] at Canvas Credit Union. In the check's grant letter, which your affiant has reviewed, the [REDACTED] advised Singhaus of the following:

- It was the [REDACTED] understanding that Singhaus' Impact Network qualified as a 501c3 organization
- Singhaus was required to notify the [REDACTED] if this was not true or the organization's status had changed
- Any funds not spent purchasing the trailer were to be returned to the [REDACTED]

At no time did Singhaus correct [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] belief that Impact was a 501c3 public charity.

(To your affiant's knowledge based on this investigation's findings, a 3x6 trailer was owned by Singhaus. Your affiant cannot verify if these DAF grant funds were used to purchase that 3x6 trailer without obtaining documentation from Canvas Credit Union.)

In early February 2019, [REDACTED] recommended further DAF grants to Singhaus' Impact for Humanity clothing store. [REDACTED] contacted Singhaus, who told her that Impact for Humanity was a clothing store called Impact Humanity run by his nonprofit, Impact Network. Between 02/15/2019 and 08/12/2021, the [REDACTED] distributed a total of \$300,000 in DAF grant funds to Impact Network in the form of a monthly \$10,000 distribution check. These grant funds were restricted to "general operating support." Each monthly check was also attached to a grant letter advising Singhaus of the [REDACTED] understanding that his nonprofit charity qualified as a 501c3 organization; and that any funds not spent for the general operations of Impact Network were to be returned to the [REDACTED]. In at least April, May and June 2020, the [REDACTED] also sent Singhaus the [REDACTED] "about grants from donor-advised fund" document, which again advised Singhaus that the [REDACTED] DAF grants were to be made "to IRS designated 501c3 organizations for general charitable purposes, and not for the benefit of specific individuals." Singhaus never returned any of these DAF grant funds to the [REDACTED].



On 12/16/2021, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] employee, told your affiant that on 03/10/2021, Singhaus texted [REDACTED] asking [REDACTED] to recommend a DAF grant to Impact Network so Impact Network could purchase a 14-passenger van to be used to take kids on hiking trips in the mountains. Singhaus texted that he had an auto broker who had a 2020 passenger van for \$16,000 less than other dealerships in the area. Singhaus sent [REDACTED] a photo of a 14-passenger van and a price estimate of \$60,000 for a 2021 van, which appears to be issued by a Groove dealership. On or about 03/16/2021, based on Singhaus' texts with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] asked the [REDACTED] to provide a DAF grant of \$44,000 to Impact Network specifically earmarked for the purchase of a 14-passenger van. On 03/24/2021, the [REDACTED] approved the grant and issued check # [REDACTED] for \$44,000 payable to Impact Network. The [REDACTED] grant letter informed Singhaus that the funds were restricted to a 14-passenger van's purchase, and specified that any funds not used towards the purchase were to be returned to the [REDACTED]. According to the check's back, the check was deposited on 03/31/2021 into Canvas Credit Union account # [REDACTED]. Singhaus never returned any of the \$44,000 in funds to the [REDACTED]. Your affiant found no registrations for a passenger van under Singhaus' or his Impact entities' names.

On 12/20/2021, your affiant interviewed ex-Impact employee, [REDACTED], who worked as Singhaus' [REDACTED] at Impact Locally from March 2021 to November 2021. [REDACTED] met with Singhaus on a daily basis during her employment time. On or about 12/21/2021, [REDACTED] positively identified Colorado driver's license # [REDACTED] dossier photo as a photo of Travis Singhaus. [REDACTED] stated that towards the end of March 2021, Singhaus FedExed a check to [REDACTED]. Singhaus directed [REDACTED] to deposit the check at Canvas Credit Union for him as he was in Kentucky at an auto broker's lot purchasing a 2020 Toyota 4Runner for himself. Singhaus needed the check's deposited funds in order to cover the 4Runner's purchase. [REDACTED] did not open the FedEx envelope or review the check before she gave it to Canvas Credit Union's teller. Afterwards, Singhaus directed [REDACTED] to call around to various companies, including U-Haul and [REDACTED], asking if anyone had a 14-passenger van for rent. Singhaus did not return any of the [REDACTED] \$44,000 grant funds to the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that though Singhaus would transport Impact items in the 4Runner, the vehicle was known to be Singhaus' personal vehicle. [REDACTED] never saw Singhaus purchase a 14-passenger van for Impact during her employment period. According to title documentation your affiant obtained from the State of Colorado's DMV, on 04/15/2021, Singhaus purchased a 2020 4Runner (VIN # [REDACTED]) for \$39,775.00 from EZ Car Connection in Frankfort Kentucky, who purchased the vehicle on 03/16/2021.

According to the [REDACTED] documentation, on 09/08/2021, the [REDACTED] was processing that month's \$10,000 grant payment to Impact Network when [REDACTED] received notice that the IRS had revoked Impact Network's 501c3 status in November 2020 for failure to file required forms for 3 consecutive years. [REDACTED] emailed [REDACTED] as Impact Network's [REDACTED], asking [REDACTED] to verify Impact Network's EIN number. [REDACTED] told your affiant that she replied providing [REDACTED] with the EIN number of [REDACTED], which Singhaus had given to [REDACTED] to provide to donors when they called. [REDACTED] responded to [REDACTED] stating that the IRS showed EIN # [REDACTED] for Impact Network was no longer an IRS verified 501c3 nonprofit; and that Impact Network had closed operations in July 2018. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that no further grants would be

provided to Impact Network until the EIN issue was resolved. [REDACTED] replied to [REDACTED] stating in part, "... [REDACTED] ..."

[REDACTED] then emailed [REDACTED] via [REDACTED] private email account. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she had replied to [REDACTED] at Singhaus' direction. Singhaus had told [REDACTED] to call him before replying to [REDACTED]. In that conversation, which [REDACTED] recorded and provided to [REDACTED] and your affiant, Singhaus told [REDACTED] what to say in her reply to [REDACTED] and to send a response immediately so that the [REDACTED] would not cancel any incoming checks as "[REDACTED]". [REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] and your affiant that she had believed for some time that Singhaus had been using Impact's donated funds to pay his personal expenses. [REDACTED] ceased all distributions to Impact / Singhaus.

[REDACTED] did not hear anything further from Singhaus until late October. On 10/20/2021, Singhaus emailed [REDACTED] stating in part, "... [REDACTED] ...", and signed the email, "Travis Singhaus, Impact Locally." [REDACTED] heard nothing further from Singhaus.

[REDACTED] told your affiant that on 10/28/2021, Singhaus texted [REDACTED] wanting to talk. On 11/02/2021, [REDACTED] spoke with Singhaus. Singhaus told [REDACTED] that the EIN issue with the IRS came about because Singhaus had changed Impact Locally's name to Impact Network. Singhaus stated that once the IRS got the EIN issue straightened out, which could take 60-90 days, the [REDACTED] would release the DAF grant funds to Singhaus. Singhaus then asked [REDACTED] if he could ask [REDACTED] for a direct donation of \$20,000 to Impact Network, to be distributed outside of the [REDACTED] to hold Impact over until then. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about it, and [REDACTED] said he would contact the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] later told [REDACTED] that he had spoken with the [REDACTED] there was an issue with Impact, and not to have further correspondences with Singhaus until it was resolved. [REDACTED] has not heard from Singhaus since.

The [REDACTED] subsequently referred the matter to its Counsel for review. Counsel obtained additional documentation, specifically a genuine copy of the EIN determination letter that Singhaus had sent to [REDACTED] on 01/03/2019, which [REDACTED] relied upon as verification of Impact Network's EIN number and 501c3 status confirmation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The below comparison provided by Counsel shows Singhaus' alterations made to the genuine determination letter in order to represent the information as belonging to Singhaus' Impact Network (Singhaus' determination letter is on the left, showing alterations to the genuine document on the right):

### **Research Findings**

According to Colorado Secretary of State's website, on 10/10/2014, Singhaus, then known as Travis Smith, incorporated the entity, Impact Locally, as a nonprofit corporation. Your affiant did not find any incorporation for Impact Humanity.

