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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JEVANTE PRICE A/K/A FLAME

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: 5:14-MJ-1309

(Name and Address of Defendant)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about April 5 to April 10, 2014 in Wake County county, in the EASTERN District of NORTH CAROLINA defendant(s) did, (Track Statutory Language of Offense)

knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to commit an offense against the United States, that is to unlawfully seize, confine, decoy, kidnap, abduct, carry away, and hold for ransom, reward, and otherwise a person, and to willfully transport said person in interstate commerce using instrumentalities of interstate and foreign commerce, to wit, automobiles, public roads, and cellular phones, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a), and did commit at least one overt act in furtherance of said conspiracy, all in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1201(c).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

Official Title

facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

Yes No

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

April 10, 2014
Date

at

Raleigh, NC
City and State

William A. Webb
Name & Title of Judicial Officer

[Signature]
Signature of Judicial Officer

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original.
Julie A. Richards, Clerk
United States District Court
Eastern District of North Carolina

By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

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Affidavit for Criminal Complaint

Introduction

Your affiant, Special Agent Steven F. Jessup, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Raleigh Resident Agency, having been duly sworn, states the following:

1. I am a duly appointed Special Agent (SA) of the FBI and have been employed as such since February 12, 2012. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Charlotte Division, Raleigh Resident Agency, Raleigh, North Carolina, to investigate violations of federal law. Your affiant is primarily assigned to investigate violations involving illegal narcotics, criminal street gangs, criminal enterprises, violent crimes, firearms violations and interstate transportation of stolen property. Prior to becoming a Special Agent with the FBI your affiant was a Federal Air Marshal from September 2009 until February 2012. Prior to that your affiant was a Police Officer with the Atlanta Police Department from November 2002 until September 2009. Your affiant has conducted investigations which have resulted in the arrest and conviction of numerous individuals involved with illegal narcotics trafficking, firearms violations, violent crimes and criminal street gangs. I have myself conducted as well as assisted other law enforcement officers with physical surveillance, search warrants, and arrests of persons involved in violent crimes, illegal drug activity, criminal street gangs, firearm violations and stolen property.
2. This affidavit is submitted in support of the Criminal Complaints filed against JENNA PAULIN MARTIN, TIANA MAYNARD A/K/A TIANA BROOKS, JEVANTE PRICE A/K/A FLAME, MICHAEL MONTREAL GOODEN A/K/A "HOT", and CLIFTON JAMES ROBERTS. The

information contained in this affidavit is based on my knowledge of facts and evidence obtained during the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigation of the kidnapping of Frank Janssen. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the purpose of establishing probable cause for the issuance of an arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation, and have set forth only those facts I believe are necessary for said purpose.

3. Beginning at an exact time unknown, but no later than April 5, 2014, and continuing through April 10, 2014, JENNA PAULIN MARTIN, TIANA MAYNARD A/K/A TIANA BROOKS, JEVANTE PRICE A/K/A FLAME, MICHAEL MONTREAL GOODEN A/K/A "HOT", and CLIFTON JAMES ROBERTS, and others known to law enforcement, engaged in a conspiracy to kidnap Frank Janssen.
4. At all times material to this affidavit, Frank Janssen was an individual residing in the city of Wake Forest, within the Eastern District of North Carolina.
5. On April 5, 2014, a heavy set white female knocked on Janssen's door. When Janssen opened the door he was assaulted by several individuals who tazed and subdued him. The individuals then forcefully removed Janssen from his home and placed him into a vehicle.
6. Janssen was then transported across state lines, using public roads, to the state of Georgia where he was held against his will at an apartment in Atlanta.

7. On Monday, April 7, 2014, at approximately 1:51 am, the victim's spouse, Christie Janssen, began to receive a series of text messages from a phone assigned number 646-478-6115. The messages were transmitted from a phone in Georgia. In the messages, the sender indicated that Janssen had been kidnapped. The sender of the messages stated, among other things, that
- a. Frank Janssen was in the trunk of a car on the way to California.
 - b. If law enforcement was contacted, "we will send [Mr. Janssen] back to you in 6 boxes and every chance we get we will take someone in your family to Italy and torture them and kill them . . . we will do drive by and gun down anybody," and "throw a grenade in your window."
 - c. Various demands must be satisfied or harm would result to Frank Janssen and others.

