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The Honorable David W. Christel

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA,

Defendant.

NO. MJ22-5067

#### COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION

Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5)

Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(8)

Before David W. Christel, United States Magistrate Judge, U.S. Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington.

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

#### **COUNT 1**

#### (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)

From on or about March 23, 2019, to on or about November 16, 2019, in Clackamas County, in the District of Oregon, and Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, a Savage Arms model M11 .308 caliber rifle, bearing serial

1 | number K324833, that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign 2 commerce. 3 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5). 4 **COUNT 2** 5 (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm) 6 From on or about April 4, 2019, to on or about November 16, 2019, in Thurston 7 County and Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere. 8 JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the 9 United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, did 10 knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, a 11 Sig Sauer model 1911 STX .45 auto caliber handgun, bearing serial number 54E026501, 12 that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign commerce. 13 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5). 14 COUNT 3 15 (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm) 16 From on or about April 13, 2019, to on or about November 16, 2019, in 17 Multnomah County, in the District of Oregon, and Clark County, within the Western 18 District of Washington, and elsewhere, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was 19 an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States 20 under a nonimmigrant visa, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign 21 commerce, a firearm, that is, a KelTec model Sub-2000 .40 caliber rifle, bearing serial 22 number FF4Q08, that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign 23 commerce. 24 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5). 25 **COUNT 4** 26 (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm) 27 On or about April 14 2019, in Clark County, within the Western District of 28 Washington, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and

unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, a Glock model 26 9mm caliber handgun, bearing serial number BGBU719, that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5).

#### **COUNT 5**

## (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)

From on or about April 20, 2019, to on or about November 16, 2019, in Multnomah County, in the District of Oregon, and Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, a Century Arms model RAS47 7.62 caliber rifle, bearing serial number RAS47071128, that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5).

#### COUNT 6

#### (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)

From on or about May 8, 2019, to on or about November 16, 2019, in Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, a Rock Island Armory model M200 .38 special caliber handgun, bearing serial number RIA1999506, that had been shipped or transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5).

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(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)

On or about November 16, 2019, in Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, and knowing that he was subject to a court order issued on or about November 14, 2019, in the District Court of the State of Washington, County of Clark, case number 9Z1074494, which was issued after a hearing of when he received notice and at which he had an opportunity to participate, restraining him from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner, that by its terms explicitly prohibited the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, the following firearms:

- a Savage Arms model M11 .308 caliber rifle, bearing serial number K324833 a Sig Sauer model 1911 STX .45 auto caliber handgun, bearing serial number 54E026501
  - a KelTec model Sub-2000 .40 caliber rifle, bearing serial number FF4Q08
- a Century Arms model RAS47 7.62 caliber rifle, bearing serial number RAS47071128
- a Rock Island Armory model M200 .38 special caliber handgun, bearing serial number RIA1999506

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5), (8).

#### **COUNT 8**

# (Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)

On or about May 6, 2022, in Clark County, within the Western District of Washington, JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA, knowing he was an alien illegally and unlawfully in the United States and admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, and knowing that he was subject to a court order issued on or about October 14,

1	2020, in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of Clark, case number
2	2020-1-01294-06, which was issued after a hearing of when he received notice and at
3	which he had an opportunity to participate, restraining him from harassing, stalking, or
4	threatening an intimate partner, that by its terms explicitly prohibited the use, attempted
5	use or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner that would
6	reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury, and knowing that he had been convicted of
7	at least one of the following a misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence, namely, Assault
8	in the Fourth Degree – Domestic Violence, in the Superior Court of the State of
9	Washington, County of Clark, under case number 2020-1-01294-06, on or about October
10	14, 2020, and Assault in the Fourth Degree – Domestic Violence, in the Superior Court of
11	the State of Washington, County of Clark, under case number 21-1-01539-06, on or about
12	January 31, 2022, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign
13	commerce, the following firearms:
14	two AR-15-type rifles, bearing no serial number or manufacturer's marks;
15	an AR-15-type rifle with an attached bipod, bearing no serial number or
16	manufacturer's marks;
17	a Ruger model LCP 9mm caliber handgun, bearing serial number 371726823;
18	a Glock-type 9mm caliber handgun, bearing no serial number or manufacturer's
19	mark.
20	All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5), (8), (9).
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22	And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following
23	information:
24	I, Jordan Vossler, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:
25	I. INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND
26	1. I am a Deportation Officer with the U.S. Immigration and Customs
27	Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and have been since
28	September 2015. I have been employed by the Department of Homeland Security for

