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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MAYKEL GONZALEZ DEMARIA

also known as "Maykel Alexander De
Maria Gonzalez"

CASE NUMBER: 26 CR 451

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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

Count One*Code Section*Title 18, United States Code, Section
1951(a)*Offense Description*

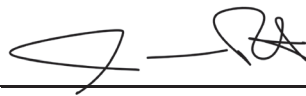
On or about August 5, 2026, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, GONZALEZ obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by robbery, as "commerce" and "robbery" are defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b), and threatened physical violence to a person in furtherance of a plan and purpose to do something in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a)

Count Two*Code Section*Title 18, United States Code, Section
924(c)(1)(A)*Offense Description*

On or about August 5, 2026, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, robbery offenses in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a), GONZALEZ brandished a firearm

This criminal complaint is based upon these facts:

X Continued on the attached sheet.



JOSUE ROA

Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms & Explosives

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, this Complaint is presented by reliable electronic means. The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the Complaint and Affidavit by telephone.

Date: August 18, 2026


Judge's signature

City and state: Chicago, Illinois

Jeannice W. Appenteng, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

AFFIDAVIT

I, JOSUE ROA, being duly sworn, state as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and have been so employed since approximately March 2018. As part of my duties as an ATF Special Agent, I investigate criminal violations relating to criminal enterprise and gang offenses, including criminal violations of the federal firearm laws, violent crimes in aid of racketeering activity, and narcotics offenses. I have participated in numerous investigations that involve the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition; the acquisition, sale, importation, manufacture and distribution of controlled substances; and the possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint alleging that MAYKEL GONZALEZ DEMARIA committed a Hobbs Act robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a), and during and in relation to which he brandished a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A) (the "Subject Offenses"). Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a criminal complaint charging GONZALEZ with the Subject Offenses, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. Instead, I have set forth only the facts

that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that GONZALEZ committed the Subject Offenses.

3. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge, information provided to me by other law enforcement agents, information received from other witnesses, my training and experience, and the training and experience of other law enforcement agents with whom I have consulted.

II. FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

4. In summary, as further described below, on August 5, 2026, GONZALEZ pointed a firearm at Victim A and stole his laptop computer during a meeting that was arranged through Facebook Marketplace. GONZALEZ messaged Victim A once he was outside of Victim A's apartment, and Victim A met GONZALEZ by GONZALEZ's car on Belmont Avenue in Chicago. After inspecting the laptop, GONZALEZ grabbed a loaded firearm from the backseat of his vehicle and pointed it at Victim A. GONZALEZ then pulled back on the slide of the firearm and Victim A backed away from the car. GONZALEZ drove away with Victim A's laptop. Victim A took a photograph of the back of GONZALEZ's car and called the police. Officers apprehended GONZALEZ a short distance away, recovered Victim A's laptop and a firearm from GONZALEZ's car, and placed him under arrest.

A. Facebook Marketplace

5. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, Victim A was interviewed following the robbery. Victim A reported that

he had used Facebook Marketplace to sell a 2019 MacBook Pro laptop.¹ Victim A provided a copy of the Facebook Marketplace exchange to law enforcement. Based on my review of what Victim A provided to law enforcement, on August 5, 2026, Victim A received a message from the user of the Facebook account associated with username “Yorgino G Diaz” (the “Diaz Facebook Account”). The account did not have a profile picture. The user of the Diaz Facebook Account and Victim A had the following exchange over Facebook Marketplace:

Diaz Facebook Account	Is this still available?
Victim A	Yes, are you interested?
Diaz Facebook Account	Yes
Diaz Facebook Account	Location?
Victim A	[REDACTED] W. Belmont Ave
Diaz Facebook Account	30: min
Diaz Facebook Account	Will you be available?
Victim A	Yeah sure
Victim A	Cash/Zelle preferred
Diaz Facebook Account	Cash or Zelle I have both forms
Victim A	Let’s do zelle
Victim A	Could you let me know when you’re 5mins away? So I don’t keep you waiting
Diaz Facebook Account	Ok

