

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOHN GARCIA,

Defendant.

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COMPLAINT

Violations of 18 U.S.C.
§§ 111(a)(1) and (b)

COUNTY OF OFFENSE:
BRONX

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

CRAIG J. WRIGHT II, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Postal Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service (“USPIS”), and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE
(Assaulting an Employee of the United States)

1. On or about July 16, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, knowingly and forcibly assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, and interfered with a person designated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114, while engaged in and on account of the performance of official duties, and in doing so, used a deadly and dangerous weapon and inflicted bodily injury, to wit, in the vicinity of 1225 Sherman Avenue in the Bronx, New York, GARCIA attacked a United States Postal Service mail carrier (“Victim-1”) with a sharp object, causing Victim-1 to suffer lacerations to his head and ear, resulting in the need for Victim-1 to receive medical attention, including stitches.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b).)

The bases for my knowledge and for the foregoing charges are, in part, as follows:

2. I am a Postal Inspector with the USPIS and have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. I base this complaint on my participation in this investigation, as well as on my conversations with other law enforcement agents and other individuals, my examination of various reports, recordings, videos, photographs, and records, and my training and experience. Because this complaint is being submitted for the limited purpose of demonstrating probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements, and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

Assault on United States Postal Service Mail Carrier

3. Based on my training and experience, I know that the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) employs mail carriers whose official duties include delivering mail and packages.

4. Based on my participation in this investigation, my review of law enforcement reports and records, including notes of witness interviews, my review of surveillance video and photographs, and my conversations with law enforcement officers, I have learned, among other things, the following:

a. On or about July 16, 2025, at approximately 12:50 p.m., Victim-1 was on duty, in uniform, delivering mail in the vicinity of 1225 Sherman Avenue in the Bronx, New York.

b. At approximately the same time, an individual later identified as JOHN GARCIA, the defendant (*see infra* ¶¶ 5-9), approached Victim-1 from behind and stated, “What the f*** are you looking at? The other day you were talking to my daughter. My daughter is only ten years old.” Victim-1 responded, “You have the wrong guy.”

c. GARCIA then moved aggressively toward Victim-1 and attacked Victim-1 with a sharp object held in his right hand. GARCIA slashed Victim-1’s head and right ear, causing deep lacerations (the “Attack”). GARCIA then reached under his shirt and asked Victim-1, “You want me to shoot you?,” before fleeing. The below still images from surveillance video show portions of the Attack, with GARCIA wearing the dark-colored hoodie (right) and Victim-1 wearing a blue USPS mail carrier uniform (left):



d. Shortly thereafter, Victim-1 was transported to a particular hospital located in the Bronx, where he received several stitches to treat his injuries, which included (i) an approximately three-inch laceration to the side of the head, behind the right ear, (ii) an approximately one-centimeter laceration to the top of the right ear, and (iii) two approximately three-inch lacerations to the top of the head.

Identification of GARCIA as the Assailant

5. Based on my participation in this investigation, my review of law enforcement reports and records, including notes of witness interviews, my review of surveillance video and photographs, and my conversations with law enforcement officers, I have learned, among other things, the following:

a. On or about July 16, 2025 at approximately 12:50 p.m., *i.e.*, the time of the Attack, JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, was wearing a dark-colored hoodie (the “Hoodie”) with the hood up, a face mask, beige shorts, and white shoes (*see supra* ¶ 4(c)).

b. At approximately 12:53 p.m., GARCIA — wearing the Hoodie with the hood up, beige hat, face mask, beige cargo shorts, and white shoes — entered a bodega located in

the vicinity of 270 East 169th Street (the “Bodega”), approximately two blocks from the scene of the Attack. GARCIA removed the Hoodie he was wearing and handed it to another individual in the Bodega. GARCIA also removed his face mask and discarded it in a trash can. The below still images from surveillance video, from left to right, show GARCIA (i) on the sidewalk in front of the Bodega, moments before entering the Bodega; (ii) while in the Bodega, removing the Hoodie; and (iii) while in the Bodega, removing the face mask.



c. Having removed the Hoodie and face mask, GARCIA was wearing a beige hat, green shirt, beige cargo shorts, white shoes, and a blue wristband on his right wrist, as shown in the below still images from surveillance video:



d. At approximately 12:57 p.m., GARCIA — having removed the beige hat but continuing to wear the green shirt, beige cargo shorts, white shoes, and blue wristband on his right wrist — walked into the lobby of an apartment building located in the vicinity of 169th Street and Sheridan Avenue in the Bronx (the “Apartment Building”), located approximately two blocks from the scene of the Attack. The below still images from surveillance video show GARCIA

(i) walking into the Apartment Building; (ii) inside the Apartment Building lobby; and (iii) walking up the stairs to the second floor of the Apartment Building:



6. Law enforcement officers searched NYPD databases and identified arrest reports for an individual identified as “John Garcia,” with a self-reported address listed as a particular apartment unit in the Apartment Building (the “Unit”). The below photographs of JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, are from prior arrests by the NYPD:



7. On or about August 22, 2019, a grand jury sitting in this district returned an indictment charging JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, with five counts of Hobbs Act robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a) and 2, and one count of brandishing, carrying, and using a firearm during and in relation to the robberies, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) and 2 (the “Indictment”). See *United States v. Garcia*, 19 Cr. 593 (KMW). On or about June 3, 2020, GARCIA pleaded guilty to Counts One through Five of the Indictment. On or about December 2, 2020, GARCIA was sentenced to 48 months’ imprisonment and three years of supervised release. In or about June 2025, GARCIA began his current term of supervised release under the supervision

of the United States Probation Office (“USPO”). The USPO provided me with the below photograph of GARCIA:



8. Based on my participation in this investigation, my review of surveillance video and photographs, my conversations with law enforcement officers, including USPO officers knowledgeable about the supervision of JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, and my training and experience, I believe that GARCIA (depicted *supra* ¶¶ 6-7) is the individual who attacked Victim-1 (depicted *supra* ¶¶ 3(c), 5(b)-(d)).

9. Based on my participation in this investigation, my review of law enforcement reports and records, including NYPD arrest records and USPO records, as well as my conversations with law enforcement officers, including USPO officers, I know that, on or about July 1, 2025, the USPO conducted a home visit of JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, at the Unit in the Apartment Building. For the foregoing reasons — and because GARCIA returned to the Apartment Building following the Attack (*see supra* ¶ 5(d)) — I believe that GARCIA resides in the Unit.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that a warrant be issued for the arrest of JOHN GARCIA, the defendant, and that he be arrested, and imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.

/s/ Craig J. Wright, by SDA with permission

Craig J. Wright II
Postal Inspector
United States Postal Inspection Service

Sworn to me through the transmission of
this Complaint by reliable electronic
means (telephone), this 30th day of July,
2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stewart D. Aaron".

THE HONORABLE STEWART D. AARON
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York