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Appeal No. A-003424-05T5

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 22, 2005, the Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County, filed Indictment Number 05-02-00121-I, which charged Defendant with computer theft, N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25b. (Sa4-5).

On April 17, 2005, Defendant filed a motion to suppress. (Sa6-7).

On September 22, 2005, Honorable Carmen H. Alvarez granted Defendant's motion to suppress. (Sa8), (1T8-9).

On October 19, 2005, the State moved for leave to file an interlocutory appeal. (Sa9-13).

On March 8, 2005, the Superior Court of New Jersey,

Appellate Division, granted the State's motion for leave to

file an interlocutory appeal. (Sal4).

The State's appendix is referred to as "Sa".

The t inscript of the first hearing on Defendant's motion to suppress, dated september 1, 2005, is referred to as "IT".

The transcript of the second hearing on Defendant's motion to suppress, dated September 22, 2005, is referred to as "2T".

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On August 24, 2004, an individual accessed the Dynamic Account of Jersey Diesel via computer. (Sal). The individual changed the password of Jersey Diesel's Dynamic Account and made a number of requests for change of address information. (Sal). The Internet Protocol address (IP address) of the individual was 68.32.145.220. (Sal).

On September 7, 2004, Lower Township Court Administrator Elizabeth Byrne issued a subpoena duces tecum to Comcast Internet Service. (Sa2). The subpoena duces tecum demanded any and all information pertaining to IP address 68.32.145.220. (Sa2).

On September 16, 2004, Comcast Internet Service provided the name, address, and telephone number of Shirley Reid (hereafter Defendant) in response to the subpoena duces tecum. (Sa3).

POINT I

THIS COURT SHOULD REVERSE THE TRIAL COURT'S ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS

The trial court based its decision to grant Defendant's motion to suppress on three grounds: (1) Court Rule 7:7-8 does not authorize the service of a subpoena when no complaint has been issued; (2) the Lower Township Municipal Court Administrator did not have the power to issue a subpoena for an indictable offense; (3) the subpoena violated Defendant's reasonable expectations of privacy. (1T3:17-25), (1T8-9).

In <u>State v. Dyal</u>, 97 <u>N.J.</u> 229 (1984), a municipal court clerk, at the request of a police officer, prepared a subpoena that ordered a hospital to release the results of the defendant's blood test. <u>Id.</u> at 234. "At that time no proceeding was pending in connection with the accident, and nothing indicates that the officer made any showing of facts to support the issuance of the subpoena. Apparently, he simply asked the court clerk for the subpoena, and she complied with his request." <u>Id.</u> at 234. The hospital provided the blood test results to law enforcement on the date the subpoena was issued. <u>Id.</u> at 234. The following day, the officer issued a summons for operating a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor. <u>Id.</u> at 234-235.

Eventually, the blood test results were used to indict the defendant for death by auto. Id. at 235.

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, held that so long as the officer had a reasonable basis to support his conclusion that the defendant was intoxicated, the State could use the blood test results in its case against the defendant even though there was no case pending against the defendant at the time the subpoena was issued. Id. at 240-242.

Therefore, the trial court erred when it determined that Court Rule 7:7-8 does not authorize the service of a subpoena when no complaint has been issued and the Lower Township Municipal Court Administrator did not have the power to prepare a subpoena in this case.

In <u>State v. Domicz</u>, 377 N.J. Super. 515 (App. Div. 2005), cert. granted, 185 <u>N.J.</u> 268 (2005), the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, held that an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy in the records of his usage of power. <u>Id.</u> at 544-545. However, the court observed that a warrantless search for such records to discover only the identity of the property owner, rather than the content of his records, might not run afoul of either the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article I, Paragraph 7 of the New Jersey Constitution. <u>Id.</u> at 545-546.

See, State v. Jones, 179 N.J. 377, 391 (2004), (police corroborated an informant's tip by reviewing the defendant's utility records to confirm the defendant's telephone number); State v. Sullivan, 169 N.J. 204, 209 (2001), (police corroborate an informant's tip by reviewing utility records to identify the owner of the premises). "[T]here is a distinct difference between a warrantless review of utility records to ascertain the name of an occupant of property, on the one hand, and a review of records relating to the usage of power, on the other." Id. at 545.

In this case, it is clear that what the State sought to obtain through the subpoena was merely the name of the individual who was associated with IP address 68.32.145.220. The State did not attempt to discover the content of the communication made by that individual. Moreover, Comcast Internet Service provided only Defendant's name, address, and telephone number in response to the subpoena. (Sa3). Given the fact that the information disclosed as a result of the issuance of the subpoena was merely Defendant's identity, and not the content of her communications, messages, and conversations, the State contends, relying upon Pomicz, Jones, and Sullivan, that the trial court erred when it determined that the subpoena violated Defendant's reasonable expects sons of privacy.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons presented above, this court should reverse the trial court's decision to grant Defendant's motion to suppress.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

ROBERT TAYLOR
CAPE MAY COUNTY PROSECUTOR

BY

J/ VINCENT MOLITOR

ACTING ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

DATED: July 11, 2006

Jersey Diesel

"Stamatelakys, Katherine" < KStamate@Mail. Donaldson.com> From:

<jersey.diesel@verizon.net> To: Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2004 9:42 AM

Subject: Information you requested

Good Morning Tim.

Here is the information that our IT folks have found out about the email that came into us from your Dynamic. account. Please let me know if I can help any more and I will be sending you your new access in just a bit."

The IP address of the person in question was: 68.32.145.220. This IP is owned by Comcast Cable Communications, Inc in New Jersey. As of 2:30 this afternoon, that IP resolved to 'pcp08879590pcs.riogrd01.nj.comcast.net'. A quic's route to that host places them in Cherry Hill, NJ.

This session began with a sign-in at 9:57:56 AM on August 24th (2004). It appears they signed in correctly on the first attempt, indicating they knew the username and password After logging in it appears they went directly to the Account area. They changed the password of the account and then made a number of requests for a change of address information. Their last request was at 10:07:49 AM.

From the access log it doesn't appear that they were attempting to 'hack' the system. There is nothing malformed or malicious (from a technical standpoint) in the requests.

Kate Stamatelakys e-Commerce Specialist Donaldson Company, Inc. email: kstamate@mail.donaldson.com

Phone: 952.887.3630 Pax: 057 887.3716

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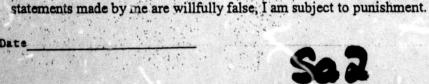
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vs.	Summons No(s).
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Defendant(s)	
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Court at 401 Breakwater Road, Erma, New Jersey of	
At3:00_o'clock P.M., on the part of LOWE	R TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT in the
entitled action, and that you have and bring with you	u and produce at the same time and place, the
following: Any and all information pertaining to	IP Address information belonging to IP address:
68.32.145.220, which occurred on 08-24-04 between	
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Failure to appear according to the command	of this Subpoena will subject you to a penalty,
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Comcast.

Consend F Services 1800 Bishops Gate Ber Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Office: 856,317,7272 Fac: 850,317,7315 www.corscast.com

September 16, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE
Detective Robert Smith, Jr.

Lower Township Police Department 401 Breakwater Road Erma, New Jersey 08204 FAX: (609) 886-4924

Ro: Subpoena

Case No.: 2004-021332 Our File #: 338384

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Subpoena dated September 7, 2004 with respect to the above-referenced matter has been forwarded to me for a reply. The Subpoena requests Comeast to produce certain subscriber records pertaining to the following Internet Protocol Address: 68.32.145.220, which occurred on August 24, 2004 between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. EST.

