

Declaration of Legal Investigations Support Analyst

1. I, Nikki Adeli, am a Policy Specialist on the Legal Investigations Support team at Google LLC (“Google”). I have worked in this role since September 2019. In my role on this team, I am a duly authorized custodian of records for Google, and am responsible in part for analyzing U.S. domestic legal process for validity; asserting objections when appropriate; and searching for, collecting, and producing records in response to U.S. domestic legal process directed to Google, including for search warrants that seek to identify who may have searched for certain words or phrases on Google’s products and services. I have personal knowledge of the information in this declaration and could testify competently thereto if called as a witness.

Background on Google’s Procedures for Responding to Legal Process

2. Google receives legal process from governmental agencies around the world that ask Google to disclose information about Google users. Google reviews each piece of legal process to ensure that it satisfies applicable law, works to narrow legal process when it is overbroad, and also objects to producing user information when appropriate. One category of compulsory legal process that Google receives is U.S. domestic search warrants that direct Google to identify to issuing law enforcement which users of Google Search (and often Google Maps), if any, searched for specific words or phrases during a specified period of time.

3. To help ensure legal and privacy protections for Google users and to guard against overbroad disclosures, Google requires that the search parameters for such warrants be specific and narrowly tailored to reveal information connected to the alleged crime under investigation. Google generally employs a staged process that includes de-identification and narrowing measures when responding to this category of search warrants.

4. First, a member of the Google LIS team creates a text-based query (that can include letters, numbers, or characters) based on the requirements of the warrant. That query is then run over the records of searches conducted through Google Search and Maps. It has been reported by Google and publicly that Google Search has more than 1 billion average monthly users, and each day, Google Search receives billions of queries. *See, e.g.*, Alphabet Q4 2015 Earnings Call (Feb. 1, 2016) *available at* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgDBpPy1xi4> (CEO Sundar Pichai acknowledging at 18:45 that Search had 1 billion monthly active users); Danny Sullivan, Google, “How Google updates Search to improve your results” (June 2, 2021), <https://blog.google/products/search/how-we-update-search-improve-results/>; *see also* Popular Science, “Google Has 7 Products With 1 Billion Users” (Feb. 26, 2016) *available at* <https://www.popsci.com/google-has-7-products-with-1-billion-users/>.

5. Before running this query, Google and its records custodians do not know which, if any, users may have undertaken searches that would be responsive to the warrant in question. Moreover, even if a user conducted a responsive search during the relevant time period, records of that query may not exist at the time the Google LIS team conducts the query. This is because searches conducted from an authenticated user's account can be deleted by the user either manually or automatically based on the user's account settings.

6. The results of that query are returned to the LIS team member in the form of a CSV file that reflects queries containing the specified search term(s). Depending on the requirements of the warrant, Google may limit the results to queries that contain only the search terms listed in the warrant and no other words or, more commonly, the results may extend to queries that include the specified search terms as part of a query that contains other words. For example, a search warrant might compel Google to produce every query containing the phrase

“1600 Amphitheatre Parkway.” The results returned on that query may include queries for “1600 Amphitheatre Parkway” along with additional terms like “Mountain View, CA”, “94043” or “Google Headquarters”. Where a search warrant specifies a search for only an exact phrase, Google would conduct a query for only that exact phrase and not other, broader phrases.

7. The CSV results are then de-identified by the analyst (explained more below) to truncate account-identifying information in the results. The de-identified “production version” of the potentially responsive data typically includes the following categories of information: (1) the date and time of the search, (2) coarse location information inferred from the IP address from which the search was conducted, (3) the Query (search query entered by the user), (4) the Result (the result generated by Google from a user’s queried search), (5) the Host (the Google domain name that the user contacted (e.g., google.com and google.fr.)), (6) the Request (the latter part of the URL, following the host, that is associated with the user’s search. ‘GET’ and ‘POST’ distinguish background requests made of Google’s servers), (7) a truncated Google identifier (known as a GAIA ID), if the search was conducted from an authenticated user’s account, or a truncated version of a Browser Cookie ID, if the search was not conducted from an authenticated user’s account and (8) the associated user agent string. An LIS analyst de-identifies the data produced to the government at this step by truncating either the GAIA ID or the Browser Cookie ID, as applicable, before making a production. Google’s policies and practices regarding the scope of information included in this initial production may have differed in the past, including during the time period in this matter.

