

# CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

# 10-171

<b>United States District Court</b>	DISTRICT Eastern District of Pennsylvania
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. ANTHONY RANSOM	DOCKET NO.
	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO.  10-1222

Complaint for violations of Title 18 United States Code § 2113(a) & 2; 18 U.S.C. § 751

NAME OF JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE  Honorable M. FAITH ANGELL	OFFICIAL TITLE  U.S. Magistrate Judge	LOCATION  Philadelphia, PA
DATE OF OFFENSE  July 12, 2010	PLACE OF OFFENSE  Philadelphia, PA	ADDRESS OF ACCUSED (if known)

**COMPLAINANT'S STATEMENT OF FACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENSE OR VIOLATION:**

**Count One:** On or about July 12, 2010, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully by force and violence, and by intimidation, took from employees of Citizens Bank, lawful currency of the United States, that is, approximately \$2,055, belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the Citizens Bank, the deposits of which were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**Count Two:** On or about July 19, 2010, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully by force and violence, and by intimidation, took from employees of PNC Bank, lawful currency of the United States, that is, approximately \$4,050, belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the PNC Bank, the deposits of which were insured by the FDIC.

**Count Three:** On or about August 12, 2010, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully by force and violence, and by intimidation, took from employees of FirstTrust Bank, lawful currency of the United States, that is, approximately \$680, belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the FirstTrust Bank, the deposits of which were insured by the FDIC.

**Count Four:** On or about August 17, 2010, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully by force and violence, and by intimidation, took from employees of TD Bank, lawful currency of the United States, that is, approximately \$1,600, belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the TD Bank, the deposits of which were insured by the FDIC.

**Count Five:** On or about June 27, 2010, the defendant escaped from an institution or facility in which he is confined by virtue of process issued under the laws of the United States by a United States District Court Judge.

**BASIS OF COMPLAINANT'S CHARGE AGAINST THE ACCUSED:**

SEE AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED HERETO.

**MATERIAL WITNESSES IN RELATION AGAINST THE ACCUSED:**

Being duly sworn, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT (official title)  John Coyle
	OFFICIAL TITLE  Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ANTHONY RANSOM

WARRANT FOR ARREST

CASE NUMBER: 10-1222

To: The United States Marshal and any Authorized  
United States Officer

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest ANTHONY RANSOM

and bring him or her forthwith to the nearest magistrate judge to answer a(n)

- Indictment
- Information
- Complaint
- Order of court
- Violation notice
- Probation violation petition

charging him or her with (brief description of offense)

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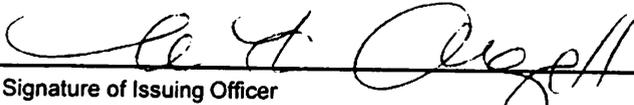
in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 2113(a) & 2 & 18 U.S.C. § 751.

Honorable M. FAITH ANGELL

United States Magistrate Judge

Name of Issuing Officer

Title of Issuing Officer

  
Signature of Issuing Officer

  
Date and Location

Bail fixed at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Judicial Officer

RETURN

This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named defendant at \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED

NAME AND TITLE OF ARRESTING OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER

John Coyle

## **AFFIDAVIT**

I, JOHN COYLE, being duly sworn, depose and say:

### **Background**

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code Section 3052, and as such, am an officer of the United States who is authorized to investigate violations of the laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States. I have been employed as an FBI Special Agent since 2005. I am assigned to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania FBI field office, and am presently assigned to the Violent Crimes Task Force, which investigates bank robberies, kidnappings, fugitives, and Hobbs Act robberies, among other violations of the law.

2. I am currently assigned to the investigation of the July 12, 2010 robbery of Citizens Bank located at 2516 Welsh Road, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the July 19, 2010 robbery of the PNC Bank branch located at 123 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania; the August 12, 2010 robbery of the FirstTrust Bank branch in the Pavilion at 261 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania; and the August 17, 2010 robbery of the TD Bank branch located at 710 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania.

