

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of New Mexico



United States of America
v.

Pete Kimbell
(Born in 1984)

Case No. 26-MJ-1943 KK

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 September 15, 2025 in the county of San Juan in the
District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924

Offense Description

Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:
See attached affidavit.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Jordan Spaeth, FBI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Subscribed electronically and sworn to telephonically.

Date: April 22, 2026

Judge's signature

City and state: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kirtan Khalsa, US Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 26-MJ-1943 KK

PETE KIMBELL,

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT AND CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Jordan Spaeth, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and have been a sworn law enforcement officer for 17 years, serving first as a police officer and then as an FBI Special Agent. I have been with the FBI since 2018 and am currently assigned to the Albuquerque, New Mexico field office, to the Violent Gang Task Force (“VGTF”). As a member of the VGTF my primary responsibility is to investigate criminal enterprises involving violent repeat offenders, gang members, and associates who participate in violations of the Controlled Substances Act, firearms violations, murder, racketeering, and other violations of federal law. Prior to my current assignment, I was assigned to the Violent Crime Task Force and also investigated violent felony crimes which were committed on the multiple Indian Reservations surrounding Albuquerque.

2. My investigative training and experience include, but are not limited to, interviewing subjects, targets, and witnesses; writing affidavits for, and executing search and arrest warrants; collecting evidence; conducting surveillance; and analyzing public records. Over the course of my career, I have arrested hundreds of persons for offenses relating to armed robberies, firearm violations, bank robberies, illegal narcotics, and other criminal conduct. I have also been responsible for serving

subpoenas and supervising cooperating sources, as well as analyzing phone records.

3. I make this Affidavit in support of the arrest of Pete Kimbell (“KIMBELL”) for a violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924 Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon.

4. The statements contained in this Affidavit are based upon my investigation, training and experience, and information provided by other law enforcement officers or from other reliable sources. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts which I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to support a criminal complaint against KIMBELL.

THE TARGET SUBJECT

5. Upon reviewing the New Mexico online secure court case information and the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) record I believe KIMBELL has active felony warrants for:

- a. Fail to Appear, original charge Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer, on December 18, 2025, in the San Juan County Magistrate Court, Case No. M-147-FR-2025-00579; and
- b. Conspiracy to Commit Larceny (Over \$20,000), Receiving Stolen Property – Dispose (over \$20,000), Conspiracy to Commit Receiving Stolen Property – Dispose (Over \$20,000), Conspiracy to Commit Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle (1st Offense), Conspiracy to Commit Non-Residential Burglary, Tampering with Evidence, and Conspiracy to Commit Tampering with Evidence, on October 7, 2025, in the San Juan County Magistrate Court, Case No. M-147-FR-2025-00556.

6. Upon reviewing the New Mexico online secure court case information and the NCIC record I have determined that KIMBELL has eight (8) felony convictions, which prevent him from possessing a firearm, for:

- a. Receiving or Transferring a Stolen Motor Vehicle (1st Offense), in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2017-00827;
- b. Receiving or Transferring Stolen Motor Vehicles (1st Offense), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony – Narcotic Drug), in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2017-00601;
- c. Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle (1st Offense), in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2013-00707;
- d. Possession of a Controlled Substance (felony), in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2013-00551;
- e. Possession of a Controlled Substance (felony), in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2007-00157;
- f. Battery Upon a Peace Officer, in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2006-00047;
- g. Escape from the Custody of a Peace Officer, in the San Juan County District Court, New Mexico, Case No. D-1116-CR-2006-00046; and
- h. Sale, Distribute Marijuana, in the Stafford County Circuit Court, Virginia, Case No. 179CR0300067100.

7. Based on my review of court records of these convictions, I have determined that all of them occurred before September 14, 2025. Further, based on these convictions I have probable cause to believe that KIMBELL knew that he was a felon because, based on the number of separate felony

convictions he has received, it is unreasonable that he would not know at least one of these convictions was a felony conviction.

SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE

8. On September 14, 2025, in a recorded call using coded language, KIMBELL told an Undercover Officer (“UC”) working with the New Mexico Region II Narcotics Task Force that he (KIMBELL) had multiple firearms for sale, and the UC made plans to visit KIMBELL’s location in the Kirtland area within San Juan County, NM, to view and purchase the firearms. The UC and KIMBELL agreed to meet the next day, on September 15, 2025, to conduct the controlled purchase of firearms.

9. On September 15, 2025, the UC met KIMBELL at a residence in the Kirtland area. Surveillance units maintained surveillance outside the residence and the UC wore a covert audio recording device during the controlled gun buy. During the course of the investigation, agents learned that the phone number that KIMBELL used to set up the controlled gun buy was registered to him. Prior to the UC meeting KIMBELL, the UC observed booking photographs of KIMBELL and readily identified KIMBELL upon meeting him face to face. Further, KIMBELL went by the name PETE with the UC.

10. During the meeting, the UC looked over the firearms that KIMBELL had for sale, subsequently purchasing the below firearms and several boxes of various calibers and makes of ammunition from KIMBELL for \$2,100. The UC purchased two muzzle-loading rifles from KIMBELL along with the following firearms:

- a. Sturm & Ruger, MKII .22 caliber pistol, serial number 212-94574;
- b. Remington, Model 700 7mm rifle, serial number RR13391K;
- c. Norinco, Mak-90 Sporter 7.62x39mm rifle, serial number 9458184;
- d. Remington, SP-10 Mag 10 gauge shotgun, serial number RM036285; and
- e. Lakefield, MarkII .22 caliber rifle, serial number 310384-SER.

11. The firearms and ammunition were subsequently entered into evidence, by Region II Narcotics Task Force officers at the Farmington Police Department.

INTERSTATE NEXUS

12. Based on my training, research, and experience I am aware that the firearms listed above are not manufactured in the state of New Mexico and therefore traveled in interstate commerce before they were possessed by KIMBELL.

CONCLUSION

13. Based on the above information, I believe there is probable cause that KIMBELL violated 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924. This affidavit was reviewed and approved by Assistant United States Attorney Maria Stiteler. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,



Jordan Spaeth
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn telephonically to me and signed electronically
on April 22, 2026:



HONORABLE KIRTAN KHALSA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO