

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR POLICE OFFICER OF NEW YORK OR ANY AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SEARCH WARRANT

Proof by affidavit having been made this day before me by Special Agent Robert Mancene, shield #2829, of the Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations (DHS-HSI), that there is reasonable cause to believe that certain property, to wit:

a. A fragmentary bronze portrait head of the mature emperor Caracalla (“**Caracalla Head**”), dated ca. 211-217 A.D., measuring 8.5 inches tall, and valued at \$1,250,000. *See* Exhibit 2A (Photograph of **Caracalla Head**);

May be found at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10028 (**TARGET PREMISES B**) and that the above-described object is stolen and constitutes evidence of, and tends to demonstrate the commission of the crimes of, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the First Degree, Penal Law § 165.54, and a Conspiracy to commit the same crime under Penal Law § 105.10(1).

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED, between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., to seize the above-described property, and bring it before the Court without unnecessary delay.

FURTHER, given a) the professional assistance required to transport such a delicate antiquity, and b) the Met’s agreement to maintain the piece until the warrant’s execution, this warrant shall be deemed executed upon service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the affidavit is sealed, except that the affidavit may be disclosed by an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office in the course of the lawful discharge of his or her duties pursuant to a criminal investigation and/or prosecution, or upon written order of the Court.

This warrant must be executed within 10 days of the date of issuance.



Justice of the Supreme Court

Dated: March 3, 2023