3. I make this affidavit in support of an application for a complaint and warrant for the arrest of ANTHONY RANSOM, date of birth [REDACTED] for bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a), and for escape from a federal halfway house, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 751.

4. I base the facts set forth in this affidavit upon my personal knowledge, information obtained during my participation in this investigation, review of documents, knowledge obtained from other individuals including law enforcement personnel, and communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of enabling this Court to make a judicial determination of probable cause to issue an arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish the legal basis for the issuance of an arrest warrant.

### **Facts Establishing Probable Cause**

#### **A. July 12, 2010 of Citizens Bank**

5. At approximately 2:35 p.m. on July 12, 2010, a black male entered Citizens Bank, 2516 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The black male was later described by witnesses in the bank as wearing a black t-shirt and having a flashlight or head lamp affixed to his forehead. The black male presented to a teller a note, written on a withdrawal slip

robber's demands, and gave him cash. The robber then left the bank with a sum of cash later determined by bank employees to be \$2,055.

6. Bank employees summoned police, who arrived at Citizens Bank soon thereafter. Philadelphia Police Department officers collected the bank robber's demand note, which the robber left behind when he departed the bank. Security cameras inside the bank yielded photographic images of good quality, depicting the bank robber. The photographic images of the bank robber closely matched the description given by the witnesses. Images of the unknown bank robber were provided to the media, and were publicized in the Philadelphia newspaper and on the Internet.

7. The Philadelphia Police Department's Records and Identification Unit, Latent Print Section, analyzed the demand note referenced above, and located a latent fingerprint on the note. On 07/30/2010, police fingerprint analysis experts positively identified the latent fingerprint as being left by the right middle finger of Anthony Ransom, black male, date of birth 02/07/1966.

8. Further investigation revealed Ransom had served several years in federal prison for two bank robberies committed in Philadelphia in 2003. On March 9, 2010, Ransom was transferred to a halfway house, located at 600 East Luzerne Avenue in Philadelphia. On 08/03/2010, Your Affiant met with Ransom's case manager at the halfway house, and showed the case manager bank surveillance photographs, depicting the man who robbed Citizens Bank on 07/12/2010. The case manager immediately recognized the bank robber as Anthony Ransom, whom she had been supervising at the halfway house for several months. The case manager said she had seen the Citizens Bank surveillance photos of the bank robber in the newspaper on 07/15/2010, and she recognized Ransom as the bank robber at that time. The case manager said she had reported this information to her supervisor, and had incorrectly assumed her identification of Ransom had been passed on to the police and the FBI. The case manager said Ransom had been authorized to work at a restaurant in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. He last checked out of the halfway house on 06/26/2010, and never returned to the facility.

9. On 08/04/2010, Your Affiant traveled to a restaurant in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, and met with the proprietor of the business. Your affiant showed the proprietor the bank surveillance photographs of the man who robbed Citizens Bank on 07/12/2010. The proprietor immediately recognized the bank robber as Anthony Ransom. The proprietor had hired Ransom as a dishwasher in April 2010. Ransom last reported to work on the evening of 06/26/2010, and never returned to work after that date.

10. At all times relevant to this investigation, the deposits of Citizens Bank, located at 2516 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**B. July 19, 2010 Robbery of PNC Bank**

11. Between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on July 19, 2010, a male entered PNC Bank, 123 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania. Surveillance video from the robbery shows that the robber was a black male wearing a white t-shirt and sunglasses. Based upon the surveillance video, the robber appears to be the same person who robbed the prior bank, as set forth above.

12. The male presented to a teller a note, written on a bank slip. The note read, "This is A Robbery NO die PAcK LARge Bill." The teller complied with the robber's demands, and gave him cash. The robber then left the bank with a sum of cash later determined by bank employees to be \$4,050. The language of this note is substantially the same as the note from the prior robbery, as set forth above. In addition, in the opinion of Your Affiant, the handwriting on this note matches the note from the prior robbery, as set forth above.