8. This de-identified production is then produced to the issuing law enforcement agency for it to determine if any of these de-identified results might be relevant to its investigation. For example, an initial de-identified production from Google might show that

seven users searched for a partial address during a particular time period, but law enforcement who reviews that de-identified production might exclude any searches where the complete query revealed additional search terms reflecting the address search was for a different city or state than the one of relevance to the investigation.

9. Next, if the initial search warrant further authorizes the law enforcement agency to seek identifying information about responsive users, the government can compel Google to provide additional information for those users the government has determined to be relevant to its investigation based on the de-identified production. For queries that included a truncated GAIA ID, this information includes the IP address associated with the search (if available), the full GAIA ID, and basic subscriber information for that GAIA ID, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(2). For queries that included a truncated Browser Cookie ID, this additional information includes the IP address associated with the search (if available) and a full Browser Cookie ID. If the initial search warrant does not authorize the government to seek identifying information about responsive users, Google requires that the government apply for an additional warrant authorizing disclosure of identifying information for those users relevant to its investigation.

10. Government agencies from around the world ask Google to disclose user information. We carefully review each request to make sure it satisfies applicable laws. Google does not provide templates or sample language to law enforcement for their search warrants that might direct Google to identify to issuing law enforcement which users of Google Search (and often Google Maps), if any, searched for specific words or phrases during a specified period of time. If a search warrant asks for too much information, Google tries to have it narrowed, and in some cases Google objects to producing any information at all.

The Search Warrants in This Matter

11. In this case, Google received a search warrant (Google Reference No. 4061789) dated October 1, 2020. It requested information about any and all Google users that searched for the following terms between July 22, 2020, at 00:01 MST and August 5, 2020, at 0245 MST:

“5312 Truckee”
“5312 Truckee St”
“5312 Truckee Street”
“5312 N Truckee St”
“5312 N. Truckee St.”
“5312 N. Truckee St”
“5312 N Truckee St.”
“5312 North Truckee”
“5312 North Truckee Street”

The warrant did not comply with Google’s policy regarding de-identification of responsive productions, and was escalated to outside counsel for Google. Google understands that the warrant was thereafter withdrawn, and Google did not produce data in response to it.

12. Google received a second search warrant (Google Reference No. 4120751) dated October 20, 2020. Seeking the same set of information as the first warrant, and including language regarding de-identification that again did not comply with Google’s policy regarding de-identification of responsive data for this type of search warrant, and it was escalated to outside counsel for Google. Google understands that this search warrant was thereafter withdrawn, and Google did not produce data in response to it.

13. Google received a third search warrant (Google Reference No. 4754430) dated November 19, 2020, that was submitted to Google’s online system, the Law Enforcement Response System, through Detective Ernest Sandoval’s verified account on that same day. The warrant requested information about any Google users that searched the following terms between July 22, 2020, at 00:01 MST and August 5, 2020, at 0245 MST:

“5312 Truckee”

“5312 Truckee St”
“5312 Truckee Street”
“5312 N Truckee St”
“5312 N. Truckee St.”
“5312 N. Truckee St”
“5312 N Truckee St.”
“5312 North Truckee”
“5312 North Truckee Street”

The warrant directed Google to produce anonymized information and the IP addresses used to conduct relevant searches. The warrant also indicated that the government could seek additional legal process for basic subscriber information for any users deemed relevant to the investigation, but did not direct production of basic subscriber information for those users in the initial keyword search warrant.