1 | approximately 11 years and am currently stationed in Portland, Oregon. I previously served as an Immigration Enforcement Agent from February 2011 to September 2015. I am currently assigned to the Criminal Alien Program (CAP) where I am responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations into possible violations of the federal law with an emphasis on immigration law. I am also collaterally assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force in Vancouver, Washington where I am responsible for conducting criminal investigations involving, but not limited to, violent crimes, firearm offenses, transnational gangs and narcotics trafficking. As part of this assignment, I have received Special Deputation with the Department of Justice as an FBI Task Force Officer. My training and experience include graduating the ICE DRO Basic Immigration Enforcement Academy in 2011, completing the ICE Field Operations Training Program in 2015, and completing the Field Operations Training Program-Prosecutions Module in 2019 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers in Glynco, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. I have also assisted with the service of multiple search warrants with state and local law enforcement agencies as well as with the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

2. The facts set forth in this Affidavit are based on my own personal knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals during my participation in this investigation, including other law enforcement personnel; review of documents and records related to this investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein; and information gained through my training and experience. Because this Affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the crimes set forth herein, this document does not contain all of my knowledge of the larger investigation.

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#### II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

3. This affidavit is made in support of a criminal complaint against JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA (DEBORBA) for eight counts of violations of Alien Person Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm, Possession of Firearms by Person Who is Subject to Domestic Violence Protection Order, and Possession of Firearms by a Person Convicted of a Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence, in violation of Title 18 United States Code Sections 922(g)(5), 922(g)(8), and 922(g)(9).

#### III. SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE

## DeBorba's Entry to the United States and Citizenship Status

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- 4. In August of 2021, I received information that DEBORBA was arrested for charges involving domestic violence and a violation of a no contact order in Clark County, Washington. This referral stated that DEBORBA was an undocumented immigrant. My review of immigration records indicate that DEBORBA entered the United States on or about November 10, 1999, via the Miami (Florida) International Airport, using a nonimmigrant B2 visitor visa. When entering on that date, DEBORBA provided his Brazilian Passport (no. xxxxx642) stating he was a citizen of Brazil. He was admitted to the United States for a period of up to six months, requiring him to depart the United States on or before May 9, 2000.
- 5. Based on my investigation of Department of Homeland Security immigration records, there is no record of DEBORBA ever departing the United States or applying for an extension of stay, and it appears he overstayed his visa and is in violation of section 237(a)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. There is also no record in any immigration database of DEBORBA ever receiving permission to legally remain in the United States or any other legal entry at any time after November 10, 1999. I have also obtained a copy of DEBORBA's current Brazilian passport, which states that he was born in Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil. and listed him as a national of Brazil. This passport appears to have been issued in Boston, Massachusetts on January 24, 2018, and

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is due to expire on January 23, 2028. Information from a Brazilian official also confirms this passport is valid and in their system.

