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10	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF) Case No.			
11	CALIFORNIA,) REPLY RE: DEFENDANT'S MOTION) TO TRAVERSE SEARCH WARRANT			
12) FOR GOOGLE EMAIL ACCOUNT;) REQUEST FOR EVIDENTIARY			
13	Plaintiff,) HEARING [PENAL CODE § 1538.5]			
14) DATE: February 20, 2020) TIME: 9:00 a.m.			
15	V.) DEPT: 52			
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18	Defendant.				
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21	I. INTRODUCTION				
22	The only allegations against Mr. in the search-warrant affidavit are, literally, that he				
23	exchanged "many emails" with so-called "co-conspirators," and that "ha[s] been identified				
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25	as [a] co-conspirator[] based on information received by SIU Investigators along with information obtained by law enforcement agencies associated with this investigation." In				
26	information obtained by faw emolecinest ages	notes associated with this investigation.			
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28	¹ See Exhibit A to Motion at page 9 of 16.				
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1	response to Mr. § 1538.5 motion, the People urge this Court to rely on supposed facts
2	from outside of the record. But the law forbids that. Courts may look only to the "four corners"
3	of the affidavit instead. ² The People also seek help from the <i>Leon</i> good-faith doctrine. But no
4	reasonable officer could honestly believe that this affidavit justified the seizure of all of Mr.
5	private emails from 2015-2018. ³ Finally, the People demand that this Court sift through
6	the record to determine if and when the independent source doctrine applies. But avoiding the
7	exclusionary rule is the People's burden, ⁴ and it has not been met here—especially where the
8	People only reference other evidence that is different from the emails that ought to be
9	suppressed.
10	For all of these reasons, every email that the People have seized from Mr.
11	suppressed, as well as any additional fruit of the emails that the People would seek to introduce
12	at trial.
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21	"That showing [probable cause] must appear in the affidavit offered in support of the warrant." <i>People v. Clark</i> (2014) 230 Cal.App.4th 490, 496-497. <i>See also id.</i> ("in reviewing the
22	sufficiency of the facts upon which the magistrate or judge based his or her probable cause
23 24	determination, we consider only the facts that appear within the 'four corners of the warrant affidavit.'") (emphasis provided).
25 26	See People v. Gotfried (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 254, 257 (holding that good faith "requires officers to have a reasonable knowledge of what the law prohibits") (citing <i>Leon</i> , 468 U.S. at 920, fn. 20).

See In re Rudy F. (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 1124, 1136 (holding that it is the People who "bear[] the burden of establishing that illegally seized evidence would have been obtained even

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without the illegality.")

II. ARGUMENT IN REPLY

A. The probable-cause analysis is limited to the "four corners" of the affidavit, and this affidavit does not establish probable cause.

Mr. motion argued that the warrant affidavit failed to show probable cause, and that "[t]his probable-cause analysis, of course, must be limited to facts in the affidavit." Motion at 5 (quoting *People v. Frank* (1985) 38 Cal.3d 711, 729). The People respond that the "idea that this court may not consider relevant outside evidence is not as clear as it seems"; and it offers an interpretation of case law that it asserts "muddies what would otherwise be a clear rule."

Opposition at 3. But the law is crystal clear; only the People's interpretation is muddy.

Frank squarely holds that all necessary facts must be stated in the affidavit, and that afterthe-fact justifications are forbidden. *Id.* at 729 ("[i]f the necessary facts are not stated in the
affidavit, it comes too late for the prosecution to attempt to fill the gaps after the defendant's
privacy has been invaded and his property seized"). The "muddying" phrase that the prosecutor
references is not part of any holding. It is merely an analogy, from an entirely different context,
stated to illustrate Frank's holding. "If the necessary facts are not stated in the affidavit," the
Court reasoned, "it comes too late for the prosecution to attempt to fill the gaps after the
defendant's privacy has been invaded and his property seized, just as it cannot belatedly justify a
warrantless search by facts of which the officer was unaware at the [time]." *Id.* But this analogy
does not describe the facts here. This motion does not address a warrantless search. It is a
warrant case where the People seek to backfill a deficient warrant with extrinsic evidence. The
rule that applies is Franks's holding, not the analogy discussed in dicta. The People's argument
is unpersuasive consequently.

