

The State Of Texas**The County of Harris****Search and Arrest
Warrant****To any peace officer of Harris County Texas**

Whereas a complaint in writing has been made before me this date, which complaint is hereto attached and expressly made a part of this warrant for all purposes, and which complaint, in my opinion, has stated facts and information sufficient to establish probable cause that one Lanny Blake Lown, a white male whose date of birth is June 5th 1963 is currently doing business as One West Financial Services in business offices located at 2211 Norfolk, Suite 420, Houston Harris County Texas, 77098 has since approximately June 4th, 2002 operated an illegal investment scheme from that location and possibly earlier and possibly from other locations, in criminal violation of the Texas Securities Laws and Texas Penal Code theft laws and that evidence and instruments of these crimes are currently to be found in his possession at that location and also in his personal residence located at 4151 Bissonnet Houston Harris County Texas 77005.

You are hereby directed to forthwith enter and search the above described offices of one West Financial Services and the above described residence of Lanny B. Lown with authority to seize the following items and materials as evidence and instruments of the crimes of Sale of Unregistered Securities, Sale of Securities by an Unlicensed or unregistered agent or person, and/or Theft, whether said items or materials are in written, printed or computer form:

1. All records identifying persons who have invested in any purported metals trading or sales program with or through One West Financial Services or Lanny Lown or any affiliated person or entity.
2. All records reflecting how any of the above investment funds have been invested, banked, negotiated or expended.
3. Any promotional materials or correspondence describing, touting or promoting the above metals investment program.
4. Any records or materials reflecting the identities or persons managing, promoting or employed to promote the above metals investment program
5. Any records or materials reflecting any efforts or the lack of any efforts to obtain licensing or registration of the above investment

- scheme or of any person or persons marketing said scheme with any governmental agency or investment industry entity.
- 6. Any records or materials reflecting the presence of, or lack of affiliation or participation with or by the United States government or any other government or governmental agency in purchasing purported precious metals in conjunction with the above described purported precious metals investment program offered by Lanny Lown, One West Financial Services, or any related entity.

You are further directed to arrest the person of Lanny Blake Lown for the offenses of Sale of Unregistered Securities and Sale of Securities by an Unlicensed or Unregistered person.

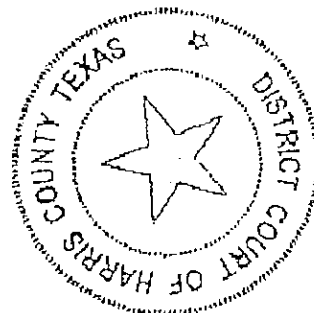
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Mary Kent

Magistrate Harris County Texas by the office of Judge 351 District Court of Harris County Texas.

Date 3/12/2003

Time 2:52 PM



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Affidavit in Support of Search and Arrest Warrant

Your affiant, Tricia Mason, has reason to believe and does believe that one Lannie Blake Lown, a white male whose date of birth is June 5th, 1963 is currently doing business as One West Financial Services in business offices located at 2211 Norfolk, Suite 420, Houston Harris County Texas, 77098 and has since approximately June 4th, 2002 operated an illegal investment scheme from that location and possibly earlier from other locations in criminal violation of the Texas Securities Laws and Texas Penal Code theft laws and that evidence and instruments of these crimes are currently to be found in his possession at that location and in his personal residence located at 4151 Bissonnet, Houston, Harris County Texas 77005.

Your affiant's belief is based on the following facts and information:

Your affiant is a law student who is currently employed on a part time basis as a legal intern for the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Affiant is assigned to the Consumer Fraud Division of that office. Affiant's duties include assisting the Assistant District Attorneys and Criminal investigators assigned to that Division in the investigation of fraud complaints received from the public and other agencies to determine whether or not Texas criminal laws have been violated in various sales transactions. Affiant and other interns and paralegals in the division are frequently asked to deal with incoming phone calls where the caller needs assistance beyond the threshold assistance the division secretaries normally provide.

