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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPLAINT

- against -

(18 U.S.C. § 2113(a))

ERIC ADJEI,

20-MJ-578

Defendant.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS:

MATTHEW HAMMOND, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

On or about July 21, 2020, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant ERIC ADJEI did knowingly and intentionally take and attempt to take by force, violence and intimidation, from the person and presence of another, money belonging to and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of a bank or other financial institution, to wit: Chase Bank, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a))

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds for his belief are as follows:¹

¹ Because the purpose of this Complaint is to set forth only those facts necessary

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and have been involved in the investigation of numerous cases involving bank robberies. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth below from my participation in the investigation; my review of the investigative file, including the defendant’s criminal history record; and from reports of other law enforcement officers involved in the investigation.

2. On July 21, 2020 at approximately 5:40 p.m., ADJEI entered the Chase Bank at 401 Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York. ADJEI approached teller window # 1 and stated in sum and substance, “I have a gun in my bag, give me \$3,000.” The defendant was wearing a surgical mask, a blue cloth over a green cap, and a black and a white horizontally striped shirt (pictured below). The teller gave ADJEI \$3,000, and ADJEI fled the bank, heading southbound on Flatbush Avenue.



3. Members of the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) responded to the scene, recovered surveillance video of the robbery, and interviewed witnesses.

4. The NYPD later recovered surveillance video of ADJEI in a subway

to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not described all the relevant facts and circumstances of which I am aware.

station at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn shortly before the robbery. ADJEI was wearing the same distinctive horizontally striped black and white shirt, as well as the same blue cloth over a green cap. However, his surgical mask was pulled down and his face was visible (pictured below).



5. NYPD published the photograph across its systems, and an NYPD Officer familiar with ADJEI identified him.

6. NYPD Officers located and arrested ADJEI. After the officers read ADJEI his Miranda rights, ADJEI was shown a photograph of the robbery, he positively identified himself, and confessed to the robbery.

7. I have reviewed the surveillance video from the July 21, 2020 robbery, and the physical appearance of the robber depicted in the surveillance video is consistent with the age, race, and appearance that law enforcement has on file for ADJEI in connection with four separate robberies and attempted robberies of one Chase Bank location, 350 West 125th Street, New York, New York, on May 24, 2017, July 24, 2017, December 28, 2019, and January 24, 2020.

8. Following his arraignment on New York State charges in connection with the July 21, 2020 robbery, ADJEI told law enforcement, in sum and substance and in part, that once he was released from custody, he would again attempt to rob the Chase Bank branch located at 350 West 125th Street, New York, New York.

9. I have confirmed that the deposits of Chase Bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that the defendant ERIC ADJEI, be dealt with according to law. In addition, it is respectfully requested that this affidavit and the requested arrest warrant remain under seal until the defendant is arrested in order to prevent the defendant's flight.

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MATTHEW HAMMOND
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me by telephone this
__ day of July, 2020

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THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. LEVY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK