

**IN THE  
5TH DISTRICT COURT ST GEORGE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

<b>STATE OF UTAH</b>  <b>vs.</b>  <b>LECOU, NICOLE ANTIONETTE</b>  <b>Date of Birth: 1972-01-25</b>	<b>Affidavit of Probable Cause</b>
Arrestee	

The arrestee above will be released automatically 24 hours from the time of arrest unless a magistrate signs an order and such order is returned to the jail before that time. If the judge has refused to sign the order, the arrestee will be released within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 24 hours.

On 2024-06-05, at 02:31, the defendant was arrested for the offense(s) of:

	Offense Date	Offense Description	Statute	Gov Code	Severity	DV	Bail
1	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
2	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
3	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
4	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
5	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
6	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
7	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
8	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
9	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
10	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
11	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
12	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
13	2024-06-05	POSSESS FORGERY WRITING/DEVICE	76-6-502	UT	F3	No	0.00
14	2024-06-05	POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE I/II/ANALOG	58-37-8(2)(B)(II)	UT	F3	No	0.00
15	2024-06-05	POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE I/II/ANALOG	58-37-8(2)(B)(II)	UT	F3	No	0.00
16	2024-06-05	USE OR POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	58-37A-5(1)	UT	MB	No	0.00

17	2024-06-05	DRIVE ON SUSP/REVO/DISQL LICENSE FOR QUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCE	53-3-227(3)(A)	UT	MB	No	0.00
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I believe there is probable cause to charge the defendant with these charges because:

#### Arrest Narrative Report

1. Description of the arrest: FELONY COUNTERFEIT, FELONY FRAUD, FELONY DRUG POSSESSION PARAPHERNALIA

2. Date, Time, Reporting Officer: Wed Jun 05 02:32:29 2024 D IVERSON P218

#### Probable Cause Statement:

On today's date, I observed a black passenger car traveling north on Bluff Street near Main and Bluff. I watched as the vehicle was traveling in the outside number two lane and immediately turned right onto Main Street from the through travel lane at a high rate of speed. The turn signal was not activated and the vehicle performed an improper right turn by turning from the through travel lane and not utilizing the right turn lane. The car turned into the inside number one lane on Main St and not the outside number two lane designated for the right turn. I activated my overhead lights and the vehicle again failed to signal, making an abrupt right turn into the Denny's parking lot from the inside number one lane causing confusion for a vehicle in the outside number two lane who did have their turn signal activated to make a right turn in to the Black Bear Diner parking lot. The black passenger car then came to an abrupt stop taking up two parking spots on the south side of the Denny's. I made contact with the driver identified as Nicole LeCou by an expired California ID card she provided to me. I explained to her the reason for the stop. She apologized stating she was not from the area and she stopping at Denny's to get something to eat as she and her friend later identified as Holly Hankinson were just arriving from Las Vegas for the weekend. I gathered information and while waiting for Nicole to locate any sort of insurance information I requested K9 Officer A Ott to respond to my location. It took some time for Nicole to locate any real information on the car as the state return out of California showed the vehicle had not been registered since 2016, expiring in 2017. Ofc Ott arrived and deployed his K9 Emma and then advised me, Emma provided him with a positive indication for the odor of illegal narcotics coming from the car.

A probable cause search was conducted and I located in a bag later determined to belong to Nicole, a piece of tin foil with a brown tar like substance consistent with my training and experience to be black tar heroin. There was a straw smoking style device in the same location with what appeared to be suspected heroin residue. While searching the vehicle, officers including myself located many items consistent with counterfeiting, that included (9)\$100 bills in Nicole's wallet that were obviously counterfeit, printers, computers, templates, currency that had been "washed" to be used for making larger denomination bills, chemical agents consistent with the kind used in the manufacture of counterfeit bills, and other electronic and mechanical devices consistent with the production of counterfeit money. I located in another bag later determined to belong to Nicole, syringes with suspected heroin residue, a rubber container with several grams of suspected black tar heroin and other tooter straw smoking style devices consistent with heroin use. Post Miranda Nicole admitted to being the sole owner of the drugs and paraphernalia, admitted to the counterfeiting devices, equipment, chemicals and passing of counterfeit bills while in Mesquite Nevada. It was determined Holly was not involved

with the counterfeit production, or having any ownership of the drugs and related paraphernalia. After reviewing Nicole's criminal history, There are multiple convictions of dangerous drugs in recent years and the heroin charges are enhanced to a 3rd degree felony. Because of the number of items located, felony charges for counterfeiting will be broke down in to groups as follows:

- 1-Paper Cut-outs / Counterfeit Templates - Approx. 102
- 2-Counterfeit Templates containing \$100.00 Bills - 9
- 3-Transparent Counterfeit \$100.00 - 2
- 4-Forgery Misc. Supplies - 6
- 5-Washed Bills - 80
- 6-Watermark Maker / Template - 1
- 7-Cricut Light Board / Counterfeit Template - 1
- 8-Blank Counterfeiting Paper - 20
- 9-Epson Printer - 1
- 10-Epson Ink Cartridges - 12
- 11-Chrome Book Computer - 1
- 12-Counterfeit \$100 bills from Nicole's purse. - 9

Nicole is being charged with (12) 3rd degree felony counterfeit charges, 2 3rd degree felony drug possession charges for heroin and suspected methamphetamine, 1 paraphernalia charge for multiple items of drug related paraphernalia, driving in suspended/revoked with priors, and improper right turn. \*\*\*\*\*Nicole meets the statute and could be charged with (244) separate felony counterfeiting charges\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Nicole was learned to have reserving a room at the Econolodge Inn here in St George. She has no ties to the St George area, and was believed to be here specifically to commit counterfeiting related crimes. She has who she stated was a boyfriend in Las Vegas and it is believed Nicole will flee to Nevada and then possibly California as soon as she is released. Please consider based on the totality of the crimes she is being charged with, the felonies she could potentially be charged with and her flight risk concerns and place a NO BAIL hold on Nicole. \*\*\*\*\*

/s/ Arresting Officer Signature D IVERSON P218

I believe these to be additional condition(s) for continued detention:

	Felony committed while on probation or parole, or while free on bail awaiting trial on a previous felony charge (they were out on probation or parole).
	- See the details provided in the main narrative above, if any.
	The person would constitute a substantial danger to any other person or to the community, or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court (they pose a threat to the public and/or they are a flight risk).
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Officer Name: Doug Iverson	Badge ID: P218	Phone Number: (435)627-4300
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I am a sworn officer with: St George Police Department	
Arresting agency case number: 24P015030	Associated citation number:

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Doug Iverson

**SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Washington County Sheriff's Office		Booking agency ORI: UT0270000
Booking case number: 2404042A	SID: 0	OTN: 66790411
Booking userID: kristoph	Booking date/time: 2024-06-05 02:30	Submission ID: