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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

DESHAWN MAURICE LANTON

Case: 2:16-mj-30438

Judge: Unassigned,

Filed: 09-28-2016 At 08:53 AM

CMP USA v LANTON (LCB)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of September 23, 2016 in the county of Wayne in the
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. 875(c)

Using the internet to transmit a threat

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:


See attached affidavit

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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: September 28, 2016

City and state: Detroit, MI


Complainant's signature

Special Agent Zane Nevala, FBI

Printed name and title


Judge's signature

Honorable Mona K. Majzoub, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Zane A. Nevala, being duly sworn state the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am a Special Agent with the FBI having been so employed for approximately 10 and a half years. I am currently assigned to the Detroit Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) in Detroit, Michigan.
2. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for DESHAWN MAURICE LANTON for a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c), which prohibits threatening to injure using interstate communications.
3. I make this affidavit from personal knowledge based on my participation in this investigation, communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein, and information gained through my training and experience. The information outlined below is provided for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause and it therefore does not contain all details or all facts of which I am aware relating to this investigation.
4. On September 12, 2016, a suspect wanted for his involvement in several carjackings shot Detroit Police Sergeant Kenneth Steil in the

chest/shoulder area with a shotgun during a pursuit. Steil died five days later from the injury.

5. On September 23, 2016, at approximately 10:00a.m., the funeral for slain Detroit Police Sergeant Kenneth Steil was being held at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Hundreds of law enforcement members were attending the service. The event was being covered by local and national media agencies, including a live web stream by WXYZ Channel 7 news, which was also posted on WXYZ's Facebook page. The live stream showed, among other things, members of law enforcement entering the church single-file, out of respect for Sgt. Steil.
6. On September 23, 2016, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Detroit Police Department Public Information Unit received information about a post made on Facebook live web stream under the screen name "Kane Pnotes." "Kane Pnotes" was attempting to sell a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber High Point handgun with red tip bullets and a weapon light. It stated on the page in reference to the weapon: "*never jammed. Want it gone. Comes with a case and bullets.*" The sale post for the weapon was on a Facebook page "Detroit Sells Everything". This is a publicly accessible Facebook page commonly used to buy and sell property

online. Once the sale terms are agreed upon, the parties typically meet in person to complete the transaction.

7. On September 23, 2016, at approximately 11:28 a.m., a threatening post was made to the WXYZ live stream webcast of Sgt. Steil's funeral from the same screen name, "Kane Pnotes." Specifically, "Kane Pnotes" stated: *"Maybe I should drop a bomb on tha building to get rid of the rest of y'all."* This post was on the live stream showing the inside of the church and identifying numerous uniformed police officers entering the building.
8. These comments were reported by a concerned citizen to the Detroit Police Department and forwarded to the Crime Intel Unit for suspect identification. DPD Crime intel investigation identified DESAHWN MAURICE LANTON, date of birth XX/XX/1995, home address, 19XXX Appoline, as the subject who made the above referenced threats to bomb the law enforcement personnel in the church as well as attempting to sell red tip bullets.
9. Further investigation of publically available posts and photographs revealed multiple pictures and videos of DESHAWN MUARICE LANTON, aka "Kane Pnotes," posing with multiple firearms,

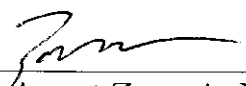
identifying himself as a member of “Money Gang,” and smoking marijuana.

10. On September 23, 2016, FBI VCTF personnel researched the subject’s “Kane Pnotes” Facebook account and discovered LANTON posted multiple videos of police officers getting injured on his page while commenting how pleased he was to see officers being injured. One of the videos specifically showed a well-known situation where a suspect pulls a long gun from behind the driver’s seat and shoots the officer. LANTON commented on the video using the following emoji stream: “😂😂😂😂LiT His Lil 🐼💩 Ass Up 😊.” It is understood the emoji stream loosely translates his pleasure at the driver/video subject shooting the uniformed police officer.
11. DESHAWN MAURICE LANTON is currently on probation with MDOC. He has an extensive criminal history, including criminal convictions for Fleeing Police, Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing Police, and Receiving/Concealing Stolen Property, as well as a prior conviction for Felonious Assault.

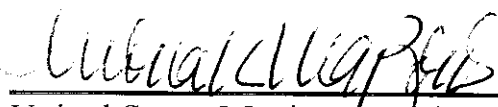
12. Based on the aforementioned facts, I have probable cause to believe that on September 23, 2016, in the Eastern District of Michigan, DESHAWN MAURICE LANTON, did knowingly and willfully transmit in interstate and foreign commerce through the use of the internet, a communication on Facebook, a social media website, which contained a threat to kill numerous members of law enforcement. in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 875(c).

Accordingly, your Affiant respectfully requests that this Court issue an arrest warrant.

Dated the 28 day of September, 2016, at Detroit, MI


Special Agent Zane A. Nevala
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 28th day of September, 2016.


United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of Michigan