14. An LIS analyst executed a query for responsive data based on the warrant parameters. The query returned 61 responsive searches that were associated with 5 unique GAIA IDs and 3 unique Browser Cookie IDs.

15. Consistent with Google’s policies as described above, the LIS analyst in this matter de-identified the “production copy” of the results and produced the de-identified results to the government. The initial production file included the fields set forth in paragraph 7, and also a field containing IP address information as required by the warrant. A true and correct copy of Google’s transmittal letter that accompanied this production is attached as Exhibit A.

16. Here, the warrant did not authorize the production of basic subscriber information without additional legal process. On December 8, 2020, Google received an additional search warrant (Google Reference No. 5147305) dated December 4, 2020 from Detective Sandoval seeking information associated with the 5 truncated GAIA IDs from the deidentified production. In response to this warrant, Google produced only the basic subscriber information for the five accounts. A true and correct copy of Google’s transmittal letter that accompanied this production

is attached as Exhibit B. Google objected to the warrant to the extent it required disclosure of content or other records based on a truncated GAIA ID and advised that new legal process would be required to obtain additional information.

17. I am unaware of any errors in attribution associated with the queries conducted in response to RSH warrants and have no reason to believe there is any attribution error.

Executed on June 17, 2022 at Austin Texas

By:  56DEAB57D243496...

Nikki Adeli

Exhibit A



11/25/20

Detective Ernest Sandoval
Denver Police Department (CO)
1331 Cherokee St.
Denver, CO 80204

**Re: Search Warrant dated November 19, 2020 (Google Ref. No. 4754430)
20-472026**

Dear Detective Sandoval:

Pursuant to the Search Warrant issued in the above-referenced matter, we have conducted a diligent search for documents and information accessible on Google's systems that are responsive to your request. Our response is made in accordance with state and federal law, including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. See 18 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.

Accompanying this letter is responsive information to the extent reasonably accessible from our system associated with the Google search term(s), *5312 TRUCKEE, 5312 TRUCKEE ST, 5312 TRUCKEE STREET, 5312 N TRUCKEE ST, 5312 N. TRUCKEE ST., 5312 N. TRUCKEE ST, 5312 N TRUCKEE ST., 5312 NORTH TRUCKEE, 5312 NORTH TRUCKEE STREET*, as specified in the Search Warrant. We have also included a signed Certificate of Authenticity which includes a list of hash values that correspond to each file contained in the production. Google may not retain a copy of this production but does endeavor to keep a list of the files and their respective hash values. To the extent any document provided herein contains information exceeding the scope of your request, protected from disclosure or otherwise not subject to production, if at all, we have redacted such information or removed such data fields.

Based on the number of search results, the file produced contains truncated GaiaIDs for signed-in users and truncated cookie IDs for non-signed-in users. For the search results that law enforcement narrows and finds to be relevant to the investigation, law enforcement may request under this search warrant the non-truncated information by emailing USLawEnforcement@google.com with the Google reference number in the Subject Line and the truncated identifier requested. Google may provide basic subscriber information as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(2) with non-truncated GaiaIDs in response, if the non-truncated search results remain available from this search warrant. Once such information is produced, further information relating to other non-truncated identifiers cannot be provided without a new reverse search warrant. The truncated identifiers are not valid target identifiers that can be used to search for information separately from this search warrant.

Finally, in accordance with Section 2706 of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Google may request reimbursement for reasonable costs incurred in processing your request.

Under Google's user notice policy, Google will notify the users of the Google accounts identified unless such notice is prohibited by law (e.g., non-disclosure order).

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For a Google Custodian of Records, we will require a subpoena and confirmation from you of the time and date of the appearance, the scope of testimony, any Google Reference Number(s) associated with the case, and the travel for the appearance at least one week in advance in order to identify, make the appropriate plans for, and prepare a custodian for trial.

Finally, in accordance with Section 2706 of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Google may request reimbursement for reasonable costs incurred in processing your request.