Based on the information provided pursuant to the Subpoena, the subscriber information obtained has been provided below:

Subscriber Name:

SHIRLEY REID

iress:

121 SHADELAND AVENUE

VILLAS, NJ 08251

Telephone #:

(609) 889-8166

Type of Service:

Residential High Speed Internet Service

Current IP Address:

68.32.145.220

IP Assignment:

Dynamically Assigned

Account Status:

Active

Account Number:

01925-223616-06

E-mail Address:

theprincezz@comcast.net

Method of Payment:

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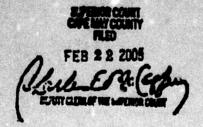
(No credit card numbers or account numbers on file)

If I can be of further assistance, or if you have dny questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at (856) 317-7214.

ery Truly Yours,

Sharma Austin
Policy Abuse Legal Analyst

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Case No. 04001367

JULY TERM 2004 **NOVEMBER SESSION 20.4**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CAPE MAY COUNTY LAW DIVISION (Criminal)

INDICTMENT NO. 05-02-00121-I

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

SHIRLEY REID.

Defendant.

Computer Theft NJSA 2C:20-25b 2ª Degree



The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Cape May, upon their cash present that SHIRLEY REID, on or about September 25, 2004, in the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely or knowingly and without authorization alter computer software existing internally or externally to a computer system, specifically, by changing the password and shipping address belonging to Timothy Wilson t/a Jersey Diesel; contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25L, and against the peace of the State, the Government and dignity of the same.

ENDORSED A TRUE BILL

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

Foreperson

2nd Degree



JOSEPH C. GRASSI, ESQUIRE BARRY, CORRADO, GRASSI, & GIBSON, P.C. 2700 Pacific Avenue Wildwood, NJ 08260 (P) (609) 729-1333 (F) (609) 522-4927 jgrassi@capelegal.com

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JE SEY

vs.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

SHIRLEY REID,

LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

Defendant.

Docket No. 04001367

CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE

I, Joseph C. Grassi, Esquire, hereby certify as follows:

- I am an attorney at law, licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey.
- 2. I am the attorney for the defendant Shirley Reid, who has been charged with computer related crimes theft under N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25.
- 3. In evaluating the items received in discovery. I determined that my client's identity and personal information were obtained through issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which is attached to this certification as Exhibit A.
- 4. The Lower Township Municipal Court issued this subpoena on September 7, 2004. The subpoena was issued by Elizabeth Byrne, the Court Administrator.
- 5. The subpoena was served on Comcast Internet Service by way of fax machine, and ordered the company to supply any and all information pertaining to IP address 68.32.124.220 regarding any use which occurred on August 24, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- 6. On September 16, 2004, Comcast supplied the information requested by the subpoena. The information provided by Comcast is also attached to thibit B.

- 7. The subpoena was issued illegally, since municipal courts do not have the authority to issue investigative subpoenas in indictable matters.
- 8. I thereby make this certification in support of a motion to suppress the evidence obtained by that subpoena.
- 9. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Bv:

Joseph C. Grassi, Esquire Attorney for Defendant

Dated: 5/17/05

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, ESQUIRE Cape May County Prosecutor DN 110 - Central Mail Room Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 (609) 465-1135

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

vs.

SHIRLEY REID,

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

: LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

: CAPE MAY COUNTY

: IND. NO. 05-02-00121-I

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ORDER

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court by Joseph Infusino, Cape May County Assistant Prosecutor, on behalf of the State, and in the presence of Joseph C. Grassi, Esquire, for defendant, Shirley Reid, and the Court having considered arguments of counsel and briefs submitted, and good cause having been shown; IT IS on this __ The day of Septender , 2005,

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that any evidence supplied by the defendant's ISP as a result of one service of a Subpoena Duces Tecum be suppressed.



ROBERT TAYLOR CAPE MAY COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE 4 MOORE ROAD CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ 08210 (609) 465-1135

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Criminal Action

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SHIRLEY REID

V.

Defendant, Respondent

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the State of New Jersey moves for leave to file an interlocutory appeal nunc pro tunc, R.2:2-4, R.2:5-6, of the trial court's decision to suppress evidence obtained from an internet service provider by way of a subpoena duces tecum.

