

United States District Court

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 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 New Mexico
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LEON RAY SANCHEZ

Year of Birth: 1986

SSAN: XXX-XX-0883

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT SEP 2008

CASE NUMBER:

MATTHEW J. DYKMAN
 CLERK

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(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 September 5, 2008 in Sandoval county, in the state and District of New Mexico defendant(s)

who is an enrolled member of the San Felipe Pueblo Indian Reservation, did engage in the unlawful killing of another registered member of the San Felipe Pueblo Indian Reservation

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1153, 1111(a)

I further state that I am a Special Agent, FBI and that this complaint is based on the following

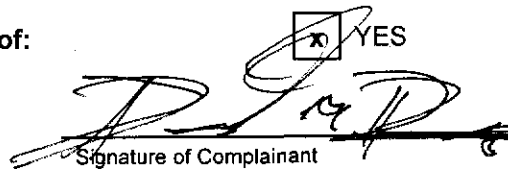
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facts: See attached Affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

☒ YES

☐ No



Signature of Complainant

DAVID M. ROGERS
 Special Agent,
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

September 8, 2008

Date

at

Albuquerque, New Mexico

City and State

W. DANIEL SCHNEIDER

U.S. Magistrate Judge

Name & Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Judicial Officer

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AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby depose
and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been employed in that capacity for approximately ten months. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Division and have primary investigative responsibilities in violent and other major crimes and federal violations. The information set forth in this affidavit has been derived from my own investigation or communicated to me by other sworn law enforcement officers or from other reliable sources.

2. On September 6, 2008, at approximately 9:30 am, the writer and other Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel responded to the scene of human body found within the exterior boundaries of the San Felipe Pueblo Indian Reservation, in Indian Country.

3. A registered member of the San Felipe Pueblo, later identified as NANCY SANDOVAL, date of birth 1960, was found dead and removed from the scene to her home with what appeared to be

1 multiple injuries including broken bones, lacerations, and
2 bruises.

3 4. Witnesses that found the body and participated in
4 notifying family and recovering the body were interviewed and
5 provided the following information:

6 5. On September 5, 2008, at approximately 10:00 P.M.,
7 NANCY told her family that she was going to visit her friend
8 LAURA VALENCIA, and that LAURA's son LEON RAY SANCHEZ was going
9 to give her a ride there. NANCY never arrived at LAURA's house
10 and she never came home that night. The next morning, family
11 and friends were out looking for her when she was found dead on
12 the ground in a remote part of the reservation. That area is
13 known by residents of the community as a place people go to
14 drink and have sex.

15 6. While members of the tribe were traveling back to the
16 scene to secure the body, they noticed a green minivan leaving
17 the area. They stopped the vehicle and asked the driver, LEON
18 RAY SANCHEZ, what he was doing. They thought his behavior and
19 answer was strange and nervous.

20 7. LEON RAY SANCHEZ was located at his house at
21 approximately 4:00 P.M. and interviewed by Special Agents of the
22 Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his interview LEON
23 provided the following information:

24 8. He was at home on the evening of September 5, 2008
25 with his family when NANCY SANDOVAL drove up with her daughter
26 CHRISTINE. NANCY informed LEON that she had some beer and was
27 going to smoke some "weed" later and asked if he would like to
28 join her and "hook-up". By "hook-up" LEON believed they would

1 have sex, which they had done together some years prior. At
2 10:00 P.M., LEON drove his mother's green minivan to NANCY's
3 house and picked her up. She directed him to drive to a remote
4 location where he thought she had beer stashed.

5 9. Once at the sight, he discovered that she did not have
6 any beer or weed and she said it was her, "time of the month"
7 and that they could not have sex either. LEON became very angry
8 and they argued. NANCY got out of the vehicle to walk home.
9 LEON could see NANCY walking back toward the road in the rear-
10 view mirror because she was illuminated by his brake lights. He
11 stated that he was angry and wanted to hurt her. He put the van
12 in reverse, stepped on the gas and steered the vehicle into her
13 body. He felt the van hit her and he continued to press the gas
14 causing the vehicle to drive completely overtop of her. He
15 stopped the vehicle when he could see her motionless body on the
16 ground, in the headlights in front him. He said he panicked and
17 left her there on the ground and returned home.

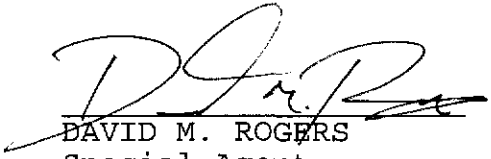
18 10. He went to sleep at approximately 1:00 A.M. without
19 notifying anyone of her injured condition. He believed she was
20 dead at that point. At approximately 6:30 A.M. he drove his
21 mother's van back to the scene and parked in a position to view
22 the body. After five minutes there, a vehicle was approaching
23 and he decided to leave. On the way back to town, that vehicle
24 stopped him and asked him what he was doing.

25 11. Agents inspected the green minivan and discovered
26 damage to the rear of the vehicle along with suspected blood and
27 human tissue on the van.

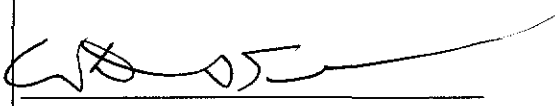
28 12. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit,

1 your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe
2 that on September 5, 2008, LEON RAY SANCHEZ, an adult male and
3 enrolled member of the San Felipe Pueblo Indian Reservation, did
4 unlawfully kill NANCY SANDOVAL, an enrolled member of the San
5 Felipe Pueblo Indian Reservation, and that the incident occurred
6 in the state and district of New Mexico and in Indian Country,
7 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and
8 1111(a).

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10 I swear that this information is true and correct to
11 be best of my knowledge.

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14 DAVID M. ROGERS
15 Special Agent,
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation

17 Subscribed to and sworn to
18 before me, this 8th of September 8, 2008

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20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
21 Albuquerque, NM

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23 Telephonically approved by AUSA
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