

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLANDUnited States of America
v.John Ryder, DOB: 1988, West Warwick, RI
Defendant

Case No. 1:16-MJ-1005

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) JOHN RYDER, DOB: 1988, WEST WARWICK, RI

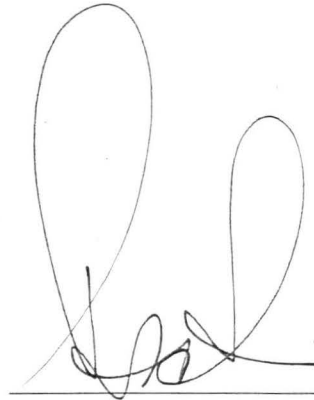
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- ☐ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☒ Complaint
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice ☐ Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) & (d).

Date: May 12, 2016



Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Providence, RI

Patricia A. Sullivan, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

**This second page contains personal identifiers provided for law-enforcement use only
and therefore should not be filed in court with the executed warrant unless under seal.**

(Not for Public Disclosure)

Name of defendant/offender: _____

Known aliases: _____

Last known residence: _____

Prior addresses to which defendant/offender may still have ties: _____

Last known employment: _____

Last known telephone numbers: _____

Place of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____

Hair: _____ Eyes: _____

Scars, tattoos, other distinguishing marks: _____

History of violence, weapons, drug use: _____

Known family, friends, and other associates (*name, relation, address, phone number*): _____

FBI number: _____

Complete description of auto: _____

Investigative agency and address: _____

Name and telephone numbers (office and cell) of pretrial services or probation officer (*if applicable*): _____

Date of last contact with pretrial services or probation officer (*if applicable*): _____

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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 of 05/02/2016 in the county of Kent in the District of Rhode Island, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 2113(a)&(d), an offense described as follows:

Bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) & (d).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit of Steven Medeiros, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Steven Medeiros, Special Agent - FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: May 12, 2016

Judge's signature

City and state: Providence, Rhode Island

Patricia A. Sullivan, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Steven Medeiros, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I am assigned to the FBI's Providence office. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since 1996 and am responsible for the investigation of violent crime, including bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113. Over the course of my career with the FBI, I have been involved in over 20 bank robbery investigations, and am familiar with the use of data extracted from cellular telephones in such investigations as well as the use of DNA evidence in such investigations. As a federal agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of federal law and to execute federal warrants.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint charging John Ryder (hereinafter, "Ryder"), who was born in 1988, with bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) and (d), and a warrant to search and seize saliva and skin cell evidence containing deoxyribonucleic acid ("DNA") from Ryder through use of a buccal swab.¹

3. I directly participated in certain aspects of the investigation of Ryder. The information contained in this affidavit comes from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from witnesses and other law enforcement agents involved in this investigation. This affidavit does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter or all information known to law enforcement agents about this matter.

Probable Cause to Believe that Ryder Robbed the Bank

Bank Robbery on May 2, 2016

4. On May 2, 2016, Bank RI's Coventry branch (the "Bank") contacted the Coventry Police Department and reported that the Bank had just been robbed. Police were dispatched to the scene at approximately 4:30 pm and arrived shortly thereafter. The Bank is located at the

¹ I am aware that buccal swabbing is the commonly accepted and least invasive means of obtaining reliable biological evidence including skin cells that contain DNA evidence capable of being profiled and compared to other known DNA samples. The buccal swab is a cotton-tipped applicator similar to a Q-tip. To acquire saliva and skin from Ryder, the buccal swab would be brushed inside his cheek for approximately ten seconds. The swabbing process is not painful and does not cause injury.

front of a plaza, the Coventry Shopper's Park. A Dave's Marketplace, a grocery store, is located at the back of the plaza. Behind the plaza is a small wooded area.

5. Bank employees told law enforcement agents that a masked person entered the bank wielding a machete, demanded money from the tellers, and took the money and fled. Bank employees said that during the robbery the robber yelled, "Give me everything you have; don't fuck around.... You know what to do; give me your money.... Give me hundreds." The Bank employees identified the voice as that of a male and reported that the male's skin was covered by his mask and clothing. One bank employee stated that as the male wielded the machete in her direction, he said, "This may not be my only weapon." Bank employees reported that the masked man stole \$5,937 from the Bank.

6. Bank RI is federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is a bank under 18 U.S.C. § 2113(g) or a savings and loan association under 18 U.S.C. § 2113(h).

7. Agents reviewed Bank surveillance video. They saw a masked person enter the Bank at approximately 4:27 pm, perform the robbery, and leave at approximately 4:28 pm. The mask was dark gray or black, there was a white tag visible on the lower edge of the mask, and the mask covered the robber's face. During the course of the robbery, a small portion of the robber's neck was momentarily exposed and revealed white skin. The robber was also wearing dark blue pants, a hooded sweatshirt with the hood drawn over his head, and a red coat over the sweatshirt.

8. On May 2, police found a backpack, a plastic bag, and a camouflage-patterned hat together among a set of large boulders in the wooded area behind the plaza. The boulders were located behind the western edge of the plaza along a berm immediately behind Dave's Marketplace. Ryder told police, after being advised of his rights and during a voluntarily interview on May 6, the backpack, plastic bag, and hat all belonged to him.

9. On May 2, police found a one-hundred dollar bill and sheathed knife, which was not the machete, on the ground in the wooded area immediately behind the eastern edge of the plaza. Nothing else of interest was found in that location at that time. On May 6, in the same

location in which the bill and knife had been found, police found a machete, dark blue pants, a hooded sweatshirt, a red coat, and a dark colored surgical mask all together. These items were all consistent in appearance with the items worn by the robber.

10. As further described below, Ryder was at the plaza for an extended period of time on April 29, 2016 and his activities were consistent with planning the robbery; Ryder was at the plaza on the day of the robbery and his activities were consistent with having performed the robbery; and Ryder's cellular telephone was searched and it contained images of the masked person who committed the robbery (which were not available to police prior to the search of the telephone) and images indicative of planning the robbery. Based on this, I believe that there is probable cause to believe that Ryder was the robber.

Ryder's April 29, 2016 Reconnaissance of the Bank and Plaza

11. Plaza video surveillance footage shows Ryder walking around the perimeter of the plaza on April 29, 2016, three days prior to the robbery. He is identified in the footage by his face, by the backpack and plastic bag he was carrying, and by the camouflage-patterned hat he was wearing. The backpack, plastic bag, and hat matched the backpack, plastic bag, and hat found on May 2, 2016 among the large boulders behind the plaza.

12. In the footage, Ryder is seen from approximately 1:49 to 1:53 pm wearing the backpack and carrying the bag moving from the front of the plaza to the rear of the plaza. The backpack appears full and the bag appears to also contain items. At approximately 1:53 pm he is seen walking toward the boulders behind the plaza. During this time, he is not wearing the camouflage-patterned hat.

13. In the footage, Ryder is seen at approximately 5:29 pm walking away from the area near the boulders wearing the camouflage-patterned hat. He is no longer wearing the backpack or carrying the bag. Based on common sense and the later discovery of the matching items among the boulders, I believe that Ryder left the backpack and plastic bag behind. Also as discussed below, Ryder admits that he left these items in that location.

14. The rear area of the plaza is dominated by the loading dock for Dave's Marketplace. Although the area is publicly accessible, it is utilized primarily for offloading merchandise from trucks. Also, although there are service entries to Dave's Marketplace in this area, these are not the entryways used by the public.

15. In the footage, around 5:30 pm, Ryder is seen wearing the camouflage-patterned hat and walking along the eastern edge of the plaza and observing the location of security cameras. There are service entries to the stores in the plaza along this eastern edge, but these are not the entryways used by the public.

16. In the footage, around 6 pm, Ryder is seen in front of the Bank examining the exterior windows of the Bank. He is also seen returning to the front of the Bank around 7 pm and again examining the exterior windows of the Bank. A check with Bank officials revealed that Ryder does not have accounts with Bank RI and that the Bank closed at around 6 pm on April 29.

17. In the footage, around 8:30 pm, Ryder is seen walking along the western edge of the plaza, and around 9 pm, he is seen entering a silver sedan and leaving the area.

18. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that Ryder's activities as shown in the surveillance footage from April 29 are consistent with planning the May 2 robbery.