- 6. Throughout the investigation I received information from the referral stating that DEBORBA's mother and father are both citizens and nationals of Brazil. I have reviewed DEBORBA's Application for Social Security Card which he listed his father as Antonio DeBorba and his mother as Lidia Lucia Schutza. Based on my investigation of Department of Homeland Security immigration records regarding DEBORBA's parents' information, DEBORBA's mother and father are both listed as citizens and nationals of Brazil and DEBORBA's mother is also known by the name Lidia DeBorba.
- 7. DEBORBA's father entered the United States on or about April 1, 2000, on a B2 visitor visa from Brazil. He overstayed this visa and later departed the United States to Brazil on or about April 20, 2003, using his Brazilian passport. I have learned from Special Agent Scott Jones with the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, that DEBORBA's father also obtained a Social Security Card on or about the same date as DEBORBA, at the Social Security Administration's Ogden, Utah, Field Office. I have reviewed a copy of an application for the original Social Security card submitted by DEBORBA's father in obtaining SSN xxx-xx-1081 using the name Antonio Jaborba instead of DeBorba. The application was signed by DEBORBA's father on January 17, 2001, and stated he was born in Rio Do Sol, Brazil. Under citizenship, it specifies "Legal Alien Not Allowed to Work." The application indicates that, in support of his application, DEBORBA's father provided his Brazilian passport, an I-94 entry document for a B2 visitor visa, and a "DMV" letter. No record of additional legal entries could be located after DEBORBA's father departed the United States on the previously mentioned date.
- 8. DEBORBA's mother last entered the United States on or about January 23, 2014, on a B2 visitor visa from Brazil, She then departed the United States to Brazil on or about February 4, 2014, using her Brazilian passport. No valid Social Security number

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could be located for DEBORBA's mother and there is no record of a United States passport found for either parent.

## DeBorba's Social Security Card Application and Claims to U.S. Citizenship

- 9. I have learned from Special Agent Scott Jones with the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, that DEBORBA was issued Social Security number (SSN) xxx-xx-1075 on January 17, 2001, by the Social Security Administration's Ogden, Utah Field Office. I have reviewed the Application for a Social Security card submitted by DEBORBA in obtaining that Social Security number. The application is signed by DEBORBA, and states he was born in Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Also, on the "citizenship" question, the box is checked stating that DEBORBA was a "Legal Alien Not Allowed To Work." The application indicates that, in support of this application, DEBORBA provided his previously mentioned Brazilian passport, an I-94 entry document for a B2 visitor visa, and a "DMV" letter. There is no record in immigration databases of the I-94 document under the number DEBORBA provided, and I believe it to be a fraudulent document presented in order to obtain a Social Security number. Based on this application, DEBORBA was issued a Social Security number bearing the notation, "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT." No other replacement card was issued. I believe this Social Security card was most likely issued in order for DEBORBA to obtain state, federal, and/or other benefits, and Special Agent Jones stated it was likely issued in error since a person with a B2 visa is not authorized to work in the United States and such a document is generally not used for establishing eligibility for a Social Security number, nor does a driver's license constitute a valid nonwork reason for assigning a Social Security number.
- 10. I have reviewed an image of DEBORBA's Social Security card. The card bears the notation, "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT" above the Social Security number, which is over the Social Security Administration seal.
- 11. I have obtained copies of DEBORBA's I-9 Employment Eligibility

  Verification forms used in connection with his employment with JC Custom Machining

& Design, Inc., and A-1 Precision, Inc. On the I-9 form, the applicant is asked to attest. under penalty of perjury, to his or her citizenship status. On both forms, which bear DEBORBA's signature, the box is checked next to "A citizen of the United States." The supporting documentation for the I-9 relating to JC Custom Machining & Design, Inc. shows DEBORBA submitted a Massachusetts driver's license and a Social Security card bearing what appears to be Social Security number xxx-xx-1075. Notably, the Social Security card does not bear the notation "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT." Further, the card does not bear the seal of the Social Security Administration, which is the agency that issues Social Security cards, but rather, it bears the seal of the Department of Health and Human Services. The supporting documentation for the I-9 form relating to A-1 Precision, Inc. (dated June 10, 2019) shows DEBORBA submitted a Washington driver's license and another Social Security card bearing SSN xxx-xx-1075 and the seal of the Social Security Administration, but without the "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT" notation. The area of the card where the notation is supposed to be (over the upper portion of the seal) appears to have been blurred or erased, indicating the card was altered to remove the "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT" disclaimer.

12. Information provided by Special Agent Mazzuca with the Federal Aviation Administration revealed that DEBORBA attempted to get a student pilots license in Massachusetts. On or about March 19, 2014, and April 12, 2015, he stated he was a citizen of Brazil on official government document FAA Form 8500-8.

