

FILED**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**United States District Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

for the

District of New Mexico

Mitchell R. Elfers
Clerk of CourtUnited States of America
v.

Jason Thompson, yob 1985

Case No. **25mj493***Defendant(s)***CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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

On or about the date(s) of March 18, 2025 in the county of McKinley in the
 District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. § 1153

Offenses Committed within Indian Country

18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3)

Assault with a Dangerous Weapon

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.*Complainant's signature*

James Ridder, FBI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Telephonically sworn and electronically signed.

Date: 3/19/2025City and state: Albuquerque, NM*Judge's signature*

Jennifer Rozzoni, US Magistrate Court Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT

I, James Ridder, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. This affidavit is made in support of a Criminal Complaint for JASON THOMPSON, (hereinafter referred to as THOMPSON), year of birth 1985.

2. I am a Special Agent with the FBI and have been so employed since January 2016. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Field Office, Gallup Resident Agency. My primary duties as a Special Agent with the FBI include investigating crimes occurring in Indian Country. I have gained experience in the conduct of such investigations through previous case investigations, formal training, and in consultation with law enforcement partners in local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies. As a Federal Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of the laws of the United States and have authority to execute criminal complaints and search warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

3. This affidavit is based upon my personal investigation at the scene, as well as information reported to me by other federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers during the course of their official duties. Throughout this affidavit, reference will be made to law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers are those federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers who have directly participated in this investigation. This affidavit is also based upon information gained from interviews with cooperating citizen witnesses, whose reliability is established separately herein.

4. Based on my training, experience, and the facts set forth in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause that violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1153 - Offenses committed in Indian country, and 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3) – Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, have been committed by THOMPSON.

5. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of securing authorization for the proposed warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. This affidavit is intended to show that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested arrest warrant.

PROBABLE CAUSE

6. On March 18, 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Albuquerque

(AQ), Gallup Resident Agency, was contacted by Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations (NDCI) regarding the assault of a Navajo Police Department (NPD) officer that occurred within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

7. NPD was dispatched to a domestic violence call in the area of Pipeline Road, on the Navajo Reservation. NPD officer A.C., year of birth 1995 (hereinafter referred to as JOHN DOE) and NPD officer M.C., year of birth 1994 (hereinafter referred to as WITNESS 1) were attached to the call.

8. JOHN DOE was interviewed by law enforcement. When JOHN DOE arrived on scene, THOMPSON was already in handcuffs from WITNESS 1. THOMPSON ran from the WITNESS 1 and was pursued by both officers. THOMPSON was sent to the ground by JOHN DOE to re-establish control. During THOMPSON's resistance, JOHN DOE deployed a department-issued taser. JOHN DOE used the taser on THOMPSON. THOMPSON turned and grabbed JOHN DOE's taser. THOMPSON caused the taser to be fired at JOHN DOE, striking JOHN DOE in the chest. JOHN DOE wondered if JOHN DOE would have to shoot THOMPSON.

9. WITNESS 1 was also interviewed by law enforcement. WITNESS 1 stated that during the struggle on the ground with THOMPSON and JOHN DOE, WITNESS 1 heard the spark of a taser and saw it had hit JOHN DOE. WITNESS 1 saw the taser was in the hands of THOMPSON.

10. Based on information and belief, while a taser is a less-lethal option than a firearm, a taser can be considered a dangerous weapon because it has the ability to incapacitate an individual and the ability to cause serious bodily injuries or death.

11. After regaining control of THOMPSON, THOMPSON was placed, in handcuffs, in the back of an NPD unit. Following this detention, THOMPSON was able to remove the bars on the rear door window, kick out the window, and escape from the NPD unit. THOMPSON was captured by NPD later that night. THOMPSON is currently detained at Navajo Department of Corrections Crownpoint District in Crownpoint, New Mexico.

12. Information provided to law enforcement indicate JOHN DOE is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation Indian Tribe. It is believed by law enforcement that THOMPSON is also an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation Indian Tribe.

13. Based upon information and belief, the location of where the shooting took place

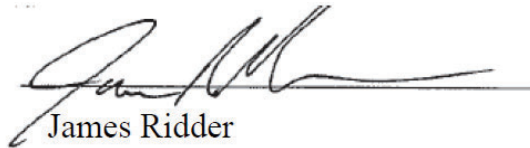
is located on the Navajo Reservation.

CONCLUSION

14. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause to charge THOMPSON with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1153 - Offenses committed in Indian country, and 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3) – Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

15. Assistant United States Attorney Elisa Dimas has reviewed and approved this affidavit.

I swear that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ridder", written over a horizontal line.

James Ridder
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Telephonically sworn and electronically signed this 19th day of March, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer M. Rozzoni", written over a horizontal line.
JENNIFER ROZZONI
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE