

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon.
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v.	:	Crim. No. 21-
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THOMAS E. PETRONGLO	:	26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)
	:	26 U.S.C. § 5861(f)
	:	26 U.S.C. § 5871
	:	18 U.S.C. § 842 (j)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 844(b)
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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury in and for the District of New Jersey, sitting at Newark, charges:

Count One
(Unlawful Possession of a Destructive Device)

On or about March 12, 2021 in Cumberland County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

THOMAS E. PETRONGLO,

did knowingly possess a destructive device, as that term is defined in Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5845(a)(8) and 5845 (f)(1), namely a destructive device more particularly described as a 5 ¾ inch diameter metal can, containing a quantity of an explosive mixture of potassium perchlorate and aluminum, with a fuse sticking out of the device, which device was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Title 26, United States Code 5841.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(d) and 5871.

Count Two

(Unlawful Making of a Destructive Device)

On or about March 12, 2021 in Cumberland County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

THOMAS E. PETRONGLO,

did knowingly make a destructive device, as that term is defined in Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5845(a)(8) and 5845 (f)(1), namely a destructive device more particularly described as a 5 ¾ inch diameter metal can, containing a quantity of an explosive mixture of potassium perchlorate and aluminum, with a fuse sticking out of the device, which device was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Title 26, United States Code 5841.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(f) and 5871.

Count Three

(Unlawful Storage of Explosive Material)

On or about March 12, 2021 in Cumberland County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

THOMAS E. PETRONGLO,

did knowingly store explosive materials in a manner not in conformity with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 847, in that he stored explosive materials in his residence in Cumberland County, New Jersey, namely:

- i. One 5 ¾ inch diameter metal can, containing a quantity of an explosive mixture containing suspected potassium perchlorate and aluminum with a fuse sticking out of the device;
- ii. One suspected improvised explosive device containing a plastic cylinder, suspected explosive mixture inside the plastic cylinder, with cardboard tubing and a fuse sticking out of the device;
- iii. One suspected improvised explosive device containing a plastic cylinder, M class device inside the plastic cylinder, with suspected explosive mixture wrapped in black electrical tape with a fuse sticking out of the device;
- iv. One suspected improvised explosive device, containing a black plastic cylinder wrapped in black electrical tape, inside the cylinder is a suspected explosive mixture, with a fuse sticking out of the device;
- v. One suspected improvised explosive device, containing cardboard tubing with twine wrapped around the cardboard tubing and the wrapped in black electrical tape, with a suspected explosive mixture inside the cardboard tubing and a fuse sticking out of the device;
- vi. Two M class devices, one 3 inch M class device and one 2 inch M class, both suspected devices in red cardboard tubes with wooden plug at the end of the devices, inside the cardboard tubing is a suspected explosive mixture with a fuse sticking out of the device;

- vii. Numerous materials used to manufacture destructive devices, including precursor chemicals, hobby fuse, time fuse, the explosive making materials such as the cardboard tubing, and black plastic cylinders.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 842(j) and 844(b), and 27 C.F.R. 555.201 *et seq.*

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

As a result of committing the offenses in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) and (f), as charged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, the defendant,

THOMAS E. PETRONGLO

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 5872, any explosive devices involved in the commission of such offense, including, but not limited to, the following:

- i. One destructive device more particularly described as a 5 ³/₄ inch diameter metal can, containing a quantity of an explosive mixture of potassium perchlorate and aluminum, with a fuse sticking out of the device.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 844 (c)(1).

2. Upon conviction of the offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 842 (j), set forth in Count Three of this Indictment, the defendant,

THOMAS E. PETRONGLO

defendant shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(c) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 246i(c), any explosive materials involved or used or intended to be used in the violation. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to:

- i. One suspected improvised explosive device containing a plastic cylinder, suspected explosive mixture inside the plastic cylinder, with cardboard tubing and a fuse sticking out of the device;
- ii. One suspected improvised explosive device containing a plastic cylinder, M class device inside the plastic cylinder, with suspected explosive mixture wrapped in black electrical tape with a fuse sticking out of the device;
- iii. One suspected improvised explosive device, containing a black plastic cylinder wrapped in black electrical tape, inside the cylinder is a suspected explosive mixture, with a fuse sticking out of the device;
- iv. One suspected improvised explosive device, containing cardboard tubing with twine wrapped around the cardboard tubing and the wrapped in black electrical tape, with a suspected explosive mixture inside the cardboard tubing and a fuse sticking out of the device.
- v. Two M class devices, one 3 inch M class device and one 2 inch M class, both suspected devices in red cardboard tubes with wooden plug at the end of the devices, inside the cardboard tubing is a suspected explosive mixture with a fuse sticking out of the device.

- vi. Numerous materials used to manufacture destructive devices, including precursor chemicals, hobby fuse, time fuse, the explosive making materials such as the cardboard tubing, and black plastic cylinders.

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