## **DeBorba's Purchases and Possession of Firearms**

13. On February 25, 2019, DEBORBA applied for a Concealed Pistol License in the state of Washington. I have obtained a copy of the Concealed Pistol License Application signed by DEBORBA, which states that he was born in Joinville, Santa Catarina Brazil. Next to the question, "Are you a United States citizen?" the box is checked "Yes." Next to the questions, "Are you a permanent resident alien?" and "Are you a legal alien temporarily residing in Washington?" the boxes are checked "No." The space provided on the form for the entry of the applicant's alien registration/I-94 number

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was left blank. (This CPL was revoked by the Clark County Sheriff's Office on or about November 13, 2020, due to DEBORBA's domestic violence convictions in October 2020.)

- 14. I have obtained Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) firearms tracing information related to DEBORBA's possession of a number of firearms. According to an ATF Firearms Transaction Record (Form 4473), on March 23, 2019, DEBORBA purchased a Savage Arms model M11 rifle from a Sportsman's Warehouse in Portland, Oregon. The Form 4473 bears DEBORBA's signature, and under question 12.a., entitled, "Country of Citizenship," the box next to "United States of America" is checked. The form also provided the answer "No" to questions 12.c. and 12.d.1., which read, "Are you an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States?" and "Are you an alien who has been admitted to the United States under nonimmigrant visa?" In addition, the space that directs an alien to provide their admission number (I-94) was left blank.
- 15. On April 4, 2019, as documented in another Form 4473, DEBORBA purchased a Sig Sauer model 1911 .45 caliber pistol from a Cabela's store in Lacey, Washington. The Form 4473 for the transaction bears DEBORBA's signature, again represents his country of citizenship as the United States of America, provides the answer "No" to the questions about being an alien, and omits DEBORBA's I-94 number.
- 16. On April 13, 2019, as documented in a Form 4473, DEBORBA purchased a KelTec model Sub-2000 .40 caliber rifle from Fast Cash Inc. in Lebanon, Oregon. The Form 4473 for the transaction bears DEBORBA's signature, represents his country of citizenship as the United States of America, provides the answer "No" to the questions about being an alien, and omits DEBORBA's I-94 number.
- 17. On April 14, 2019, DEBORBA was arrested by the Washington State
  Patrol (WSP) in Vancouver, Washington for Driving Under the Influence. At that time,
  DEBORBA was in possession of a Glock 26 pistol and his Concealed Pistol License,
  though he initially denied to the arresting officer that he had a firearm. According to ATF

1 || firearms tracing information, this Glock 26 pistol (serial number BGBU719) was originally sold as a Glock 26 "receiver" (a firearm part) in July 2018 in a sale to a private party. The Form 4473 for this transfer indicates the sale was made by a federally licensed firearms dealer in El Paso, Texas, to a Texas residence, but trace information provides no record of subsequent transfers of the receiver or the assembled firearm made from the receiver. It is unclear at this time how or when DEBORBA obtained the Glock 26 pistol, which is currently in the custody of the WSP.

- 18. On April 20, 2019, as documented in a Form 4473, DEBORBA purchased a Century Arms model RAS47 7.62 caliber rifle from Keith's Sporting Goods in Gresham, Oregon. As before, the Form 4473 for the transaction bears DEBORBA's signature, represents his country of citizenship as the United States of America, provides the answer "No" to the questions about being an alien, and omits DEBORBA's I-94 number.
- 19. On May 8, 2019, as documented in a Form 4473, DEBORBA purchased a Rock Island Armory model M200 .38 Special caliber revolver from Brass Tacks Munitions in Vancouver, Washington. Once again, the Form 4473 for the transaction bears DEBORBA's signature, represents his country of citizenship as the United States of America, provides the answer "No" to the questions about being an alien, and omits DEBORBA's I-94 number.