6. Based on my review of the Facebook Marketplace exchange that Victim A provided to law enforcement, the exchange between Victim and the user of the Diaz Facebook Account picked back up approximately 30 minutes later, at around 10:04 p.m. on August 5, 2026:

Diaz Facebook Account	Ya estyo afuera
Victim A	coming

¹ Based on my training and experience, as well as the training and experience of other law enforcement agents with whom I have consulted, Facebook Marketplace is a feature within Facebook where people can buy and sell items locally and nationwide.

Diaz Facebook Account	Ok
Victim A	Where you at?
Diaz Facebook Account	I'm standing in front

B. The Armed Robbery

7. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, Victim A was interviewed following the robbery. In summary, Victim A reported the following:

a. At approximately 10:05 p.m., Victim A walked over to the address on the 700 block of Belmont Avenue that he had provided to the user of the Diaz Facebook Account. Individual A observed a blue Toyota Corolla parked there with its headlights on. Victim A instructed the driver and sole occupant of the car to move the car to loading zone in front of the apartment building.

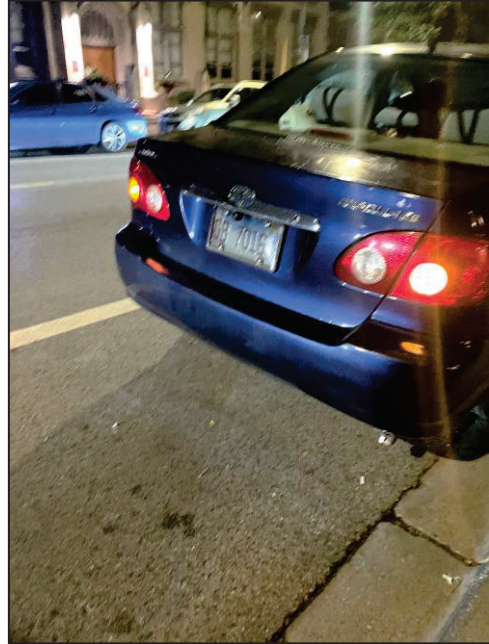
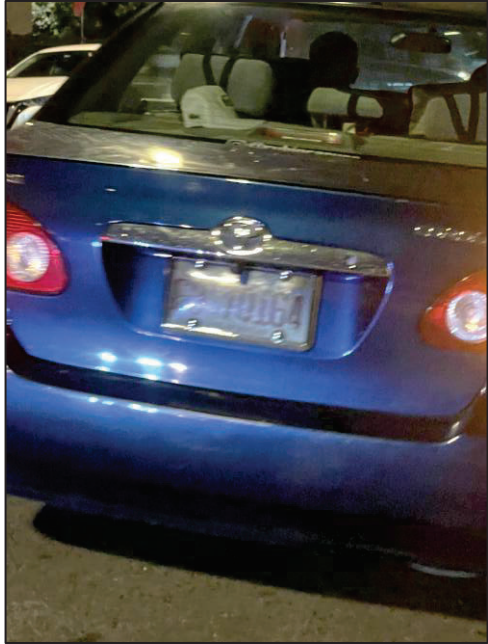
b. Victim A approached the front-passenger door and spoke to the driver through the open window. The driver motioned for Victim A to get inside of the car. Victim A declined to do so.

c. The driver opened the passenger door and turned off the car engine, at which time the interior car lights turned on and Victim A was able to clearly see the driver, who was wearing a white t-shirt. The driver proceeded to speak Spanish and use a translator app on his phone to communicate in English that he wanted to see the laptop. Victim A took the laptop out of a Trader Joe's bag he was carrying and let the driver inspect it. The driver asked to look at the charger and asked whether Victim A's iCloud account was currently signed into the laptop.