> ROBERT TAYLOR CAPE MAY COUNTY PROSECUTOR

VINCENT MOLITOR

Assistant Cape May County Prosecutor



CERTIFICATION

I certify that this motion is filed in the interests of justice, in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.

J Vincent Molitor
Assistant Cape May County Prosecutor

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY - APPELLATE DIVISION

State of New Jersey,		ATTORNEY OF RECORD	l.
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ORDER ON MOTION

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JUDGE (S):

WEISSBARD SAPP-PETERSON

MOTION FILED: ANSWER(S) FILED: OCTOBER 24, 2005 DECEMBER 12, 2005 BY: STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY: SHIRLEY REID

SUBMITTED TO COURT: MARCH 08, 2006

ORDER

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THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN DULY PRESENTED TO THE COURT, IT IS ON THIS

DAY OF MUCH, 2006, HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

GRANTED

(X)

DENIED

OTHER

MOTION BY APPELLANT - FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

SUPPLEMENTAL:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION

M 05-02-00121-I

FOR THE COURT:

HARVEY WEISSBARD J.A.D

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION

Appeal Docket No.: A -003424-05T5

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
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vs.

SHIRLEY REID, Defendant-Respondent

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Sat Below: Hon. Carmen Alvarez

BRIEF ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT

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THE HONORABLE CARMEN ALVAREZ, J.S.C.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Plaintiff-Appellant

v.

SHIRLEY REID.

Defendant-Respondent

CENTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that five copies of the Brief on Behalf of Respondent, Shirley Reid, were mailed to John Chacko, Clerk, Appellate Division, Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-006, Trenton, NJ 08625 by overnight mail on August 9, 2006.

I certify that on August 9, 2006, two copies of the Brief on Behalf of Respondent, Shirley Reid, were mailed to and served upon J. Vincent Molitor, Assistant Prosecutor, Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, 4 Moore Road, DN 110, CMCH, NJ 08210 by regular mail.

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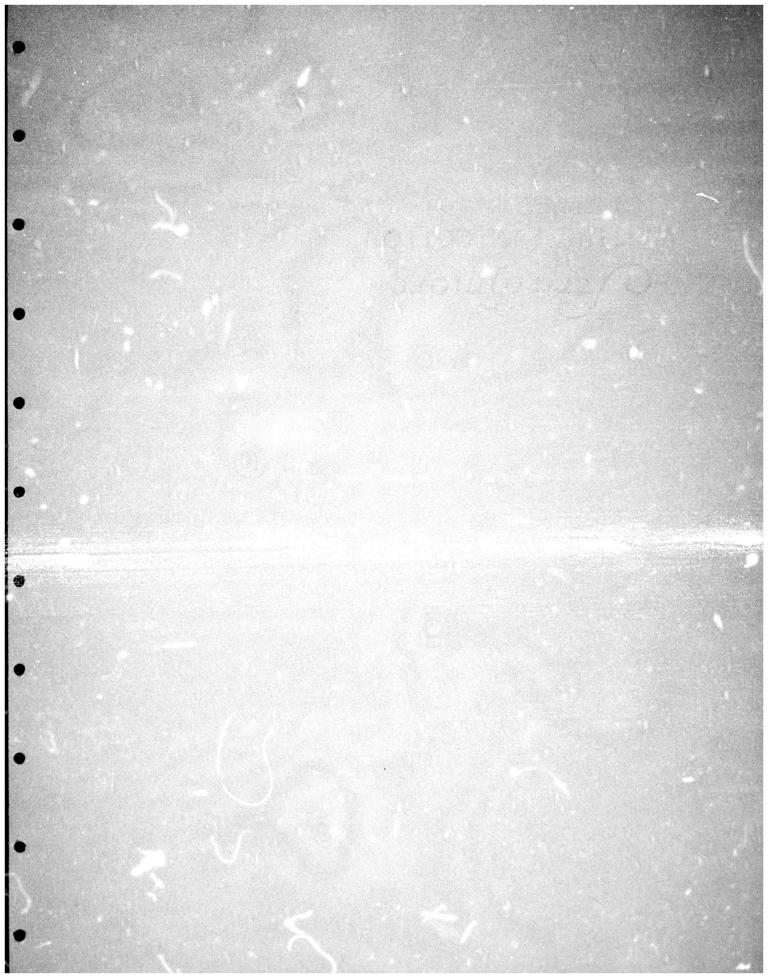
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The state's appeal arises from an order suppressing the identification of defendant's IP address by her Internet Service Provider to a Lower Township Police Officer in response to an office subpoena.