Your affiant found that on 07/09/2015, a [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) had incorporated her organization, Impact Network, and registered it as a charitable organization with the Colorado Secretary of State's office. [REDACTED] as Impact Network's President, dissolved Impact Network with the Colorado Secretary of State on 07/08/2018. In the charity registration, [REDACTED] listed her Impact Network's EIN as [REDACTED] and her contact information. On 12/14/2021, your affiant spoke with [REDACTED], the president of the nonprofit charity, Impact Network, that was assigned EIN number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] confirmed that she has never given anyone permission to use her charity's EIN number for any reason. [REDACTED] stated that she has never met or employed a Travis Smith or Travis Singhaus.

On 12/14/2021, Lawrence Runn, Investigator with the Colorado Secretary of State's Business and Charity Licensing, told your affiant that in April 2018, his agency received a complaint against Singhaus, then known as Travis Smith, dba Impact Locally. The complainant reported that in July 2017, the complainant and a friend had bid \$1,500.00 on a trip in a silent auction during a charity fundraiser for Impact Locally. Complainant had won the trip and had attempted to book the trip only to find that Singhaus / Impact Locally had not paid the travel agent for the trip. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 05/10/2018, Inv. Runn sent a letter to Singhaus at Impact Locally's Welton Street address asking for his side of the story. The letter

included language advising Singhaus that Impact Locally was not registered as a nonprofit with the State of Colorado as required under Title 6 Article 16 of the CRS.

On 06/01/2018, Singhaus came to Inv. Runn's offices. Singhaus told Inv. Runn that Impact had lost money on the silent auction and showed a screen shot purportedly of a refund to the complainant. Inv. Runn advised Singhaus to provide the payment verification in paper form. Inv. Runn then advised Singhaus to either register Impact Locally as a charity, or to state in writing why Impact Locally was exempt from Colorado's charity registration requirements. Receiving nothing further from Singhaus, on 08/17/2018, Inv. Runn sent Singhaus a Notice of Imposition of Penalty assessing a \$300 fine under the Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act (CCSA) and the Colorado Consumer Protection Act for failing to register Impact Locally and continuing to solicit donations in 'deliberate and willful violation of the CCSA.' Inv. Runn verified for your affiant that his records show Singhaus has never registered any of his Impact entities as charities, nor filed for exemptions.

Your affiant found that on 11/30/2018, after [REDACTED] had terminated her Impact Network charity with the Colorado Secretary of State and after Inv. Runn fined Singhaus for failing to register Impact Locally as a charity, Singhaus, then known as Travis Smith, incorporated Impact Network as his own nonprofit organization.

Your affiant further found that on 12/03/2018, Singhaus [REDACTED] Arapahoe County court to legally change his name from Travis Wayne Smith to Travis Liam Singhaus. Singhaus listed his reason for requesting the name change [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told your affiant that Singhaus told her that she was a 1099 employee and that she had to forward her payment of payroll taxes to the State and Federal government. [REDACTED] further told your affiant that Singhaus said he was personally bank-rolling Impact's operations, and that Impact would "pay back" Singhaus when it could. Singhaus led [REDACTED] to believe Singhaus made money off his photography and investments. [REDACTED] never met any of Impact's purported Board Members, nor ever saw their names on documents or emails.