The *Frank* rule remains black-letter law. *See People v. Hepner*, 21 Cal. App. 4th 761, 775-76 (1994) ("we recognize that a court cannot resort to facts outside the affidavit to determine whether it furnishes such reasonable cause" (citing *Frank* 38 Cal.3d at 729) (internal quotation marks omitted). "That showing must appear in the affidavit offered in support of the warrant." *People v. Clark* (2014) 230 Cal.App.4th 490, 496-497. *See also id.* ("in reviewing the

sufficiency of the facts upon which the magistrate or judge based his or her probable cause determination, we consider only the facts that appear within the 'four corners of the warrant affidavit.'") (emphasis provided).⁵

Under this test, the affidavit does not come close to establishing probable cause. First, the affidavit lacks probable cause for *anyone*. It largely provides conclusions, not facts. And only the latter can establish probable cause: "[t]he affidavit must set forth more than the 'mere conclusion" of the affiant that the items sought are located on the premises to be searched. *Aguilar v. Texas* (1964) 378 U.S. 108, 113, *overruled on unrelated grounds by Illinois v. Gates* (1983) 462 U.S. 213, 238. "The affidavit must present the magistrate with *facts* indicating the *circumstances* underlying the affiant's belief in order that the magistrate may judge their persuasiveness for himself." *People v. Clark* (2014) 230 Cal.App.4th 490, 497 (emphasis provided) (citing *Giordenello v. United States* (1958) 357 U.S. 480, 486). "*Conclusions* of the affiant unsupported by *underlying facts* cannot be used to establish probable cause. ... An affidavit must recite *underlying facts* so that the issuing judge can draw his or her own reasonable inferences and conclusions; it is these facts that form the central basis of the probable cause determination." *United States v. Underwood*, (9th Cir. 2013) 725 F.3d 1076, 1081 (emphasis provided).

This warrant is a classic example of conclusions substituting for facts. There is literally nothing to support the claim that Mr. was involved in a crime, or that evidence of the same would be found in his email. For all of these reasons, the warrant should be deemed invalid.

Federal constitutional law is in accord. *See e.g. United States v. Rubio* (9th Cir. 1983) 727 F.2d 786, 795 ("facts upon which the magistrate bases his probable cause determination must appear within the four corners of the warrant affidavit"). *International Molders' & Allied Workers' Local Union No. 164 v. Nelson* (N.D.Cal. 1987) 674 F.Supp. 294, 296 ("whether a warrant is adequate and based on probable cause are questions to be decided on the face of the warrant and its supporting affidavit The warrant cannot be supported by outside or after-the-fact information.") (internal citations omitted).

B. By demanding every private communication, without limitation, from 2015-2018, the warrant was overbroad and violated the Constitution's particularity requirement.

Rather than seeking specific evidence of a crime, this warrant authorized the seizure of "all account activity . . . all downloads, all received e-mails, texts or instant messages; all forwarded e-mails, all texts or instant messages; all sent e-mails, texts and instant messages; and/or all user created e-mails, texts, and instant messages for account . . .

gmail.com occurring between 10-08-2015 and 1-22-18." See Ex. A to Motions, at page 3 of 16 (emphasis provided). The warrant also permitted seizure of: "Any and all e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, IP addresses, or other identifying information involved with any access, or attempted access to this account during this time period"; "[c]onnection information for other computer [sic] to which the user of the above referenced accounts connected, by any means, during the connection period, including the destination IP address, connection date and time, disconnect date and time, method of connection to the destination computer, and all other information related to the connection of this ISP provider"; "[a]ny other records related to the above referenced Names and User Names;" and without any cause, "[d]ocumentation of any complaints made against the subscriber for inappropriate conduct while using Google gmail, if available." Id. (emphasis provided).

It is difficult to imagine how the scope of this seizure could be broader. As argued in Mr. motion, this overbreadth violates the Fourth Amendment's particularity requirement. The People respond that broad language in a search warrant can be saved when a "qualifying clause" is included—for example, language limiting the seizure to "[documents] that evidence dealings in controlled substances," to "evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of the crime," and so forth. Opposition at 4.