On February 25th, 2003 affiant spoke in such a fashion to caller Michael Hughes of Deer Park Texas. Hughes advised that several of his friends had advised him of an unusual investment they had recently made with one Lannie Lown, dba One West Financial Services in the Frost Bank Building at 2211 Norfolk, Houston Texas 77098, Suite 420. Hughes advised that his investor friends told him that Lown claimed to be selling the United States government precious metals at large profits. That investor monies would be used to purchase additional metals which would in turn be sold generating profits to the investors of up to 10% per month. Hughes advised that one of his friends advised Hughes that he had invested \$150,000.00 in this program, was earning \$15,000.00 a month profit and rolling over the additional \$12,000.00 per month profits back into the program. Hughes advised that his friend did not have literature on the program but that Lown did have a general website.

Hughes did provide affiant with that website address and affiant accessed the website and copied it. A copy of that website is attached to this affidavit and incorporated as Attachment "A". The website claims the business has existed since 1995 and gives a mailing address of PO box 540147 in Houston Texas.

Consumer Fraud then contacted the Texas Securities Board Houston Regional Office and their Enforcement Attorney, Karen Richards forwarded to affiant office file materials they had already received on this same investment opportunity. Affiant has reviewed those materials. Included in those materials was an email sent to David Grauer, the State Director of Enforcement for the Texas Securities Board in Austin Texas and Richard's supervisor, by a person known as "barrywh" from his email address. The email is dated June 4th, 2002 and reflects that the author is concerned about one Lannie Lown offering a 10% per month metal investment program from Houston and the author suspects it is a Ponzi scheme. The email also includes a copy of Lown's One West business card giving the above website Post office box number and a physical address of 2211 Norfolk Suite 420, Houston Texas 77098. A copy of that email and business card is attached to this affidavit and incorporated as Attachment "B".

Also included in the furnished Securities Board materials is an investigative memo dated October 4th, 2002 where a Houston regional office Securities Board investigator, Jennifer Jones, is reporting to her supervisor, Karen Richards, that Jones has been contacted that day by one Mike Thompson who has a background in engineering and accounting who advised that he had recently met with Lonnie Lown at the One West offices at 2211 Norfolk address and that Lown claimed that he was acquiring titanium from New Guinea with investor monies and selling it to the United States Government and could earn investors 6 to 7 % profit per month. That Lown claimed he had over two hundred investors in this program who had some \$650,000,000.00 invested in the program. The memo also reflects that Thompson was a certified fraud examiner and had discovered through his own internet research, that Lown's social security number was xxx-xx-xxxx.

Additionally, in the furnished Securities Board materials was a memo dated November 5th, 2002 where Richards and Jones had interviewed one John David Powell of Deer Park Texas who advised that he had also gone to Lown's 2211 Norfolk Offices in late October 2002, in the Frost Bank Building and met with Lown and Lown had offered Powell an opportunity to invest in his metals trading program at One West Financial Services that would return between three and eight percent per month. That Lown advised that a minimum \$10,000.00 investment was required. Powell advised that Lown stated he didn't have to be

“registered” due to the private nature of the opportunity and that Lown said he had no affiliation or approval with, any agencies such as the SEC or the NASD. The memo also related that Powell further advised that Powell knew several people who had invested large amounts of money in the program and most were rolling over their purported profits and only one was actually receiving any trading profits.

Lastly, the furnished Securities Board materials reflect that one William Mansel of Deer Park Texas had contacted the Securities Board on March 3rd, 2003 and related to investigator Jennifer Jones that on February 24th he had gone to Lown's One West business offices at the above Norfolk address and had talked to a female employee of Lown's named Freddie Gieck as Down was away from the office and that Gieck explained Lown's international precious metals investment program and advised it was currently returning 9% per month.

Affiant would note that in the materials furnished by the Securities Board and in her conversations with Michael Hughes, several of the persons who had gone to the One West Financial offices had indicated there were several employees in the office as well as Lown.

On March 6th, 2003 Consumer Fraud Criminal investigator Bob Vernier advised affiant that he had gone to 2211 Norfolk Houston Texas, the Frost Bank building, earlier that date, located at the corner of Norfolk and Greenbriar, in Houston, Harris County Texas and located Suite #420 on the fourth floor of that building from the public hallway and observed it to be an office suite bearing a sign or placard "One West Financial Services" and bearing number "420". Vernier further advised that he had conducted a computer background search and found that one Lonnie Blake Lown, a white male with date of birth June 5, 1963 and with social security number xxx-xx-xxxx had a local history with the Harris County JIMS computer data base dating from the 1980's and an NCIC check showed a criminal history for that same person from California. Vernier also performed a computer Texas Drivers license check on this same person and found that Lown had obtained a Texas Drivers license in Texas in 2001, #14783598 and had surrendered a California Drivers license at that time.

At the request of affiant's office, Karen Richards has caused a search to be made of the registration and licensing records of her agency and Richards has advised affiant that there is no record of Lown or any other entity seeking or receiving "registration" to sell the above described precious metals investment program in Texas, as of March 10th, 2003. Richards has further advised that Lown is not “licensed” or “registered” to sell any securities in the State of Texas. Richards further advised that the investment opportunity Lown is touting as described above in this

affidavit would constitute the illegal sale of a Security in Texas under Article 581 V.A.T.S., a felony, and that Lown's Selling of the Security without his being an approved "Broker/ Dealer" would also be a felony offense under the Securities Act.

On March 11th, 2003 affiant was advised by Consumer Fraud co worker Criminal investigator John Lemerond that Lemerond had gone to The Frost Bank building at 2211 Norfolk, Houston Texas and had spoken to leasing agents in the building for the building and confirmed that Lanny Lown and One West Financial Services were present tenants in the building and did occupy Suite 420 of that building.

During the course of this investigation, Bob Vernier ran an "Autotrac" computer data base search on Lown by the above social security number and that data base search revealed a current residence for Lown at 4151 Bissonnet Houston, Texas 77005. Consumer fraud coal investigator Kelly Reed, affiant's coworker, has also run a computer data search of the Harris County Appraisal District's records, online, and those public computer records show 4151 Bissonnet Houston Texas to be currently owned by Lanny B. Lown and gives a second address of P O box 540147 Houston Texas, the same postal box as is contained in attachment "B" of this affidavit. Reed and Vernier have advised affiant of the above information.

Reed has also advised affiant that on March 11th and 12th 2003 he has gone to 4151 Bissonnet and observed it to be an expensive residence in the West University area of Houston and that he as observed several automobiles and vehicles at the residence at various times, at least one of which he has also observed parked at 2211 Norfolk, the Frost Bank Building during other surveillance of the office area over the past few days. Reed further advised that he has run motor vehicle registration on several of the vehicles and a 2002 Mercedes Coupe, Texas Plate 822 GCN that he has seen at the office and the Bissonnet residence shows to be registered to owner Lanny Lown at 4151 Bissonnet but at a fictitious zip code.

Wherefore, premises considered, your affiant would request that a warrant forthwith issue authorizing any peace officer of Harris County Texas to forthwith enter and search the above described offices of One West Financial Services and the 4151 Bissonnet residence with authority to seize the following items and materials as evidence and instruments of the crimes of Sale of Unregistered Securities, Sale of Securities by an Unlicensed or unregistered agent or person, and/or Theft, whether said items or materials are in written, printed or computer form:

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Your affiant would further request that said warrant also authorize any peace officer of Harris County Texas to arrest the person of Lanny Blake Lown for the felony offenses of Sale of Unregistered Securities and Sale of Securities by an unlicensed or unregistered person.

Tricia Mason

Tricia Mason, Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 12 day of March, 2003 A.D

Mark Kent

Magistrate Harris County Texas by the office of Judge 351
 District Court of Harris County Texas

