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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LAMONT NELSON

: **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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: Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre

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: Mag. No. 21-13007

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I, Mark Thompson, the undersigned complainant 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 Deputy Marshal with the United States Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

**SEE ATTACHMENT B**

Mark Thompson  
Mark Thompson  
Special Deputy Marshal  
United States Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey

Special Deputy Marshal Mark Thompson attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1(b)(2)(A), on January 25, 2021.

Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre  
United States Magistrate Judge

Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre  
Signature of Judicial Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**COUNT ONE**

(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about October 8, 2020, in the District of New Jersey, the defendant,

**LAMONT NELSON,**

knowing that he had previously been convicted in a court of at least one crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, namely, a Colt model Pocket Positive .32 Caliber 6-shot revolver, bearing serial number 81259, loaded with six (6) rounds of .32 caliber ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**ATTACHMENT B**

I, Mark Thompson, am a Special Deputy Marshal with the United States Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and photographs of the evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. 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. On or about October 8, 2020, law enforcement observed Lamont Nelson ("Nelson") on the sidewalk as he appeared nervous and touched a black bag on his shoulder (the "bag"). Law enforcement approached Nelson and informed him of their identity as law enforcement officers. Nelson continued to grab at the bag. Law enforcement advised Nelson to stop reaching into the bag, and when he refused, they took hold of his hand. At that point in time, law enforcement observed the handle of a firearm inside of the bag.

2. After conducting a search of the bag, law enforcement recovered a Colt model Pocket Positive .32 Caliber 6-shot revolver, bearing serial number 81259, loaded with six (6) rounds of .32 caliber ammunition (the "Firearm") from the bag.

3. Prior to knowingly possessing the Firearm on or about October 8, 2020, Nelson also knew that he was a convicted felon as he had at least one prior felony conviction, namely:

a. On or about July 1, 2014, Nelson was convicted in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, of Theft by Unlawful Taking, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3, for which he was sentenced to a term of 653 days in jail and five years of probation. On or about that same date, Nelson was also convicted in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, of Criminal Attempt of Theft by Unlawful Taking, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1 and 2C:20-3, for which he was sentenced to a concurrent term of 653 days in jail and a concurrent term of five years of probation.

6. Additionally, the investigation has shown that the Firearm was manufactured outside the State of New Jersey and thus necessarily had to travel in interstate commerce prior to Nelson's possession of the Firearm in New Jersey on or about October 8, 2020. The Firearm is also capable of, and designed to, expel a projectile.