The sender of the messages made specific demands for the benefit of Kelvin Melton, an inmate at Polk Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina. Notably, Melton was previously prosecuted by Frank Janssen's daughter, and at the time of these events, was serving a state sentence of life without parole.

8. On April 9, 2014, at approximately 12:19 am, another demand text message was sent to Christie Janssen's cell phone, from a cell phone assigned number 404-640-6572. The message was transmitted from a residence in Atlanta. The text message included a photograph of Mr. Janssen tied up and seated in a chair. In a text message that accompanied

the photograph, the sender made other demands, and stated, among other things, "Tomorrow we call you again an if you can not tell me where my things are at tomorrow i will start torchering [Mr. Janssen] ... If we find out the police seen this we kill both people now and go for you family". The text message also indicated that another individual had been kidnapped.

9. Cell phone toll records for 404-640-6572 show that prior to the transmission of the second threatening text message, the user of 404-640-6572 received a telephone call from another cell phone, assigned number 404-957-6900. This call was also transmitted from Atlanta.
10. Cell phone toll records for 404-957-6900 include a history of 24 texts and calls with a cell phone assigned number 252-767-9296. The cell phone with number 252-767-9296 was identified as transmitting messages from Polk Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina, where Melton is incarcerated. The user of 252-767-9296 placed 99 calls to Melton's daughters. Melton's girlfriend identified 252-767-9296 as being Melton's number.
11. Analysis of toll records for 252-767-9296 also revealed 99 contacts with a cell phone with number 770-364-4134 between April 6, 2014 and April 9, 2014.
12. Based upon the foregoing, and other evidence, law enforcement monitored the text and voice communications on 770-364-4134. Through this monitoring, law enforcement gathered the following communications:

- a. At approximately 8:20 pm on April 9, 2014, a call was placed between 770-364-4134 and 252-767-9296 (the phone identified as belonging to Melton). At this time, Frank Janssen had still not been located by the FBI. The two male callers stated as follows:
- i. "The first spot we are checking out is close to the house"
 - ii. "We want to make sure its in a secluded area and the ground is soft so we can go 3 ft deep."
 - iii. "Get a bag, put it over his head, and stuff something in his mouth."
 - iv. "However you feel like doing it, just do it."
 - v. "Make sure to clean the area up. Don't leave anything. Don't leave any DNA behind"
 - vi. "Get some night time medicine and make him go to sleep."
 - vii. "Make him drink a whole bottle of Nyquil."
 - viii. "Let's do it in the wee hours of the morning."
 - ix. "Make sure it is not a half-assed job. Get bleach and throw it on the walls. Maybe do it in the closet."
- b. Following this conversation, as authorities attempted to enter Melton's prison cell to search for the cell phone assigned number 252-767-9296, Melton temporarily barred the door and smashed the phone.
- c. Later, at 10:40 pm, on April 9, 2014 during a call between cell phones assigned numbers 770-364-4134 and 678-544-7753, a male voice stated "FBI helicopters are outside. We gotta get rid of holmes." A

female voice on the phone with number 770-364-4134 responded, "I'm not going anywhere, FBI are all over."

- d. At 11:33 pm, on April 9, 2014, a female using a cell phone assigned number 770-364-4134 contacted a cell number assigned 678-544-7753, and stated "They got my kids". A male voice responded by whispering : "Did they find holmes at the place?" The female responded, "I don't know."
 - e. On April 10, 2014, at 1:01 am, a telephone with number 404-516-6486 called 770-364-4134 and a person stated, "They just kicked in your door." By the time of these statements, the FBI had previously made entry into an apartment in Atlanta and recovered Frank Janssen.
13. Notably, in the midst of the search and recovery of Janssen, the law enforcement searched a residence on Heyford Court in Austell, Georgia "Heyford Court Residence". Law enforcement searched this residence in an effort to locate Janssen. This residence was of interest because one of the phones traced to the second threat message was linked to this address. In conjunction with the search of the Heyford Court Residence, the children of TIANA MAYNARD A/K/A TIANA BROOKS were taken into protective custody when it was discovered that their mother was not present.
14. A short time after the recovery of Janssen, TIANA MAYNARD A/K/A TIANA BROOKS went to the police precinct to collect her children. MAYNARD arrived in a blue Chevy Tahoe driven by CLIFTON