The subpoena was captioned in the municipal court, although no application for its issuance was made to the municipal judge, and no complaint had been filed in the municipal court, or any other court.

The trial court found that the subpoena was defective, and further found that the violation was of constitutional dimension, requiring suppression of the evidence. The state sought and was granted leave to file an interlocutory appeal of the trial court's decision to suppress.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 7, 2004, Detective Robert Smith of the Lower Township Police Department asked the Lower Township Municipal Court Administrative Clerk, Elizabeth Byrne, to issue a subpoena duces tecum. Appendix 1) This subpoena was facially returnable on the day it was issued. Smith made no proffer to the court and there was no complaint filed against Shirley Reid at that time. This subpoena was then faxed to Shamma Austin, a Comcast employee. Comcast provided the requested information.

Based on the information gathered from this subpoena, a complaint was filed against Shirley Reid on September 25, 2004. Reid was later indicted on February 22, 2005, by the grand jury in Cape May County for computer theft, a second degree crime under N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25b. (Appendix 2)

The defendant made a motion to dismiss, based on the fact the araction was deminimis and should not be prosecuted. This motion was denied by the court. The defendant thereafter made a motion to suppress any evidence gathered as a result of the defective subpoena.

On September 22, 2005, the Honorable Carmen Alvarez, J.S.C. granted the defendant's motion to suppress any evidence supplied by the defendant's ISP as a result of the service of the subpoena duces tecum. (Appendix 3) The Appellate Division granted the state's motion for leave to file an interlocutory appeal on March 8, 2006.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The relevant portions of the statement of the case are as follows:

On August 27, 2004, Patrolman Charles Fitzmaurice of the Lower Township Police Department handled a walk-in complaint by Timothy Wilson regarding theft via the computer. Wilson, owner of Jersey Diesel, told police someone had broken into his computer system on August 24, 2004 and changed his shipping address and password for all of his suppliers. The shipping address was changed to an address that does not exist.

During his conversation with the patrolman, Wilson mentioned that Shirley Reid, an employee who had been out on disability leave, could have made the changes to his account. Wilson said Reid reported for work on August 24 and was not happy with the decision to place her on light duty. An argument ensued between Wilson and Reid, and Reid left the premises. Wilson added that Reid was the only person in the company that knew the company password and ID.

Wilson learned changes had been made to his password and shipping address through one of his suppliers and started to investigate the changes. He discovered the changes were made by someone with an IP address which was owned by Comcast. Wilson then contacted Comcast to determine the name of the person responsible and was informed that he needed a subpoena before Comcast would release any information.

The case was turned over to Lower Township detectives. On Secember 7, 2004, Detective Robert Smith of the Lower Township Police Department went to the Lower Township Municipal Court
Administrator to obtain a subpoena <u>duces tecum</u>. At the time the
subpoena was requested, the detective did not confer with a
judge or prosecutor and there was no complaint filed against
Shirley Reid.

The subpoena was, however, issued to the Comcast Internet Service by Elizabeth Byrne, the court administrator of Lower Township Municipal Court. The detective then faxed the subpoena to Shamma Austin, a Comcast employee. The subpoena called for any and all information pertaining to IP address 68.32.124.220 which occurred between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on August 24. Of note, the return date of the subpoena was the same as the date of issue.

On September 16, 2004, Comcast responded to the subpoena and provided the detective unit with subscriber records which implicated Reid. An arrest warrant was issued by Judge David Deweese on September 29, and on October 8, Reid was arrested and charged with a computer related crime-theft pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25b.

I. THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY THE LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT WAS DEFECTIVE ON ITS FACE

Courts have long held that prosecutors may subpoen information or witnesses only so long as the subpoenaed information is returnable when the grand jury is expected to be seated. See e.g., State v. Stelzner, 257 N.J. Super. 219 (App. Div. 1992) and State v. Hilltop Private Nursing Home, 177 N.J. Super. 377 (App. Div. 1981). Additionally, "a prosecutor, unlike a grand jury, does not have the power to order any individual to appear before him." See State v. Foy, 146 N.J. Super. 378 (Law Div. 1976).

The subpoena issued by Elizabeth Byrne, Court Administrator of the Lower Township Municipal Court, commanded Comcast to attend and give testimony before the Lower Township Municipal Court regarding IP address 68.32.145.220 at 3 p.m. on September 7, 2004. This subpoena was issued on September 7th, which is the time day that Detective Robert Smith completed the subpoena and faxed it to Shamma Austin, a Comcast employee.

This subpoena clearly was only an attempt to find evidence and did not provide Comcast or defendant with any procedural safeguards, nor was it returnable to a grand jury or while a grand jury was in session.

The court in <u>Cavallaro v. Jamco Property Management</u>, 334 N.J. Super 557 (2000), explained that "the subpoena power is a significant one which must be exercised in good faith and in strict adherence to the rules to eliminate potential abuses."

Addition ly, in Crescenzo v. Crane, 350 N.J. Super 531 (2002),

the court held that "the power and authority to secure records is a profound one that must be exercised carefully. Failing to do so, those in violation must bear the consequences."

Therefore, the court was correct in suppressing the evidence which was gathered as a result of the defective subpoena.

II. THE LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AN INVESTIGATIVE SUBPORNA

Under Rule 7.1 of the New Jersey Court Rules, the jurisdiction of the municipal court is limited to disorderly and petty offenses, other non-indictable offenses not within the coverage of the Superior Court, violations of motor vehicles and traffic, proceedings to collect penalties, violations of ordinances, and all other proceeds granted by statute.

We are dealing with an indictable offense in this case. The defendant was charged with theft under N.J.S.A. 2C-20-25b, which is a second degree crime. The investigative report of the I wer sownship Police Pepartment dated August 28, 2004, establishes that Shirley Reid was being investigated for theft by computer. (Appendix 4)

When the detective unit requested a subpoena from the Lower Township Municipal Court on September 7, 2004, they knew they were dealing with an indictable offense. No complaint had been filed against Reid at this time. The municipal court therefore did not have jurisdiction to issue a subpoena; and the subpoena request should have been made to the prosecutor, who could have issued a subpoena to the grand jury.

In addition, the State's reliance on State v. Dyal, 97 N.J. 229 (1984), is unfounded since the detectives in the present case did not even follow the protocols set forth in that case. In Dyal, the court held that "to obtain the results of a blood test protected by the physician-patient privilege, the police should apply to a municipal court judge for a subpoena duces tecum".

State v. Dyal, 97 N.J. 229, 232 (1984) (italics added). Even if one were to broadly construe the court's language to extend the holding in Dyal to apply to information not protected by the physician-patient privilege, the court still requires that subpoenas be judicially issued, which was clearly not the case here.

For the aforementioned reasons, the subpoena was defective and the evidence was correctly suppressed.

III. THE SUBPOENA VIOLATED THE DEFENDANT'S STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVACY RIGHTS

under the New Jersey Constitution. State v. McAllister (336 N.J. Super. 251 (App. Div. 2004). There the court held, on state constitutional grounds (N.J.S.A. Const. Art.1, §7), that individuals have a legitimate expectation of privacy in the records of their bank transactions. The court held that to obtain banking records, the State must first obtain a search warrant based on probable cause or provide notice and a reasonable opportunity to object to the issuance of a grand jury subpoena.