Your affiant found no record of Singhaus, under the name Travis Singhaus or Travis Smith, applying for or receiving 501c3 status with the Internal Revenue Service for Impact Network, Impact Locally, Impact Humanity, or any other entity. Your affiant found no record of Singhaus applying for or receiving tax exempt status with the City and County of Denver or the State of Colorado for Impact Network, Impact Locally, Impact Humanity, or any other entity. Your affiant found no record of Singhaus obtaining an employer account with the Colorado Department of Labor for payment of Impact Locally's or Impact Network's employee wage taxes. Inv. Runn found no record of Singhaus ever registering any of his Impact entities as nonprofit charities with the State of Colorado.

SA Pennington relayed to your affiant that under 501c3 guidelines, a charity organization cannot be structured to benefit private interests; and employees, members, or stakeholders cannot benefit



from the net earnings made by the nonprofit. If donations are used for personal gain or benefit, then those donations become taxable income to the user. Therefore, any monies obtained or used by Singhaus, personally, from donations to his Impact entities would be considered taxable income to Singhaus. SA Pennington found that Singhaus has never filed a tax return with the State of Colorado, either personally or on behalf of any of his Impact entities.

### **Fraudulent Use of Other Entity's Tax Exemption Numbers**

████ further told your affiant that during her employment at Impact Locally, Singhaus had tasked █████ with soliciting donations from █████ in the Denver metro area. Singhaus gave █████ a solicitation letter bearing the endorsement of "Travis Singhaus, CEO – Impact, 501c3 # █████ - █████," which █████ gave to these █████. █████ estimated that in the 2-3 days between 07/07/2021 and 07/10/2021 when she solicited donations, she received about \$250.00 from various █████. Your affiant verified through the State of Colorado's Department of Revenue's Online account verification system that sales and use tax exempt number █████ was issued to the █████ in Arvada Colorado. To date, your affiant has not been able to speak with a representative of █████. █████ with █████'s corporate fraud investigations was unable to find any record of donations to Singhaus under tax exempt numbers █████ or █████, or EIN # █████, but stated the █████ may not have recorded the tax numbers in their system.

On or about 12/17/2021, █████, told your affiant that she worked at Singhaus' Impact Humanity clothing store for the month of November 2021 as an █████ to Singhaus. █████ met with Singhaus on a daily basis during her employment time. Among other things, Singhaus took █████ to █████ to pick up food orders for Impact's sack lunch handouts. At that time, Singhaus told █████ that █████ had Impact Locally's tax exempt number on file. Therefore, Impact did not have to pay taxes on the items purchased. On 12/17/2021, your affiant spoke with █████ (████ at █████, located at █████ West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City and County of Denver. █████ verified that Impact Locally was entered into their system on 03/19/2017 as a tax-exempt organization under the tax-exempt number of █████. Singhaus was listed in their system as Impact's CEO and point of contact. █████ provided your affiant with receipts available in their system, which showed between 04/17/2020 and 12/06/2021, Impact Locally made purchases on which █████ did not charge any taxes on due to Singhaus' representation that Impact Locally was tax exempt. According to the City and County of Denver's application for exemption documentation, when purchases are made for a charity's regular charitable functions or activities, Denver exempt organizations are exempt from paying the following Denver taxes: sales tax, use tax, lodger's tax, tourism improvement district tax, and business portion of occupational privilege tax.

Your affiant verified through the State of Colorado's Department of Revenue's Online account verification system that sales and use tax exempt number █████ was issued by the State to the █████. On 12/22/2021, █████ (████ of the █████), told your affiant that █████ has not given anyone permission to use █████ tax exempt number for any reason. █████ stated no one at █████ is familiar with Singhaus or his Impact entities. █████ stated that tax exempt



number [REDACTED] is likely an old number for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reorganized in 2018, and received new tax-exempt numbers at that time.

### **Court Order Requests**

At this time, your affiant believes Singhaus may have used the [REDACTED] DAF funds to [REDACTED]. Singhaus may have also used earmarked donation funds to purchase a personal vehicle.