Regards,

Claire Cole
Google Legal Investigations Support



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify:

1. I am authorized to submit this affidavit on behalf of Google LLC ("Google"), located in Mountain View, California. I have personal knowledge of the following facts, except as noted, and could testify competently thereto if called as a witness.
2. I am qualified to authenticate the records because I am familiar with how the records were created, managed, stored and retrieved.
3. Google provides Internet-based services.
4. Attached is a true and correct copy of records pertaining to the Google search term(s), *5312 TRUCKEE, 5312 TRUCKEE ST, 5312 TRUCKEE STREET, 5312 N TRUCKEE ST, 5312 N. TRUCKEE ST., 5312 N. TRUCKEE ST, 5312 N TRUCKEE ST., 5312 NORTH TRUCKEE, 5312 NORTH TRUCKEE STREET*, with Google Ref. No. 4754430 ("Document"). Accompanying this Certificate of Authenticity as Attachment A is a list of hash values corresponding to each file produced in response to the Search Warrant.
5. The Document is a record made and retained by Google. Google servers record this data automatically at the time, or reasonably soon after, it is entered or transmitted by the user, and this data is kept in the course of this regularly conducted activity and was made by regularly conducted activity as a regular practice of Google.
6. The Document is a true duplicate of original records that were generated by Google's electronic process or system that produces an accurate result. The accuracy of Google's electronic process and system is regularly verified by Google.
7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____/s/ Claire Cole_____
(Signature of Records Custodian)

Date: 11/25/20

Claire Cole
(Name of Records Custodian)

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Attachment A: Hash Values for Production Files (Google Ref. No. 4754430)

4754430.Search.2.csv:

MD5- 43d9b525bae7d4d5b69dfe927f4802e8

SHA512-

bdcdf6c12f93e37cf2fa8e13ca6860c78fcda2b191d7fd2baace00e7a2eff9e24e8dae034200b98c3d9
9397236ba208b6271c666e0c79882add5932654665f3

4754430.Search.csv:

MD5- cfee99354222ce6dea3830023caab0ac

SHA512-

fa9d80a1b10ddc66d492556a31f050b15ccfc46c88550a34a036081a799c99b877be2ad1219004550
2880b64463ebe322b7fd61b64417397a2163bc01d7d015f

Exhibit B



12/22/20

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**Re: Search Warrant dated December 04, 2020 (Google Ref. No. 5147305)
2020-472026**

Dear Detective Sandoval:

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We understand that you are seeking content or other records associated with truncated GaiaIDs for signed-in users surfaced from a reverse search history warrant (Google Ref. No. 4754430). Truncated identifiers are not valid target identifiers that can otherwise be used to search for information. Truncated GaiaIDs identifiers are used only for distinguishing signed-in users in the reverse search history results. Pursuant to the anonymization and narrowing required for reverse search history warrants, Google has only provided basic subscriber information, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2703(c)(2), for the requested truncated GaiaIDs. If you require content or other records for these accounts, you may submit new legal process specifically identifying that account by its email address or other unique Google identifier.

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5. The Document is a record made and retained by Google. Google servers record this data automatically at the time, or reasonably soon after, it is entered or transmitted by the user, and this data is kept in the course of this regularly conducted activity and was made by regularly conducted activity as a regular practice of Google.
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_____/s_ Kody Sun _____
(Signature of Records Custodian)

Date: 12/22/20

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Attachment A: Hash Values for Production Files (Google Ref. No. 5147305)

1095648799279.1095648799279.GoogleAccount.SubscriberInfo_001.zip:

MD5- 2324252e35401545b39bc0d8c434af99

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f34a5e2ed32fe6c184bfe5f7c7e19be00d66c0235b8453

4754430.Supplemental.1.csv:

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4754430.Supplemental.2.csv:

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5389485823.5389485823.GoogleAccount.SubscriberInfo_001.zip:

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18959d6c792d07c579cf40d603fe3cb45f3f2e6764827

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SHA512-

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9c8a290f4d21c532fb344d55ed3a1fb4e1a1f70e821387e