Ryder's Presence at the Plaza on May 2nd

19. Video surveillance footage along the Coventry Greenway, which runs behind the plaza, shows Ryder wearing the camouflage-patterned hat traveling in the direction of the plaza by bicycle between 11 am and noon. Plaza video surveillance footage shows Ryder arriving to the plaza at around noon and parking and locking his bicycle in the vicinity of the plaza. He is then seen, still wearing his hat, entering Dave's Marketplace and departing 10 minutes later and running toward the rear of the plaza along the western edge of the plaza. Ryder is wearing a dark jacket and beige or brown pants.

20. Plaza footage from just prior to the robbery shows the robber running along the eastern edge of the plaza in the direction of the Bank and then running along the front of the plaza directly to the Bank and entering the Bank. Immediately after the robbery, plaza footage shows the robber retracing his steps. He runs back along the front of the plaza and is then seen running behind the plaza toward the wooded area.

21. In the aforementioned video footage of the robber, he is wearing the mask, dark blue pants, hooded sweatshirt, and red coat. He is also carrying the machete. From the video footage from inside the bank, it appears that the robber is wearing multiple layers of clothing, all consistent with wearing the robbery outfit over other clothes.

22. Based on my examination of the footage, I believe Ryder's height is consistent with the height of the robber. Furthermore, adjusting for the bulk created by wearing multiple layers of clothing, I believe that Ryder's build is consistent with the build of the robber.

23. At approximately 9 pm, police, who had been on scene since approximately 4:30 pm, left the plaza. But intermittent police patrols of the plaza continue throughout the night.

24. Plaza footage from approximately 11 pm shows Ryder - without his camouflaged hat - running from behind the plaza toward the front of the plaza.

25. During the investigation, police interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He told police that Ryder had called him to get picked up around 11 pm from Bella's Sports Bar, which is directly across the street from the plaza. [REDACTED] further confirmed that he did pick Ryder up at Bella's at around 11 pm. Also, a search of Ryder's telephone confirmed that he was in phone contact with [REDACTED] around between 10:30 and 11 pm on May 2.

26. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that Ryder's activities as shown in the footage are consistent with him having arrived at the plaza around noon, changing his clothing, lying in wait, and then performing the robbery, lying in wait for several hours again waiting for police to leave, and then departing the area with [REDACTED]

Search of Ryder's Cellular Telephone

27. On May 6, police interviewed Ryder and during the course of the interview seized his cellular telephone. On May 10, police obtained a federal warrant to search Ryder's telephone and executed that warrant the following day.

28. On Ryder's cellular telephone, police found multiple photographs.

29. The photographs included two images of a person wearing a mask with a white label on the lower edge, a hooded sweatshirt, and dark blue pants. The mask and clothing are identical to the clothing worn by the robber. Furthermore, the background of the images shows a wooded area and boulders, both of which are consistent with the boulders in the wooded area immediately behind the plaza. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that the purpose of the photographs was to ensure that the robber's mask completely covered his head and neck. Furthermore, I believe Ryder's possession of this photograph establishes probable cause to believe that he was the robber.

30. The photographs included images from the Bank's surveillance video of the robbery. These images were made publically available by the Coventry Police Department shortly after the robbery. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that possession of these photographs is consistent with the robber confirming that his face was not seen during the robbery.

31. The photographs included aerial photographs of the plaza, all consistent with the sorts of images available through online mapping services, such as Google Maps. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that possession of these photographs is consistent with planning the robbery.

32. The photographs include images of other bank robbers who had performed robberies in Coventry over the past year and include images of these other robbers as they appeared during the course of their robberies. Based on my training and experience and based on common sense, I believe that possession of these photographs is consistent with planning the robbery.


DNA Evidence & Probable Cause for Buccal Swab

33. I intend to have the dark blue pants, hooded sweatshirt, red coat, and surgical mask examined for the presence of DNA material. These articles matched the items worn by the robber, and I know from my training and experience, that such articles of clothing often contain biological matter left behind by the wearer, and DNA can commonly be recovered by such biological matter.

34. A buccal swab of Ryder will allow investigators to evaluate his association with these articles of clothing.

Conclusion

35. Based on the foregoing, I believe that there is probable cause to believe that Ryder robbed the Bank and that a buccal swab will provide evidence of that crime.



FBI Special Agent Steven Medeiros

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 12th day of May 2016,
at Providence, Rhode Island



PATRICIA A. SULLIVAN
United States Magistrate Judge