

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**vs.**

**Case No. 3:16-cr-91-RV**

**AWALD EDWARD POKRANT JR.**

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

This statement of facts is submitted on behalf of the undersigned parties. All parties agree that if the above-styled case were to go to trial, the government could produce competent, substantial evidence of the following facts to prove the Defendant is guilty of the offense charged in the Indictment to which the Defendant is pleading guilty. The parties further agree that not all of the facts known from or related to this investigation are contained in this brief summary.

On October 4, 2016, Escambia County Sheriff's Office (ECISO) responded to an armed disturbance at 6801 Chicago Avenue, Pensacola, Florida. As a deputy sheriff arrived on location, Awald Edward POKRANT, Jr. (POKRANT) sped past the deputy in the driveway. After approximately a mile chase with emergency equipment activated and speeds

of 60mph in 25mph zones, POKRANT eventually pulled over, stopped, and was detained. POKRANT had numerous spots and smears of blood on his hands and legs. LEO transported POKRANT back to the location of the incident.

A female victim, L.T., was observed to have a large gash above her right eye, along with multiple spots of heavy bleeding on her arms. L.T. stated POKRANT became upset after she asked him when he would be moving out of her house. POKRANT began striking her with a framing hammer in her back and multiple times all over her body with his hands and fists. L.T.'s 73 year-old mother, E.H. witnessed the incident. There was blood splatter in numerous locations throughout the living room and hallway. A framing hammer was recovered from the living room.

While at the crime scene, LEOs observed a Glock pistol box and controlled substances including steroids. ECSO Narcotics investigators obtained and executed a state search warrant. LEO recovered a Glock, 9mm pistol; a Sig Sauer, 9mm pistol; 9mm ammunition; paperwork related to firearms and the purchase of firearms parts and accessories; and various controlled substances including testosterone and synthetic steroids. LEOs

also recovered a photo of POKRANT from a thumb drive where he is wearing a sheath with a handgun holstered.

ATF agents met L.T. at Sacred Heart Hospital upon her release. L.T. stated she won one of the handguns in a raffle at a sporting goods store. L.T. explained she also purchased numerous other firearms in preparation for “the aftermath of a lapse in the government”. L.T. stated POKRANT would accompany her to purchase the firearms and offer her advice on the brands and calibers she should purchase. L.T. explained that although it was her home, she was estranged from POKRANT, she slept on the living room couch, and only used the master bathroom. The gun collection she purchased was stored in an armoire in the master bedroom, and she recently noticed at least four of the firearms were missing. L.T. stated to ATF agents that she believed POKRANT may have taken and moved multiple firearms to the residence of a friend of his named G.E.

LEOs located and interviewed G.E. G.E. explained that he has known POKRANT since elementary school, but just recently re-connected in the last six months through social media. G.E. stated he was at L.T.’s residence a few months ago for dinner and POKRANT showed him multiple firearms including shotguns, AK style rifles, and pistols. POKRANT

described certain firearms as his, and certain firearms as L.T.'s. G.E. added that POKRANT was currently storing personal property at his residence, including clothing and multiple firearms. G.E. stated POKRANT informed him he was in the process of moving out of L.T.'s residence and needed a place to temporarily store some of his property. G.E. stated he personally witnessed POKRANT deliver multiple bags of his property, and observed POKRANT with two shotguns, two AK style rifles, one AR-15 style rifle, and possibly three handguns. G.E. remembered one occasion when POKRANT came to G.E.'s residence and handled the firearms in front of him. G.E. remembered another occasion when POKRANT came to his residence and stated he (POKRANT) needed to retrieve one of his handguns to replace another handgun, and then POKRANT left his residence carrying a handgun box. Finally, G.E. remembered a time that POKRANT called G.E. and asked him to examine and measure one of POKRANT's rifles in order for POKRANT to order an accessory and possibly modify the firearm.

LEOs met G.E. at his residence in Pensacola after interviewing him. G.E. directed LEOs to a room in his house where he pointed out various items as property of POKRANT. G.E. also retrieved a black gym bag and a plastic container from the garage of his residence, which he indicated were also

POKRANT's. LEOs recovered hundreds of rounds of various caliber ammunition, firearm parts and accessories, numerous magazines, two holsters, firearm cleaning kits, five containers of camouflage face paint, and seven firearms including pistols, shotguns and rifles.

LEOs traced five of the seven firearms to L.T. as the last known purchaser. One of the pistols was traced to J.S., a childhood friend of POKRANT's who tragically died in a motorcycle accident. J.S.'s mother, M.A., was interviewed by LEOs. M.A. stated she hadn't seen POKRANT in several years until her son's celebration of life ceremony. After that, POKRANT called her a few times to inform her that he had a deal with her son before he passed for the sale of her son's pistol. POKRANT told M.A. that her son had agreed to sell the pistol to him for \$150.00. Eventually M.A. stated she went to a pawn shop to get the firearm appraised and learned it was worth at least \$700.00. The next time POKRANT called, M.A. agreed to sell it to him for \$250.00 because it was her deceased son's friend. M.A. stated she and her daughter met POKRANT at a Walmart parking lot and sold him the pistol. M.A. trusted POKRANT and didn't count the money until she arrived home; POKRANT shorted her and only gave her \$240.00.

An ATF firearms expert examined the seven firearms recovered from G.E.'s residence and made the following findings regarding the make, model, and manufacturer:

1. Para Ordnance Corp., model 1911A US Army, .45 ACP caliber pistol, manufactured in Massachusetts;
2. Glock, model 41 Gen4, .45 caliber pistol, manufactured in Austria;
3. Ruger, model SR-556, 5.56 caliber rifle, manufactured in New Hampshire;
4. Century International Arms, Inc., model AMD-65, 7.62x39 caliber rifle, receiver manufactured in Maine and firearm assembled in Vermont;
5. Stevens, model 320, 12-gauge shotgun, manufactured by Savage who has several facilities but none within the state of Florida;
6. Stevens, model 320, 12-gauge shotgun, manufactured by Savage who has several facilities but none within the state of Florida; and,
7. I.O. Arms, USA, model Sporter, 7.62x39 caliber rifle, manufactured in Florida.

The recovery of the first six listed firearms in Florida establishes they traveled in interstate and foreign commerce. The Century Arms International, model AMD65, .762 rifle, was further examined by ATF and it was determined to have a short barrel length of only 14.5 inches. This firearm was not registered as required.

POKRANT is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to the following felony convictions:

- In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, Case #05-00149-001, dated October 3, 2005 for Possession with Intent to Distribute GBL (2 Counts); and,
- In the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Case #3:05cr113-001-LAC, dated March 8, 2006 for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

According to the State of Florida, Office of Executive Clemency Report, there is no record of restoration of civil rights for POKRANT relative to owning, possessing or using a firearm.

#### ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE-COUNT I

- (1) The Defendant knowingly possessed a firearm in or affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and
- (2) Before possessing the firearm, the Defendant had been convicted of a felony-a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.

#### ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE-COUNT II

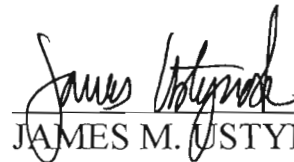
- (1) The Defendant possessed a firearm;
- (2) The firearm was not registered to the Defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record; and,



(3) The Defendant knew of the specific characteristics or features of the firearm that made it subject to registration under the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

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