Victim A handed over the Trader Joe's bag and charger to the driver, who kept the items in his car.

d. After the driver looked over the items, the driver and Victim A discussed the price for the laptop and charger. The driver agreed to pay Victim A \$550 and told Victim A he needed to get cash from an ATM. Victim A told the driver he would hold onto the laptop while the driver went to get cash from an ATM. The driver advised Victim A that a friend of his could pay Victim A over Zelle. As Victim A pulled out his phone to provide his Zelle information, Victim A saw the driver reach into the backseat of his car and grab a firearm, which the driver then pointed at Victim A. The driver pulled back on the slide of the firearm and appeared to load a bullet in the chamber of the weapon. As soon as Victim A saw the firearm, he took a step back. While pointing the firearm at Victim A, the driver gestured with the firearm for Victim A to close the passenger door. Victim A closed the door and backed away from the car. Victim A observed the driver pull the slide of the firearm back again, causing a bullet to fall out of the firearm.

e. The driver started the car and drove eastbound on Belmont Avenue away from Victim A. As the driver pulled away, Victim A used his cell phone to photograph the back of the car and, as depicted below, captured the license plate, namely, GB70164.



C. Apprehension of Gonzalez

8. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, at approximately 10:26 p.m., Victim A called 911 to report the armed robbery. Victim A described the offender as a Hispanic male wearing a white t-shirt. Victim A reported that the offender was driving a blue Toyota Corolla with a license plate "GB70161." Officers in the area observed a car matching the description and, at approximately 10:28 p.m., conducted a traffic stop by 2500 N. Cannon Drive, which was approximately 1.1 miles away from the scene of the armed robbery.

9. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, the car that the officers pulled over was a blue Toyota Corolla, bearing license plate GB70164. GONZALEZ, who was wearing a white t-shirt, was the driver and sole occupant of the car. The officers asked GONZALEZ whether there was a firearm in the car. GONZALEZ responded that there was a firearm in the backseat.

During a search of the backseat area of the car, law enforcement recovered a loaded Taurus G3 9mm semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number ADG471361, with an extended magazine. Law enforcement recovered a loose round of ammunition from underneath the seat cover of the driver's seat.



Screenshot from BWC footage depicting the recovered firearm

A Trader Joe's bag, laptop, and laptop charger were also recovered in the backseat area of the car. as well as six cellphones from the vehicle.



Screenshot from BWC footage depicting the recovered laptop

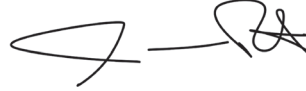
10. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, at approximately 10:33 p.m., Victim A was transported by officers to the scene of the stop near 2500 N. Cannon Drive. Victim A positively identified GONZALEZ as the individual who had robbed him at gun point. Victim A verified that the laptop, charger, and Trader Joe's bag recovered from the backseat of GONZALEZ's car were the items that had been taken from him.

D. GONZALEZ's Post-Miranda Statements

11. According to records and information provided by the Chicago Police Department, following his arrest, GONZALEZ was provided with *Miranda* warnings and agreed to be interviewed. In summary, during the interview GONZALEZ reported that he brought a firearm with him when he went to buy the laptop from Victim A. Although GONZALEZ wanted to buy the laptop, he did not have enough money on him to do so. GONZALEZ showed Victim A the firearm and instructed Victim A to close the car door. GONZALEZ drove away with Victim A's computer and charger.

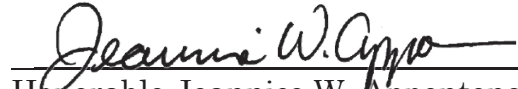
III. CONCLUSION

12. Based on the above, I submit there is probable cause to believe that on or about August 5, 2026, GONZALEZ committed the Subject Offenses.



JOSUE ROA
Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms &
Explosives

SWORN TO AND AFFIRMED by telephone August 18, 2026.



Honorable Jeannice W. Appenteng
United States Magistrate Judge