The People's claim that the warrant does not call for seizure of videos and other items is both a curious non-sequitur, and directly contradicted by the expansive language of the warrant in any event. Similarly, the point that the police only seized and read *three years* worth of private communications, without any other limitations at all, is cold comfort under the Constitution.

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But this warrant has nothing of the kind. Here is the relevant property to be seized:

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 1) All subscriber names, physical addresses, IP addresses or other identifying information regarding the creator and possessor of: All subscriber e-mail, text message, or instant message account information for account 2) and 3) The exact date and time of the creation of account # and i to include the account creators internet P address used for the creation of this account. Transcripts or copies of all account activity, including all downloads, all received e-mails, texts or instant messages; all forwarded e-mails, all texts or instant messages; all sent e-mails, texts and instant messages; and/or all user created e-mails, texts, and instant messages for account # and occurring between 10-08-2015 and 01-22-18. Any and all e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, IP addresses, or other identifying information 4) involved with any access, or attempted access to this account during this time period. This will include the sender's IP address along with all dates and times. Any and all email addresses, telephone numbers, IP addresses, or other identifying information 5) involved with any access, or attempted access to this account during this time period. This will include the sender's IP address along with all dates and times. 6) Connection information for other computer to which the user of the above referenced accounts connected, by any means, during the connection period, including the destination IP address, connection date and time, disconnect date and time, method of connection to the destination computer, and all other information related to the connection of this ISP provider. 7) Any other records related to the above referenced Names and User Names, such as, correspondence, billing records, records of contact by any person or entity regarding the above referenced Name(s) and User Name(s), and any other subscriber information, referenced Name. and any other Subscriber information, Subscriber's address(es), contact person(s), account opened date(s), Screen Name(s), /email address log(s), read mail, unread mail, sent mail, other screen names/email address(es) assigned to the account, credit card/payment information and any identifying information which would tend to identify the person(s) subscribing for service, such as dates of birth, social security numbers, credit card number(s), home and/or business address(es), and home and business telephone numbers. Documentation of any complaints made against the subscriber for inappropriate conduct while using Google gmail, if available. Search Warrant Page 3 of 16

Exhibit A to Motion, page 3 of 16.

There is simply no qualifying language. No other portion of the warrant provides limiting clauses either. The People are mistaken in suggesting otherwise. As a result, the warrant is overbroad, it lacks particularity, and it is invalid.

C. No well-trained officer could have believed that this warrant was valid, thus *Leon* does not apply.

The warrant's purported showing of probable cause as to was

During the course of this investigation, Trujillo, Taylor, Franke, Moore, and Miles, have been identified as co-conspirators based on information received by SIU Investigators along with information obtained by law enforcement agencies associated with this investigation.

Exhibit A to Motion at 9 of 16.

Under *Leon*, good-faith does not apply in four scenarios: 1) when a warrant is "so lacking in indicia of probable cause as to render official belief in its existence entirely unreasonable"; 2) if a warrant is "so facially deficient -- i. e., in failing to particularize the place to be searched or the things to be seized -- that the executing officers cannot reasonably presume it to be valid"; 3) "if the magistrate or judge in issuing a warrant was misled by information in an affidavit that the affiant knew was false or would have known was false except for his reckless disregard of the truth"; or 4) "where the issuing magistrate wholly abandoned his judicial role" in the warrant process. *United States v. Leon* (1984) 468 U.S. 897, 923. All four circumstances exist here.

In fact, a case that the People cite, *People v. Gotfried* (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 254, 257, provides a helpful comparison. *Gotffried* involved a significantly stronger showing of probable cause, yet it still resulted in reversal for the erroneous application of the *Leon* doctrine. There, the police obtained a warrant to thermally image a suspect's house to detect a marijuana grow.