Similarly, NJ courts have found a state constitutional right of privacy ... the Internet. For example, in <u>Dendrite International</u>

v. John Doe No. 3 (342 N.J. Super. 134 (App. Div. 2001)), the court held that when a plaintiff seeks discovery from an ISP to disclose the identity of an anonymous web poster, the plaintiff must make an effort "to notify the anonymous posters that they are the subject of a subpoena" and "withhold action to afford the fictitiously-named defendants a reasonable opportunity to file and serve opposition to the application."

In the recent case of <u>John Doe 1 v. Cahill</u>, 884 A.2d 451 (Del. 2005), involving a defamation lawsuit, the Supreme Court of Delaware held that the plaintiff must first "satisfy a summary judgment standard before obtaining the identity of an anonymous defendant." In addition, the court stated that "the plaintiff must undertake efforts to notify the anonymous poster that he is the subject of a subpoena."

Does 1-6, a civil action filed in the United States District court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Civil Action 04-1241 - Order filed on Oct 13, 2004. There, in a ruling regarding discovery procedures, the court created a court-directed notice regarding the issuance of subpoenas in cases involving illegal music downloading. The court ordered any ISP that receives a subpoena to identify an illegal downloader must notify the individual before disclosing his name and must give him 21 days to move to quash the subpoena.

These principles govern this case. Shirley Reid was not notified by the court or by the ISP that her identity was being subpoenaed. Had she known her privacy was being violated, she could har a challenged this subpoena. Therefore, based on privacy grounds alone, the subpoena is defective and the

evidence gathered from the defective subpoena should be suppressed.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the subpoena issued by the Lower Township Municipal Court must be found to be defective and the ruling of the Honorable Carmen Alvarez, J.S.C., granting the defendant's motion to suppress must be upheld.

"Where evidence has been seized unlawfully, suppression of that evidence at trial ordinarily follows." State v. Novembrino, 105 N.J. 95 (1987). Any evidence gathered through this illegal subpoena should be suppressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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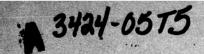
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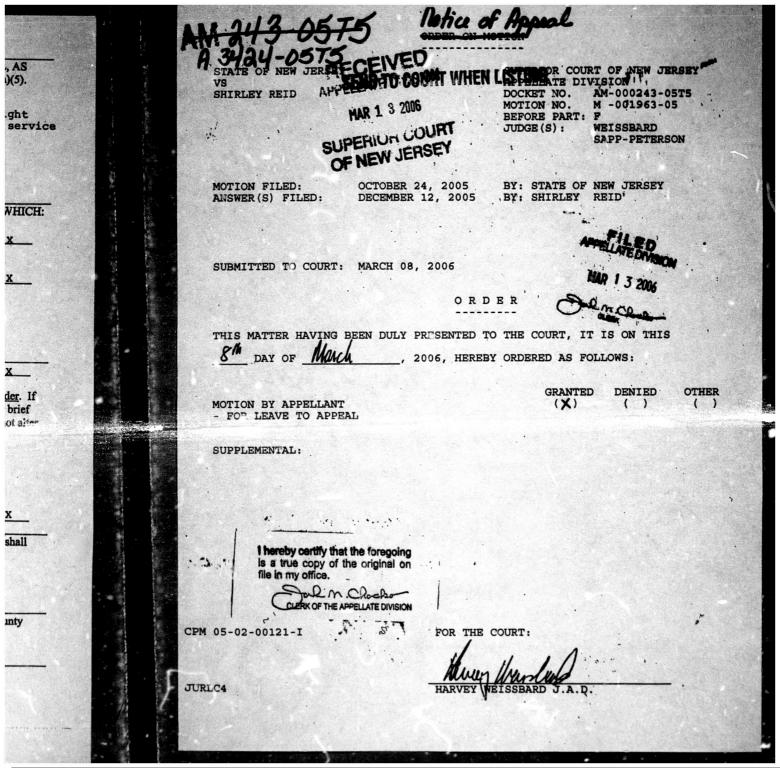
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