# <u>Issuance of Domestic Violence No-Contact Orders and Violations of Terms in 2019</u>

20. On November 10, 2019, DEBORBA was arrested in Vancouver, Washington by the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) for assaulting his wife. On November 12, 2019, a Domestic Violence No-Contact Order was issued by the District Court of Washington for the County of Clark, case number 9Z1074494, restraining DEBORBA from, among other things, harassing, stalking, threatening, assaulting, or causing bodily injury to his wife, and prohibiting DEBORBA from possessing any firearms and ordering him to immediately surrender any firearms in his possession. The order was issued in open court with DEBORBA present, and bears his signature

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1 || acknowledging receipt of the order. On November 14, 2019, a replacement Domestic Violence No-Contact Order was issued under the same terms, but allowing for third-party contact between DEBORBA and his wife regarding child visitation and for electronic communication between DEBORBA and his children. DEBORBA was again present and acknowledged receiving a copy of the order by signing.

21. On or about November 16, 2019, the VPD arrested DEBORBA for violations of the Domestic Violence No-Contact Order, and, during the arrest, seized from his residence approximately twenty firearms which he had failed to surrender as required under the Order, along with other firearm parts and ammunition. These firearms included the Savage Arms, Sig Sauer, KelTec, Century Arms, and Rock Island Armory firearms mentioned above, and are currently in the possession of VPD for safekeeping. Also among the items seized were an AR-15 type rifle along with two AR-15 upper receivers (firearm parts used to assemble AR-15 type rifles).

#### **Domestic Violence Related Convictions in 2020**

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22. On October 14, 2020, DEBORBA was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree – Domestic Violence and two counts of Domestic Violence Court Order Violation in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of Clark, in case number 2020-1-01294-06. The charges alleged a violation of the Domestic Violence No-Contact Order in case number 9Z1074494, and an assault committed against DEBORBA's former wife, committed on June 2, 2020, as well as the earlier violation of the same order on November 16, 2019. Each of these charges were misdemeanors. In relation to case number 2020-1-01294-06, a new Domestic Violence No Contact Order was issued, which, among other things, again prohibited DEBORBA from possessing any firearms and ordered him to immediately surrender any firearms in his possession. DEBORBA was present and signed the order. The order expires on October 14, 2022.

## **Evidence of Continued Acquisition or Possession of Firearms**

23. In August of 2021 a confidential source (hereinafter "CS-1") provided me with evidence of DEBORBA operating and firing a firearm, again in violation of the

1 || November 14, 2019, Domestic Violence No-Contact Order. The evidence consisted of a video DEBORBA posted on his Instagram social media account with the username rick sky2020. In this video, DEBORBA appears to be outdoors firing a black rifle with synthetic stock and large optical sight. The video provided appeared to be a recording of the screen of another phone, but due to the focus of the recording, the date, location and account name could not be clearly read. On February 1, 2022, I sought and obtained a federal search warrant for information contained in DEBORBA's Instagram account. Among the items from the Instagram account was a video matching the one shown to me by CS-1, which clearly shows DEBORBA outdoors firing an AR-15 type rifle. Information from the Instagram account indicated that the video was taken on May 20, 2020, in Washougal, Washington. This clearly violates the November 14, 2019, Domestic Violence No-Contact Order that DEBORBA signed.

- CS-1 also provided information for DEBORBA's YouTube Channel, titled 24. "joao deborba," where, on March 22, 2019, DEBORBA posted two videos of himself holding and operating a firearm at a firing range, This same source also stated that members of DEBORBA's family have also observed him with firearms since the time VPD seized firearms from him.
- 25. The two YouTube videos were titled, "7mm Brazilian Mauser Atirador de Elite" and "7mm Brazilian Mauser Atirador de Elite 2." I last viewed this page on April 13, 2022, and these videos were still posted. The video titles appear to be a description of the rifle that DEBORBA is depicted firing in the videos, which is a boltaction rifle with a wood stock. This appears to be consistent with the rifle being Brazilian-made Mauser type rifle chambered for a 7mm cartridge.
- 26. As of March 9, 2022, the videos were accessible on the Internet via the URLs: "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8mTKmYVuso" and "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k4uIKZLXKY."
- 27. On March 14, 2022, I obtained a search warrant for information associated with the above YouTube account. In response to the search warrant, I received from

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1 || Google LLC (the parent company of YouTube) copies of the two videos I viewed on the YouTube website, as well as metadata associated with the videos indicating that they were created and published on March 23, 2019. Account information indicated that the account subscriber was Joao DeBorba, and that the user of the account has accessed the account using an Android mobile cellular device, which was earliest used to access the account on January 2, 2019, and most recently on March 13, 2022.