13. At all times relevant to this investigation, the deposits of PNC Bank, located at 123 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania, were insured by the FDIC.

**C. August 12, 2010 Robbery of FirstTrust Bank**

14. Between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on August 12, 2010, a male entered FirstTrust Bank, 261 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania. Surveillance video from the robbery shows that the robber was a black male wearing a white t-shirt, and a blue baseball hat. Based upon the surveillance video, the robber appears to be the same person who robbed the prior banks, as set forth above.

15. The male presented to a teller a note, written on a bank slip. The note read, "This is a Robbery Stay CALm NO die PAcKs LARge Bill." The teller complied with the robber's demands, and gave him cash. The robber then left the bank with approximately \$680. The language of this note is substantially the same as the notes from the prior robberies, as set forth above. In addition, in the opinion of Your Affiant, the handwriting on this note matches the notes from the prior robberies, as set forth above.

16. At all times relevant to this investigation, the deposits of FirstTrust Bank, located at 261 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania, were insured by the FDIC.

**D. August 17, 2010 Robbery of TD Bank**

17. Between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2010, a male entered TD Bank branch located at 710 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania. Surveillance video from the robbery shows that the robber was a black male wearing a white t-shirt and a tan baseball hat. Based upon the surveillance video, the robber appears to be the same person who robbed the prior banks, as set forth above.

18. The male presented to a teller a note, written on a bank slip. The note contained substantially the same language (demanding money) as the notes used in the prior robberies, as set forth above. In this robbery, however, the male also stated that he had a weapon. The teller complied with the robber's demands, and gave him cash. The robber then left the bank with a sum of cash later determined by bank employees to be \$1,600.

19. At all times relevant to this investigation, the deposits of TD Bank branch located at 710 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania, were insured by the FDIC.

#### **E. Escape From Halfway House**

20. As set forth above, on March 9, 2010, defendant ANTHONY RANSOM arrived at the Luzerne Residential Reentry Center (Luzerne RRC),<sup>1</sup> located at 600 Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to serve out the remainder of a federal sentence for his prior bank robbery convictions. On June 27, 2010, at approximately 1:00 a.m., defendant RANSOM contacted the Luzerne RRC and stated that he had finished work, and was returning back to the halfway house. Defendant RANSOM never returned.

#### **F. Statement of the Defendant**

21. On August 26, 2010, after signing a written waiver of his Miranda rights, defendant ANTHONY RANSOM was interviewed by Your Affiant. The defendant was shown surveillance photographs from all four robberies, as set forth above. He identified himself as the bank robber in each of the four robberies. He also explained in detail how he carried out each robbery. The defendant then provided a handwritten statement, wherein, among other things, he apologized to the "tellers" for scaring and robbing them, but stating that he did not intend to hurt anyone. Defendant RANSOM also admitted that he escaped from his federal halfway house in the early morning hours of June 27, 2010, by failing to return there after work.

#### **Conclusion**

22. WHEREFORE, based upon these facts, Your Affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that on or about the following dates, ANTHONY RANSOM did commit, and aided and abetted the commission of, the following bank robberies:

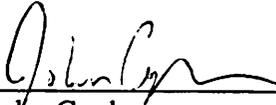
- a. the July 12, 2010 robbery of the Citizens Bank located at 2516 Welsh Road, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- b. the July 19, 2010 robbery of the PNC Bank branch located at 123 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania;

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<sup>1</sup> An RRC is more commonly referred to as a halfway house.

- c. the August 12, 2010 robbery of the FirstTrust Bank branch in the Pavilion at 261 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania; and
- d. the August 17, 2010 robbery of the TD Bank branch located at 710 Old York Road in Abington, Pennsylvania.

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) & 2. Your Affiant further submits that there is probable cause to believe that on or about June 27, 2010, RANSOM did escape from a halfway house, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 751.

  
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John Coyle  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of August, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

  
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HONORABLE M. FAITH ANGELL  
*United States Magistrate Judge*