UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hon. Tonianne J. Bongiovanni

v.

Mag. No. 21-3035 (TJB)

JEREMY W. BARRINGER

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Tyler Gelsleichter, being duly sworn, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.

s/ Tyler Gelsleichter

Tyler Gelsleichter, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attested to by telephone pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1(b)(2)(A) on November 12, 2021, in the District of New Jersey

Honorable Douglas E. Arpert
United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

_s/ Douglas E. Arpert Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

On or about October 24, 2021, in Ocean County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

JEREMY W. BARRINGER,

knowing that he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess a firearm, namely, a Palmetto State Armory, model PA-15, 5.56 millimeter semi-automatic rifle bearing serial number PA111655, and the firearm was in and affecting commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

ATTACHMENT B

- I, Tyler Gelsleichter, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents and other items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.
- 1. On October 24, 2021, at approximately 3:05 a.m., a Mantoloking Police Department officer ("Officer-1") and two Bay Head Police officers ("Officer-2" and "Officer-3") responded to the area of Herbert Street and Highway 35 in Mantoloking in response to a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a single vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer-1 observed that the vehicle involved in the crash—a Jeep Liberty bearing New Jersey license plates (hereafter, the "Jeep Liberty") and registered to defendant JEREMY W. BARRINGER (hereafter, "BARRINGER")—had extensive front-end damage and was sitting idle on the shoulder of the highway. The driver and sole occupant, later identified as BARRINGER, was still sitting in the driver's seat.
- 2. Officer-1 approached the driver's side of the Jeep Liberty and asked BARRINGER if he was injured, to which BARRINGER responded, "I don't think so." During the encounter, Officer-1 observed a black semi-automatic rifle on the floorboard of the back seat. Officer-1 immediately unholstered his service pistol and repeatedly ordered BARRINGER to place both of his hands on the steering wheel. BARRINGER initially complied but then continued to remove his right hand from the steering wheel and motion towards the center console and rear passenger compartment. Officer-1 then opened the front driver's side door of the Jeep Liberty and ordered BARINGER to exit the vehicle, at which time Officer-1 observed that BARRINGER was wearing a tactical, bullet-proof vest and an empty handgun holster on his right hip. Once BARRINGER stepped out of the Jeep Liberty, Officer-1 and Officer-2 brought BARRINGER to the ground and placed him in handcuffs.
- 3. Officer-2 then retrieved the semi-automatic rifle, later identified as a Palmetto State Armory, model PA-15, 5.56-millimeter semi-automatic rifle bearing serial number PA111655 (hereafter, the "PA-15 Rifle"), from the rear floorboard area of BARRINGER's Jeep Liberty. The PA-15 Rifle was loaded with one round of 5.56-millimeter full metal jacket ammunition in the chamber, and an additional twenty rounds of 5.56-millimeter full metal jacket ammunition inside the attached 30-round magazine.

- 4. Thereafter, Officer-1 and Officer-2 conducted a search of the Jeep Liberty. Inside the center console, law enforcement discovered a black 9-millimeter semi-automatic pistol with no serial number (commonly referred to as a "ghost gun"), loaded with one round of 9-millimeter hollow-point ammunition in the chamber and an additional thirteen rounds of 9-millimeter hollow-point ammunition in the attached magazine; three additional 9-millimeter magazines, each loaded with 9-millimeter hollow-point ammunition, for a total of approximately 59 rounds; and three additional 30-round magazines for the PA-15 Rifle, each loaded with 5.56-millimeter ammunition, for a total of approximately 80 rounds.
- 5. The PA-15 Rifle was manufactured outside the State of New Jersey and, therefore traveled in interstate commerce before October 24, 2021.
- 6. I have reviewed the relevant criminal history records for BARRINGER. That review revealed, among other things, that on or about June 5, 1997, BARRINGER was convicted in the Circuit Court of Missouri, Greene County, of three counts of first-degree burglary, in violation of Missouri state statute section 569.160, and one count of felony forcible sodomy, in violation of Missouri state statute section 566.060, each of which is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, and that BARRINGER received an aggregate sentence of 22 years' imprisonment.