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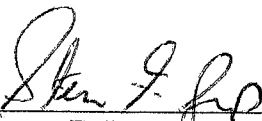
ROBERTS. JENNA MARTIN was also in the vehicle.

15. TIANA MAYNARD A/K/A TIANA BROOKS was found in possession of the telephone with number 770-364-4134. Upon investigation, the telephone with number 770-364-4134 was subscribed to by JENNA MARTIN. Inside of the Tahoe driven by MAYNARD, MARTIN, and ROBERTS, officers observed picks, a shovel, and a .45 caliber pistol.
16. Law enforcement later questioned a witness who revealed that MAYNARD and MARTIN admitted that they had participated in the kidnapping of Janssen. The witness conveyed that MAYNARD and MARTIN admitted to using a ruse to get inside of Janssen's house, to tazing Janssen, and to kidnapping him.
17. CLIFTON JAMES ROBERTS was the driver of the Chevy Tahoe at the time that MAYNARD returned to the police precinct to collect her children. ROBERTS admitted that the Chevy Tahoe was his, and that the shovel and picks in the vehicle were also his. The Chevy Tahoe also contained a .45 caliber pistol.

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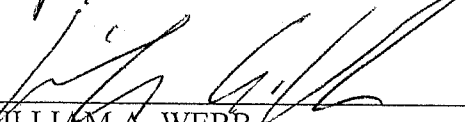
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18. In connection with the search of the Atlanta residences linked to the second threatening text message to Christy Janssen, officers encountered JEVANTE PRICE A/K/A FLAME, and MICHAEL MONTREAL GOODEN A/K/A "HOT". When questioned regarding the kidnapping of Frank Janssen, PRICE revealed his awareness of the kidnapping and acknowledged that he and GOODEN were supposed to be the "night watch" over the victim. PRICE further led agents directly to the location where Janssen was being held against his will.



Steven F. Jessup
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME IN MY PRESENCE THIS 10th DAY
OF April, 2014 AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.



WILLIAM A. WEBB
United States Magistrate Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.
JEVANTE PRICE
a/k/a "Flame"

Case No. 5:14-MJ-1309

Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) JEVANTE PRICE a/k/a "Flame"

who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment, Superseding Indictment, Information, Superseding Information, Complaint, Probation Violation Petition, Supervised Release Violation Petition, Violation Notice, Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

JEVANTE PRICE a/k/a "Flame" knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to commit an offense against the United States, that is to unlawfully seize, confine, decoy, kidnap, abduct, carry away, and hold for ransom, reward, and otherwise a person, and to willfully transport said person in interstate commerce using instrumentalities of interstate and foreign commerce, to wit, automobiles, public roads, and cellular phones, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a), and did commit at least one overt act in furtherance of said conspiracy, all

Date: 04/10/2014

Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Raleigh, NC

WILLIAM A. WEBB
Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) , and the person was arrested on (date) at (city and state)

Date:

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

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(Not for Public Disclosure)

Name of defendant/offender: _____

Known aliases: _____

Last known residence: _____

Prior addresses to which defendant/offender may still have ties: _____

Last known employment: _____

Last known telephone numbers: _____

Place of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____

Hair: _____ Eyes: _____

Scars, tattoos, other distinguishing marks: _____

History of violence, weapons, drug use: _____

Known family, friends, and other associates (*name, relation, address, phone number*): _____

FBI number: _____

Complete description of auto: _____

Investigative agency and address: _____

Name and telephone numbers (office and cell) of pretrial services or probation officer (*if applicable*): _____

Date of last contact with pretrial services or probation officer (*if applicable*): _____