## **Continued Possession of Firearms at Target Premises**

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28. In April of 2021, police responded to an assault between DEBORBA and his roommates at his residence. At that time, both roommates stated that DEBORBA still had firearms at the residence and that DEBORBA worked for a firearms retailer. These roommates stated that DEBORBA was in possession of a bolt-action rifle. They also stated that he often carried the rifle in a backpack because it could be disassembled, and described it as a black rifle with a synthetic stock, gold barrel, and scope or similar optic. The roommates reported DEBORBA was last seen with the rifle about four weeks prior to the incident.

## **Domestic Violence-Related Convictions in 2022**

On January 31, 2022, DEBORBA was again convicted of Assault in the 29. Fourth Degree – Domestic Violence and a Domestic Violence Court Order Violation in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of Clark, in case number 21-1-01539-06. The charges alleged a violation of the Domestic Violence No Contact Order issued in case number 20-1-01294-06 and an assault committed against DEBORBA's former wife, occurring on August 22, 2021. Each of the charges were misdemeanors. Pursuant to the judgment, DEBORBA was informed that he may not possess any firearms.

#### Arrest and Possession of Firearms on May 6, 2022

30. On May 6, 2022, along with other law enforcement agents and officers, I executed a federal search warrant on DEBORBA's residence at 3214 NE 62nd Ave.

Apartment J6, Vancouver, Washington. DEBORBA was detained leaving the apartment before law enforcement made entry.

- 31. Inside the residence, law enforcement located five firearms, specifically: two AR-15-type rifles, bearing no serial number or manufacturer's marks; an AR-15-type rifle with an attached bipod, bearing no serial number or manufacturer's marks; a Ruger<sup>1</sup> model LCP 9mm caliber handgun, bearing serial number 371726823; and a Glock-type 9mm caliber handgun, bearing no serial number or manufacturer's mark.
- 32. Also located inside the apartment was a workbench with a vice, and a large amount of ammunition, firearms parts, firearms tools, what appeared to be a completed firearms silencer or suppressor, suppressor parts, rifle magazines including what appeared to be a 50-round drum magazine, and other firearms accessories including gun and rifle cases.
- 33. Following his arrest, I interviewed DEBORBA, after my partner read him his Miranda rights. DEBORBA agreed to speak to us. During the interview, DEBORBA admitted possessing firearms located in the residence. While my partner and I transported DEBORBA following his arrest, he was shown photos of a number of the firearms located in the residence, and DEBORBA admitted to assembling firearms himself from parts that he purchased through the internet. DEBORBA admitted that he lied on forms he used to purchase firearms, and that he knew that it was illegal for non-citizens to possess firearms.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

34. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that JOAO RICARDO DEBORBA did knowingly and intentionally commit the crimes of *Alien Person Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm, Possession of Firearms by Person Who is Subject to Domestic Violence Protection Order*, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ruger is a firearms manufacturer based in Southport, Connecticut, with manufacturing facilities in a number of states outside of Washington.

1 || Possession of Firearms by a Person Convicted of a Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence, in violation of Title 18 United States Code Sections 922(g)(5), 922(g)(8), and 2 3 922(g)(9). 4 5 Jordan Vossler, Complainant 6 Task Force Officer 7 Federal Bureau of Investigation 8 Based on the Complaint and Affidavit, to which the above-named agent provided 9 a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the contents of such, the Court hereby finds 10 that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant committed the offense set forth in 11 the Complaint. 12 13 Dated this 6th day of May, 2022. 14 15 16 17 The Honorable David W. Christel 18 United States Magistrate Judge 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27