

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Leda Dunn Wettre
: :
v. : Magistrate. No. 24-13058
: :
ZYFAMA JOHNSON : CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Justyna Ramotowski, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the United States Postal Inspection Service, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof:



Justyna Ramotowski, Special Agent
United States Postal Inspection
Service

Special Agent Justyna Ramotowski attested to this Affidavit by telephone pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4.1(B)(2)(A) on this 7th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Hon. Leda Dunn Wettre
Hon. Leda Dunn Wettre
United States Magistrate Judge

ATTACHMENT A

Counts 1-6
(Burglary of a Post Office)

On or about each of the dates set forth below, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant,

ZYEAMA JOHNSON,

did forcibly break into a post office and any building used in whole or in part as a post office, with intent to commit in such post office, and building or part thereof, so used, a larceny and other depredation, in such post office, each breaking-in constituting a separate count of this Complaint:

Count	Approximate Date	Post Office Location
1	January 10, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (First Location)
2	January 13, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (First Location)
3	January 21, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (First Location)
4	January 26, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (First Location)
5	February 3, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (First Location)
6	February 7, 2023	Hudson County, New Jersey (Second Location)

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2115 and 2.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Justyna Ramotowski, am a Special Agent of the United States Postal Inspection Service. The information contained in the complaint is based upon my personal knowledge, as well as information obtained from other sources, including: (a) statements made or reported by various witnesses with knowledge of relevant facts; (b) my review of publicly available information; and (c) my review of evidence, including video surveillance, business records, and other documents. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions and statements of others are reported, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

1. At all times relevant to this Criminal Complaint:

a. The defendant, ZYEAMA JOHNSON (“JOHNSON”), was a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey.

b. “Post-Office-1” was a post office located in Hudson County, New Jersey.

c. “Post Office-2 was a separate post office also located in Hudson County, New Jersey.

2. Law enforcement has learned through investigation that a series of burglaries and theft of mails occurred at Post-Office-1 in January and February 2023.

3. Video footage of a burglary at Post Office-1 on or about January 10, 2023, which law enforcement has obtained and reviewed, shows that at approximately 10:00 p.m., a black van (“the Vehicle”) entered the rear parking lot of Post Office-1. Shortly thereafter, the driver exited the Vehicle and entered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. This area of Post Office-1 is not open to the public and access is permitted only for authorized users. Approximately ten minutes later, the individual exited the post office with two United States Postal Service (“USPS”) bins and a container resembling an Amazon parcel bin. The individual then loaded the two USPS bins into the Vehicle, reentered the Vehicle, and departed the parking lot.

4. Video footage of a burglary at Post Office-1 on or about January 13, 2023, which law enforcement has obtained and reviewed, shows that at approximately 11:50 p.m., the Vehicle entered the rear parking lot of Post Office-1. Shortly thereafter, the driver exited the Vehicle and entered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. Approximately 17 minutes later, the individual exited

Post Office-1 carrying USPS bins. The individual loaded the bins into the Vehicle, reentered the Vehicle, and departed.

5. Video footage of a burglary at Post Office-1 on or about January 21, 2023, which law enforcement has obtained and reviewed, shows that at approximately 9:20 p.m., the Vehicle entered a rear parking lot of Post-Office-1. Shortly thereafter, the driver exited the Vehicle and entered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. Less than a minute later, the individual ran out of Post Office-1, reentered the Vehicle, and departed.

6. Video footage of a burglary at Post Office-1 on or about January 26, 2023, which law enforcement has obtained and reviewed, shows that at approximately 11:25 p.m., the Vehicle entered the rear parking lot of Post Office-1. Shortly thereafter, the driver exited the Vehicle and entered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. Approximately 15 minutes later, the individual exited Post Office-1 with a USPS bin with mail inside and with a container resembling an Amazon parcel bin. The individual loaded the USPS bin and container into the Vehicle, reentered the Vehicle, and departed the parking lot.

7. Video footage of a burglary at Post Office-1 on or about February 3 2023, which law enforcement has obtained and reviewed, shows that at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Vehicle entered the rear parking lot of Post Office-1. Shortly thereafter, the driver exited the Vehicle and entered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. Approximately 5 minutes later, the individual exited Post Office-1 a blue bag and loaded it into the Vehicle. The individual then reentered Post Office-1 by entering the door access code. Shortly thereafter, she exited Post-Office-1 with a USPS mail bin, loaded it into the Vehicle, reentered the Vehicle, and departed the area.

8. On or about January 23, 2023, two employees of Post Office-1 reviewed the video footage from the incident on or about January 21, 2023 described above and identified JOHNSON as the individual depicted in the video footage. Both employees recognized JOHNSON because she was a former employee at Post Office-1 who had previously been terminated.

9. On or about February 6, 2023, two employees of Post Office-1 reviewed the video footage from the incident on or about February 3, 2023 described above and identified JOHNSON as the individual depicted in the video footage. Both employees recognized JOHNSON because she was a former employee at Post Office-1 who had previously been terminated.

10. On or about February 7, 2024, law enforcement was conducting surveillance at Post Office-2 when the burglary alarm at Post Office-2 started going off. Shortly thereafter, law enforcement observed JOHNSON exiting the building.

JOHNSON's appearance matched that of the individual law enforcement observed on security camera footage of previous burglaries at Post Office-1.

11. When confronted by law enforcement, JOHNSON ignored law enforcement's verbal orders to not move. JOHNSON denied her identity to law enforcement and stated that she was at Post Office-2 to pick up a tax document. A manager for Post Office-2 later confirmed to law enforcement that JOHNSON did not have permission to be at Post Office-2, was no longer employed by USPS, and that a tax document for JOHNSON was not, nor should be, present at the facility.

12. At the time of the burglaries, including the burglary on or about February 7, 2023, JOHNSON was not authorized neither to enter Post Office-1 or Post Office-2, nor to remove mail matter from either location.

13. Subsequent review of video camera footage from Post Office-2 from on or about February 7, 2023, which was obtained and reviewed by law enforcement, shows JOHNSON dragging multiple parcels bins containing mail toward the exit door of the building.

14. Law enforcement placed JOHNSON under arrest on or about February 7, 2023. A search of JOHNSON's person incident to her arrest revealed two credit cards and one debit card in the name of three different individuals.

15. Based on video footage from Post-Office 1, which law enforcement obtained and reviewed, law enforcement identified the Vehicle used to commit the burglaries as a black Chrysler Voyager bearing Florida license plate #4616AR. Law enforcement determined that the Vehicle was a rental car rented by JOHNSON from Company-1, a rental-car company. In particular, Company-1 records show that JOHNSON rented the Vehicle on January 9, 2023. Although the Vehicle was due to be returned to Company-1 on January 12, 2023, JOHNSON did not return the vehicle and continued to utilize the Vehicle until her arrest on February 7, 2023.

16. Law enforcement obtained records of the Vehicle's GPS coordinates from Company-1. Those records shows that the Vehicle was present at Post Office-1 at or around the time of the burglaries on or about January 10, January 13, January 21, January 26, February 3, February 7, 2023.

17. A search of JOHNSON's car pursuant to a lawfully obtained search warrant executed on or about February 24, 2023 revealed approximately 38 debit and credit cards that were in the names of approximately 36 individuals.

18. A search of JOHNSON's mobile device pursuant to a lawfully search warrant revealed that JOHNSON had messaged another individual attempting to sell credit cards for approximately \$50 to \$300 per credit card. She had also attempted to sell a bank statement. These messages included a video depicting

approximately 29 credit cards and/or debit cards in the names of approximately 29 individuals.