The officer's probable cause statement included the following facts, among others:

On 9-23-98 your affiant received the following information from an anonymous informant. He/She stated that Frederic [sic] Gotfried was growing marijuana at his place of residence, that being 70450 Chadwick, space # 21, Jolon Road, Lockwood in the County of Monterey.

cause. Indeed, "[t]he requirement that, 'no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause,' has been the law of this land since at least 1791, when the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution were ratified." *Id.* at 266 (quoting U.S. Const., 4th Amend.) And contrary to the People's suggestions, what the officer may have known but failed to include in the affidavit does not change the *Leon* analysis. *See e.g. People v. Johnson* (1990) 220 Cal.App.3d 742, 750 (reversing for erroneous reliance on *Leon* when officer failed to corroborate tipster's veracity); *People v. Maestas* (1988) 204 Cal.App.3d 1208, 1221 (reversing conviction where "the record in this case strongly suggests that a well-trained police officer would have known that the affidavit in question failed to establish probable cause.").

For all of these reasons, the exclusion of evidence should result.

D. The People bear the burden of proof as to the independent source doctrine, and they fail to meet that burden.

The People claim that "if the court intends to grant the motion it must first examine each individual message to ensure that the People did not obtain the same evidence from another source." People's Opposition at 10.8

The People have it exactly backwards. It is not the Court's job to find an *absence* of independent sources. It is not the defendant's burden either. Indeed, "it is respondent, not [the defendant], that bears the burden of establishing that illegally seized evidence would have been obtained even without the illegality." *In re Rudy F.* (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 1124, 1136. *See*

For this reason, the People's claim that the affiant knew some other judges had issued warrants in the same investigation is another non-sequitur. The facts of those warrants were not described or incorporated into *this* affidavit, and there is no showing that they established probable cause as to Mr. in any event. The only question here is whether a reasonable officer could have honestly believed that *this* warrant and affidavit was lawful as to Mr. email account. The answer on this record is clearly no.

It is unclear if this is an actual argument that the People are making in this matter, or if this section is simply part of a boilerplate response to any suppression motion. See e.g. Opposition at 9 ("Thus, consent to a search, if sufficiently an act of free will, may purge the primary taint of the illegality.") (citing People v. Jaquez, (1985) 163 Cal.App.3d 918, 933.) There is no suggestion that Mr. ever consented to the search of his email account, so this argument appears misplaced.

also Murray v. United States (1988) 487 U.S. 533, 540 (describing the government's "onerous burden of convincing a trial court that no information gained from the illegal entry affected either the law enforcement officers' decision to seek a warrant or the magistrate's decision to grant it."); People v. Superior Court (Corbett) (2017) 8 Cal.App.5th 670, 682 (same, quoting Murray).

Importantly, out of the tens of thousands of emails seized, the People suggest that only 12 can be saved by the independent source rule. *See* Opposition at 10. But even for those 12 emails, the People seem to misunderstand the law. The People do not identify how, when, or why the same emails were found elsewhere, nor show that the discovery was untainted by their illegality. Instead, the People largely cite *distinct* exhibits *or oral testimony*, as if other facts in the case somehow saves illegally seized email. *See id.* That simply is not how the independent source rule works. The emails must be suppressed unless the People can demonstrate that the *same emails* were found somewhere else, independent of any illegality. Because they have not done so, all emails should be suppressed.

III. CONCLUSION

DDA Murray told the Grand Jury that "was the money guy . . . his main job was paying Uwaydah's bills and moving the money through this very complex system of companies in order to disguise where it came from and where it went. He was also instrumental in setting up a lot of the companies that we're going to be talking about. You're going to see his name all over secretary of state documents, all over government applications. His fingerprints are going to be on almost everything, and he's in constant communication with Uwaydah. *How do we know that? We have his emails.*" Grand Jury Transcripts at 39.

They *did* have his emails, but they trampled the Constitution to get them. The warrant wholly lacked probable cause; it permitted the mass seizure of Mr. private communications over a period of years, without regard to which evidence might actually show a

1	crime; it was so deficient on its face that no officer could have relied upon it in good faith; and				
2	the People have not shown an independent source for any of them.				
3	For all of these reasons, the Court should traverse the warrant that permitted the search				
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5	the seized emails or their fruit at trial.				
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