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AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Florida

United States of America

v.

DANTE ASKINS
GREGORY MCDONALD

Case No.

6:15-mj- 1451, 01-02

Defendant(s)

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 August 12, 2015 in the county of Orange in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	Offense Description
18 U.S.C. § 2119	Carjacking
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)	Use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Torrance Slaughter
Complainant's signature

Torrance Slaughter, Special Agent
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 8-14-2015

Thomas B. Smith
Judge's signature

City and state: Orlando, Florida

Thomas B. Smith, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

AFFIDAVIT

I, Torrance T. Slaughter, Special Agent (SA), Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state the following:

Introduction

1. I am a SA with the FBI and have been so employed for approximately seven years. I am currently assigned to the Safe Streets Task Force in Orlando, Florida, tasked with investigating violent crimes, gang activities, fugitives, and bank robberies. As a FBI SA, I am authorized to conduct investigations; request and receive information relating to offenses; seek and execute search and arrest warrants; serve subpoenas and summons; administer oaths; make arrest without warrant; carry firearms; inspect and copy records and papers of carriers and persons; and seize evidence. As part of my duties, I am charged with investigating violations of laws of the United States, including crimes against federal officers and employees.

2. I make this affidavit based upon personal knowledge derived from the following: (a) my participation in this investigation, (b) information that I have learned from discussions with other FBI SAs and other law enforcement officers, (c) a review of reports of interviews and evidence recovered during this investigation. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of

establishing probable cause for the issuance of a criminal complaint, I have not set forth each and every fact that I have learned during this investigation. Rather, I have set forth only those facts I believe are necessary to establish probable cause that violations of federal law have been committed. Unless otherwise noted, all statements of other persons described in this affidavit are set forth in substance and in part, rather than verbatim.

3. Based on the investigation described in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that **DANTE ASKINS** and **GREGORY MCDONALD**, with intent to cause serious bodily harm, took a motor vehicle, which had been transported in interstate commerce, from the presence of another by force and violence and with the use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2119 and 924(c).

PROBABLE CAUSE

4. On or about August 12, 2015, Orange County Deputy Sheriff Shawn Losat was at the intersection of America Street and Willie Mays in Orlando, Florida, when he was flagged down by A.A., who appeared in distress. A.A. informed Losat that he had just been carjacked and that his vehicle was around the corner.

5. Thereafter, FBI SA Jason Park and I interviewed A.A. during the morning hours on August 13, 2015, and A.A. provided the following information:

6. At approximately 10:00 p.m. on August 12, 2015, A.A. arrived at the Fairfield Inn hotel, located at 8214 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, where

he was staying with his family on vacation. Shortly thereafter, while his family was eating pizza in their hotel room, A.A. went downstairs to his black Chevy Tahoe to preload his GPS device for the family's road trip to Destin, Florida, to occur the following day. A.A. purchased the Chevy Tahoe in Mission, Texas, and drove to Orlando, Florida, transporting the vehicle in interstate commerce.

7. After loading the GPS device, A.A. locked-up his vehicle and walked toward the entrance of the hotel. As he started walking, he noticed four individuals to his right that appeared suspicious to him, after which he proceeded to walk more quickly toward the front entrance to the hotel. A moment later, one of those subjects ran up to A.A. and stuck, what appeared to be, a long-barreled 22 caliber revolver in A.A.'s face.

8. The four subjects then forced A.A. into the backseat of his black Chevy Tahoe at gunpoint. One of the subjects then proceeded to tie him up with zip-ties and tape. A.A. resisted. At that point, one of the subjects then hit A.A. in the back of the head three times with a hard object, causing A.A. to bleed. The subjects then drove off in the black Chevy Tahoe in an unknown direction with A.A. in the backseat.

9. As they were driving, the subjects proceeded to ask A.A., "where is the money?" multiple times, after which A.A. responded to the effect of, "I do not have any money, only credit cards."

10. Upon taking A.A.'s credit cards, driver's license, license to carry concealed handgun, IBC bank card, the subject's cell phone, and federal

credentials (including a badge) as a Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Officer, the four subjects conversed about the fact that A.A. was a CBP Officer.

11. A.A. told the subjects that he was a religious man and asked the subjects to let him go. At that time, one individual shoved a gun in A.A.'s face and asked him, "Do you want to see God?"

12. After driving around, the subjects stopped at an unknown residence and engaged in a conversation with one of the occupants of the residence. At that point, A.A. informed the subjects that his vehicle was equipped with OnStar location services and that his wife may be alerting the authorities regarding his disappearance.

13. Thereafter, the subjects departed the unknown residence with A.A. in the backseat and drove around, discussing what to do next.

14. The subjects next arrived at a second residence, later determined to be 4544 Cypress Street, Orlando, Florida. The subjects drove the car into the garage, and the driver and front passenger then exited the vehicle. The OnStar operator then called into the vehicle, asking A.A. whether he was "ok." After a brief moment of silence, A.A. then yelled out for help. The other two subjects, thereafter, departed the vehicle and ran away.

15. The four subjects are believed to have absconded with A.A.'s credit cards, driver's license, license to carry concealed handgun, IBC bank card, federal credentials, and the subject's cell phone.

IDENTIFICATION OF DANTE ASKINS AND GREGORY MCDONALD

16. On August 13, 2015, the Orange County Surveillance Office (OCSO) Tactical unit arrested **DANTE ASKINS** on stolen vehicle charges. He was driving in a stolen car in the International Drive area of Orlando, Florida, when deputies pulled him over. During the deputies' initial contact with him, **ASKINS** made comments that he knew who was involved in the carjacking incident at Fairfield Inn from the previous night, August 12, 2015.

17. **ASKINS** had a KIK account, which is a chat service, on his cellular telephone with multiple references to the carjacking that occurred on August 12, 2015, between him and another individual with the KIK account named "Sexy Daddy." During the course of the interview, **ASKINS's** prints came back as a match for being inside A.A.'s black Chevy Tahoe.

18. During **ASKINS's** statement, he told investigators that he and the three other individuals involved in the carjacking had been at D&B, a local arcade, earlier in the evening. The four decided to go "car hopping," a term used to burglarize unlocked vehicles. They saw A.A. by his black Chevy Tahoe and considered him a target of opportunity.

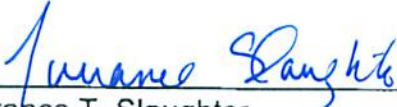
19. A forensic examination of the stolen vehicle by the OCSO identification unit matched fingerprints from the inside of the front passenger door handle of A.A.'s vehicle to **GREGORY MCDONALD**, who has a prior criminal record. His prints were through the OCSO's latent unit. Additionally, during an interview on August 14, 2015, of a minor suspect taken into custody for the

subject carjacking, the minor suspect mentioned the name "BAM BAM" as a participant in the carjacking. According to **MCDONALD's** criminal history, **MCDONALD** has previously used the alias BAM BAM.

CONCLUSION

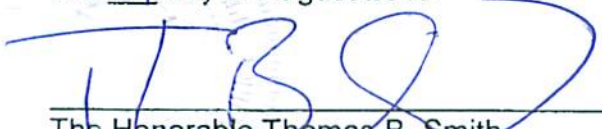
20. Based on the foregoing facts and evidence, I believe that probable cause exists to charge **DANTE ASKINS** and **GREGORY MCDONALD** with violating Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2119 and 924(c).

This concludes my affidavit.



Torrance T. Slaughter
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 14 day of August 2015



The Honorable Thomas B. Smith
United States Magistrate Judge