Your affiant noted that Singhaus recently set up a GoFundMe page soliciting donations for Impact Locally and Impact Humanity. GoFundMe's legal department stated that Singhaus set up this page as a personal, not a charity, donation site. GoFundMe is reviewing its internal policy regarding the site. To date, Singhaus has received \$4,995.00 in donated funds.

Your affiant found that Singhaus' Impact Locally website also solicits donor payments through PayPal. [REDACTED] confirmed that Singhaus received donor payments through PayPal, held by PayPal Holdings Inc aka PayPal Inc. [REDACTED] stated she also at times received her paycheck from Singhaus through Venmo, a PayPal Inc service. [REDACTED] stated that Singhaus charged volunteers to volunteer at Impact's various events telling them the funds went towards paying expenses for the event. In your affiant's 15 years of experience investigating economic crimes, your affiant has interacted with PayPal on numerous cases. Your affiant is aware businesses can establish PayPal accounts, into which they can receive customer payments, and transfer funds to and from individuals and vendors. Your affiant is aware that PayPal Holdings Inc aka PayPal Inc will not release information regarding any PayPal or Venmo accounts held by Singhaus without a subpoena.

The [REDACTED] provided your affiant with copies of all grant checks issued to Singhaus from 01/23/2019 to 08/12/2021 totaling \$349,000.00. These checks' backs indicate that Singhaus deposited these checks into Canvas Credit Union bank account # [REDACTED]. On 12/14/2021, your affiant verified with Canvas Credit Union fraud investigator [REDACTED] that account # [REDACTED] was opened by Singhaus on 02/27/2018 and remained open as of 12/14/2021. The account is held in the name of Impact Locally. Singhaus is the only signor on the account. [REDACTED] also reported that Singhaus holds a Canvas Credit Union credit card as well as personal bank accounts. Canvas Credit Union cannot provide any further details without a subpoena.

On 12/27/2021, your affiant requested the Court issue a Court Order for Production of Records to Canvas Credit Union for account documentation related to all accounts and credit cards held by or controlled by Singhaus at Canvas Credit Union. Your affiant also requested the Court issue a Court Order for Production of Records to PayPal Holdings Inc aka PayPal Inc for documentation related to all PayPal and Venmo accounts held by or controlled by Singhaus. To date, your affiant has not received any of the requested documentation.

### **Conclusion**

Your affiant concludes that since at least March 2017, Singhaus falsely represented to at least one vendor, [REDACTED], that his Impact entities held sales and use tax exempt status, avoiding

paying state and local taxes on his purchases there. This investigation found that Singhaus' entities did not hold tax exempt status. Since at least July 2017, Singhaus has been using his various Impact entities as the conduit to receive donation funds from individuals and entities representing that his Impact entities were nonprofit charities. This investigation found that since at least May 2018, Singhaus was aware of his requirement by the State of Colorado to register his entities with the State as nonprofit charities. Since at least January 2019, Singhaus knew that the [REDACTED] would not provide Singhaus' Impact Network entity with any grant funds without Singhaus obtaining an EIN and registering his entities as 501c3 charities with the IRS. This investigation found that since at least January 2019, Singhaus produced fraudulent documentation falsely representing to the [REDACTED] that his Impact Network entity was a registered charity with 501c3 status.

According to the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] would not have released any grant funds to Singhaus if the [REDACTED] had known that Singhaus had not obtained 501c3 status for his Impact Network entity, and did not have an EIN number. The [REDACTED] was in fact barred from releasing grant funds to Singhaus due to IRS limitations placed upon distributions made from the [REDACTED] DAF accounts. [REDACTED] told your affiant that if he had known Singhaus' Impact entities were not 501c3 registered charities, [REDACTED] may have provided donations to Singhaus outside of the [REDACTED]. This did not occur, even after Singhaus solicited \$20,000 directly from [REDACTED] in November 2021 after the [REDACTED] terminated Impact Network's monthly grants.

On 01/03/2019, Singhaus knowingly submitted a forged document, the IRS determination letter, fraudulently representing to the [REDACTED] that Singhaus' Impact Network had qualified for 501c3 status and was assigned EIN # [REDACTED], committing forgery. On 01/03/2019 and throughout his dealings with the [REDACTED] that ended on 10/20/2021, Singhaus criminally impersonated [REDACTED] genuine Impact Network charity when he falsely represented and continued to represent [REDACTED] Impact Network charity's EIN and 501c3 status as his Impact Network entity's EIN and 501c3 status. Singhaus gained the benefit of receiving the [REDACTED] grant funds through this impersonation. Further, from 01/03/2019 through 10/20/2021, Singhaus committed charity fraud by knowingly allowing the [REDACTED] to believe his Impact Network entity was [REDACTED] Impact Network charity. Between 01/23/2019 and 08/12/2019, Singhaus knowingly and through deception obtained \$349,000.00 in grant funds from the [REDACTED] through these fraudulent representations and forged documents.

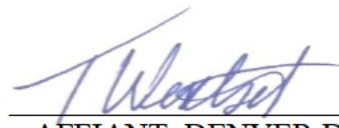
Singhaus further criminally impersonated the genuine nonprofit charity, [REDACTED], on 03/19/2017 by representing their State sales and use tax exempt number as Singhaus' Impact Locally's tax exempt number to [REDACTED]. Singhaus further gained the benefit of having his purchases' taxes waived by [REDACTED] on his purchases made between 04/17/2020 and 12/06/2021 by representing [REDACTED] tax exempt number as his own. In doing so, Singhaus knowingly and intentionally avoided paying taxes on these purchases at [REDACTED], including State of Colorado sales tax. By presenting [REDACTED] genuine tax exempt number,

Singhaus knowingly used [REDACTED] tax-exempt status to falsely represent that his organization, Impact Locally, was a registered charity, committing charity fraud.

Singhaus knowingly and intentionally misrepresented his Impact Locally's ability to provide tax benefits to [REDACTED] who was solicited for donated funds by Singhaus' Impact Locally employee, [REDACTED] between 07/07/2021 and 07/10/2021. By presenting the [REDACTED] tax-exempt number to local [REDACTED] Singhaus knowingly used the [REDACTED] tax-exempt status to falsely represent that his organization, Impact Locally, was a registered charity, committing charity fraud.

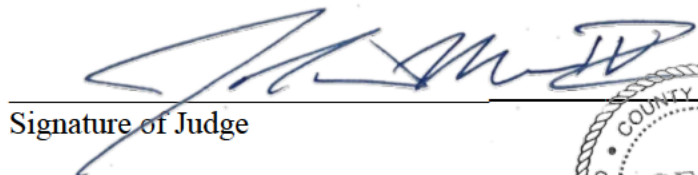
Based on the foregoing, your affiant respectfully requests that an At Large Warrant be issued for the arrest of Travis Liam Singhaus, DOB: 11/09/1974 for: THEFT, in violation of 18-4-401(1),(2)(i), CHARITABLE FRAUD in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2) FORGERY, in violation of 18-5-102(1)(e), CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II), CHARITABLE FRAUD in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2), CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II), CHARITABLE FRAUD in violation of 6-16-111(1)(b),(2), and CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, in violation of 18-5-113(1)(b)(II).

I swear and affirm under oath, by administration of the oath over the telephone by the undersigned judge, that the below electronic signature is my own and that the contents of this Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

 /ES/TERESA WERTSCH  
AFFIANT, DENVER DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE

Dated Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 3:15 PM.

In accordance with § 16-1-106, § 16-3-303 and Crim.P. 41(3), the above-named Affiant swore and affirmed under oath over the telephone to the undersigned judge that the electronic signature is that of the named Affiant and that the contents of this Affidavit are true and accurate.

  
Signature of Judge

John W. Madden, IV, Sr. Judge  
Printed name of Judge

