

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**CASE No: 4:18cr41-MW**

**RONALD GRAY**  
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

If this case were to proceed to trial, the Government could prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt.

On May 23, 2018, the defendant, Ronald Gray shot multiple rounds at an occupied vehicle. After a four-hour standoff, the defendant was arrested and charged with three counts of Attempted Felony Murder, one count of Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, and one count of Criminal Mischief. The defendant possessed a High Standard J.C. Higgins .22 caliber rifle; a Winchester .22 caliber rifle; and approximately 116 rounds of assorted ammunition.

After his arrest and while in custody at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detention Center on June 11, 2018, the defendant called his mother. During the

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recorded conversation, the defendant threatened to kill Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith and his family and rape Sheriff Smith's wife and daughter.

**Count One: Possession of Firearms & Ammunition**

On May 23, 2018, deputies with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a "shots fired" call at a residence in Carrabelle, Florida – a location that serves as both the defendant's residence and as the place of business ("the shop") for Ronald Gray Air Conditioning and Heating (referring to Gray's father – Ronald Gray, Sr.). The defendant was reported to have shot multiple rifle rounds into a white Ford van occupied by three men.

That morning, three male employees drove to the shop in the company van. After they arrived at the shop, the defendant fired several rounds into the van while the men attempted to drive away. (*FCSO deputies observed 13 bullet holes in the windshield and the driver's side of the van.*) After emptying the rifle, the defendant grabbed another rifle from his truck and started shooting at the van again. The men were able to flee without being harmed and called 911.

When FCSO deputies responded to the Gray residence/business, they realized that to reach the victims/caller they would need to first pass the shop. The deputies stopped their vehicles and approached on foot, identifying the defendant from a distance with what appeared to be a rifle stock in his possession. Upon learning deputies were present, the defendant retreated to his residence – an apartment above

the shop – wherein he barricaded himself along with two juveniles and refused to exit. After four hours of negotiations, the defendant surrendered to law enforcement.

Deputies observed bullet holes in the windshield and the driver's side of the van and collected ten .22 shell casings from the yard of the shop that were believed, due to their presence on top of the dirt in the driveway with numerous tire tracks, to have been used in the shooting. Deputies also observed the doors open to the defendant's truck and collected two rifles in plain view from behind the driver's seat. The first was an unloaded Hi Standard J.C. Higgins .22 caliber rifle. The second was a Winchester .22 caliber rifle loaded with twelve rounds of Winchester ammunition. One hundred rounds of assorted ammunition along with three .22 caliber spent shell casings and one .38 caliber spent shell casing were also collected from inside the defendant's truck. In total, 116 rounds of assorted ammunition was collected.

An ATF Agent determined that the recovered firearms and ammunition were manufactured outside the state of Florida, thus providing an interstate nexus.

On or about April 14, 2014, the defendant was convicted in the State of Florida of Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Cannabis, for which he was subject to punishment by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year (a felony).

**Count Three: Interstate Transmission of Threat**

On June 10, 2018, while held in the Franklin County Jail, the defendant placed a call to his mother, which was recorded by the Jail as standard procedure. During the conversation, the defendant made threats of violence toward Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith and his family. The defendant's statements included the following:

I think you need to tell that man up here that controls this place that I need to see my kids or I'm gone goddamn kill his whole motherfucking family. ...

I ain't fuckin playin. ...

I swear to god I'll kill his whole goddamn family if they don't let me out this motherfucker. ...

They're going to try to break my family like that? I will kill him. That motherfucker does not know who the fuck he's fucking with. Attempted murder? What the fuck. What the maximum they gone give me? 30 years? I'll wait 30 goddamn years to rape his fucking daughter is what the fuck I'll do. And smile every goddamn day I wear this shit. He needs to think about what the fuck he's trying to do. You know I'm not fucking playing. ...

I don't give a fuck about Jason, I'm talking about A.J. fucking Smith. I'm talking about I'll rape his goddamn wife, I'll wait 30 fucking years, do my time, get out and rape and kill his daughter if he don't let me the fuck out of this motherfucker. That part. I ain't fucking done nothing. But I'm fixing to fucking do something. ...

You're not gonna break my fucking family because you heard some fucking-something some fucking crackhead said? Fuck that bitch. ...

But you know I ain't playing about fucking raping his goddamn daughter and slit her – I'll fucking slaughter his whole goddamn family. ...

I ain't fucking playing though. I'm not gonna go do 30 years in goddamn prison, get out, and not fucking kill his whole goddamn family. What they gone fucking do to me? I ain't kill nobody. They got to let me out one day. That part. The most time they can fucking give me is how much? Huh? ...

I'm 30 goddamn years old. They can give me 60, I'll still be kicking it when I get out. I don't think ya'll understand. ...

All inmate calls from the Franklin County Jail are processed by Securus Technologies in Atlanta, Georgia. As such, the defendant's jail call was routed through Atlanta, Georgia, and traveled through interstate commerce.

**Elements:**


**Count One: Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon – 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2):**

- (1) the Defendant knowingly possessed a firearm in or affecting interstate or 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.

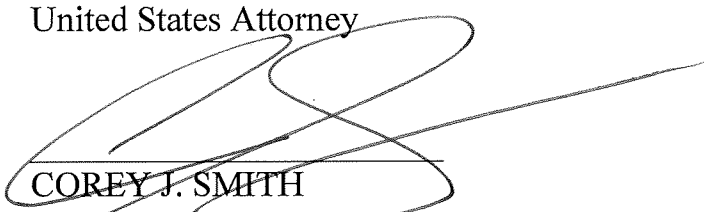
**Count Three: Interstate Transmission of Threat to Kidnap or Injure – 18 U.S.C. § 875(c):**

- (1) the Defendant knowingly sent a message in interstate commerce containing a true threat to injure the person of another; and
- (2) the Defendant sent the message with the intent to communicate a true threat or with the knowledge that it would be viewed as a true threat.

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**Defendant's Acknowledgement**

I have read the above Statement of Facts and agree that the government can present evidence as set out above. I understand that I may present the Court with my own version of the facts and may dispute particular allegations against me.

  
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 RONALD GRAY  
 Defendant

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