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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Southern District of Texas

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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

United States of America)
v.)
CHRISTOPHER HASKELL JEREMY BISHOP)
and)
TRAVIS DECARLO DRAIN)
_____)
Defendant(s)

Case No. H-17-

H17-0256M

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 3, 2017 in the county of Harris in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a)

Defendants did by force, violence, and intimidation take money belonging to Amegy Bank, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

see attached affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet.

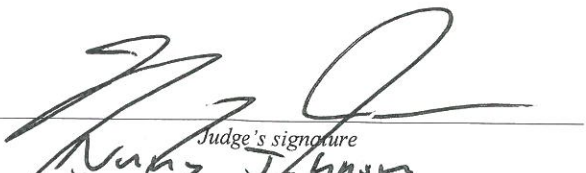
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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 3-6-17

City and state: Houston, Texas


Complainant's signature
GLENN GREGORY, FBI Special Agent
Printed name and title


Judge's signature
FRANCES H. STACY, U.S Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Glenn Gregory, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], duly appointed according to law and acting as such. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI for twenty [20] years and am assigned to the FBI Houston Division Violent Crime Task Force [VCTF]. The VCTF is comprised of Task Force Officers [TFO's] from the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Special Agents of the FBI. The VCTF is responsible for the investigation of, among other violent crimes, bank robbery. The facts contained in this affidavit are based upon information provided to me by other law enforcement officers, other witnesses, and my own personal knowledge. Since this affidavit is made for the limited purpose of supporting a Criminal Complaint, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of the investigation. Rather, I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for the crimes charged. Unless otherwise indicated, where actions, conversations, and statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part only.
2. On March 3, 2017 your affiant was contacted by Detective Gil Macedo, Bellaire, Texas Police Department [BPD] who advised officers and other investigators from BPD had responded to an Amegy Bank branch located at 5301 Bissonnet Street, Bellaire, Texas after employees at the bank had reported the bank had been robbed of U.S. currency by two [2] adult black male suspects at approximately 10:45 a.m. that same day. Detective Macedo further advised the aforementioned

suspects had fled the bank in a vehicle which BPD officers pursued into the City of Houston before the suspect vehicle crashed, becoming disabled, and the suspects were taken into custody by BPD and Houston Police Department [HPD] officers. Detective Macedo advised your affiant the aforementioned suspects and the vehicle they were operating were being transported back to the BPD station. Your affiant subsequently proceeded to the BPD station to assist in a joint investigation with Detective Macedo.

3. Your affiant reviewed completed portions of BPD Incident Report #170303-0225 and HPD Incident Report #275843-17 which, in summary, documented the following information :

a. At 10:50 a.m. BPD patrol officers were dispatched to the aforementioned Amegy Bank branch regarding a reported robbery in progress. In summary bank employees, five [5] of whom were present inside the bank at the time of the robbery, advised responding BPD officers of the following:

1. One of the suspects, later identified through investigation as CHRISTOPHER BISHOP [hereinafter referred to as BISHOP], entered the bank at approximately 9:15 a.m. and asked one of the employees instructions for making a deposit. Before the employee could verbally respond BISHOP stated he [BISHOP] could use the automated teller machine [ATM] and promptly departed the bank.

2. At approximately 10:45 a.m. BISHOP and another suspect, later identified through investigation as TRAVIS DRAIN [hereinafter referred to as DRAIN], entered the bank. BISHOP, who was carrying a green color canvas bag, proceeded to the teller counter, climbed over the counter [to the teller area], and asked one of the bank employees, "Where is all the money?" The employee advised BISHOP the money was located in the teller drawers. BISHOP subsequently removed U.S. currency from the teller drawers at four [4] different teller stations.

DRAIN remained on the customer side of the teller counter and was heard to instruct BISHOP to “hurry up.” One of the bank employees was able to conceal themselves underneath their desk and call 911 while BISHOP and DRAIN were inside the bank.

3. After removing U.S. currency from the teller station drawers BISHOP proceeded to the motor bank [drive-thru] teller area. BISHOP placed his hand on the shoulder of a female employee and pushed her aside as he stated, “Get out of the way.” BISHOP removed U.S. currency from drawers at the motor bank teller station, and was observed placing the money in the aforementioned green color canvas bag. BISHOP removed a bundle of strapped U.S. paper currency from one of the motor bank teller station drawers, looked at the same female employee and stated, “Not this one.” Bank employees advised BPD officers that BISHOP was referring to a bundle of strapped U.S. paper currency which contained bills with pre-recorded serial numbers [also known as bait money]. BISHOP and DRAIN exited the bank, entered a black color four [4] door Mercedes Benz sedan, and drove out of the bank parking lot.

b. BPD officers and HPD officers, who were operating marked police vehicles with emergency lights, located a black color four [4] door Mercedes Benz sedan, bearing Texas temporary license plate 43H9134, at approximately 11:00 a.m. near the intersection of N. Main Street and the Interstate 45 northbound feeder road in Houston. HPD officers observed the aforementioned vehicle drive over the median and through a red light at the intersection. HPD officers pulled in to follow the vehicle and activated their emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, later determined to be BISHOP, entered the northbound lanes of Interstate 45 and drove at speeds in excess of one hundred twenty [120] miles per hour in an attempt to evade pursuing HPD and BPD officers. As the pursuit continued through Houston officers observed a maroon color bag and a yellow color bag being thrown out of the suspect

vehicle while it was driving on the Interstate 610 North Loop. Both bags were recovered by HPD officers and subsequently transferred to the custody of BPD. The maroon color bag, which contained five [5] smaller orange color and red color bags, contained the following markings:

Wells Fargo Bank

MAC #T0011-110

MT0011111012

13650 I-10E

Houston, TX 77015-5926

The yellow color bag contained the following markings:

Wells Fargo Bank

T0011-110

0068650

THE MARKET AT UVALDE

13560 I-10E

Houston, TX 77015

c. The Mercedes Benz sedan BISHOP was driving eventually struck at least three [3] different vehicles while he was attempting to evade pursuing HPD and BPD officers. BISHOP eventually stopped the vehicle in the 6500 block of Enid Street [in Houston], exited the vehicle and immediately attempted to enter the driver door of an occupied sedan which was parked on Enid Street. BISHOP was prevented from entering the occupied sedan by a private citizen who was standing at the back of the car. BISHOP was subsequently taken into custody by uniformed HPD and BPD officers. When BISHOP stopped the Mercedes Benz sedan in the 6500 block of

Enid Street an adult black male, later determined to be DRAIN, exited the front passenger side door and fled on foot. DRAIN was located in the backyard of a nearby residence and taken into custody by HPD officers without further incident.

d. The aforementioned Mercedes Benz sedan was bearing a temporary [paper] Texas license plate and vehicle identification number [VIN] WDDDJ72X08A116179. A query of the aforementioned VIN through the National Crime Information Center [NCIC] database revealed on May 26, 2015 the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department entered a 2008 year model Mercedes Benz, four [4] door, black color L55 sedan bearing Mississippi license plates KTJ131 and VIN WDDDJ72X08A116179 as a Stolen Vehicle. On March 3, 2017 the Memphis Police Department confirmed the aforementioned vehicle was still considered to be a stolen vehicle.

e. BPD officers conducted an inventory of the contents of the Mercedes Benz sedan after the vehicle was towed to the BPD station. One of the items inventoried was a green color bag found to contain \$24,002.00 in U.S. currency [Your affiant later learned Amegy Bank reported the loss amount from the robbery was \$24,029.00 in U.S currency]. BPD officers further inventoried five [5] different Texas and Tennessee license plates located inside the vehicle.

4. After BISHOP and DRAIN were transported to the BPD station BISHOP was escorted to an interview room which contained an audio/video recording system that had been activated prior to BISHOP entering the room. Your affiant and Detective Macedo subsequently entered the room and identified themselves to BISHOP. Detective Macedo asked BISHOP his name and date of birth; BISHOP identified himself as EUGENE JEREMY BISHOP and provide his date of birth as January 17, 1979. After Detective Macedo read aloud to BISHOP his [BISHOP's] Miranda rights BISHOP voluntarily confessed that he and DRAIN robbed a bank earlier that day. BISHOP stated, "Yes I did go inside the bank and take the money." BISHOP stated DRAIN's role during the

robbery was to “look.” BISHOP admitted to driving the Mercedes Benz sedan while attempting to evade the police, and admitted to attempting to steal another vehicle once the Mercedes Benz became disabled. BISHOP stated he had purchased the Mercedes Benz sedan in Memphis, Tennessee approximately eight [8] to nine [9] months earlier, and that he possessed the title to the vehicle. The electronically recorded interview, which was in excess of thirty [30] minutes, was terminated when BISHOP requested to speak with an attorney. DRAIN declined to be interviewed.

5. On March 3, 2017 your affiant reviewed images captured during the robbery by security cameras installed inside the aforementioned Amegy Bank branch. The images revealed BISHOP was wearing a white color baseball cap, a maroon or burgundy color sweatshirt, maroon or burgundy color sweatpants, blue color gloves, and bright colored shoes/sneakers while inside the bank. The images further revealed BISHOP was carrying a green color bag as he climbed over the teller counter. The images revealed DRAIN was wearing a light color baseball cap [with writing/logo], a dark color jacket, a white color shirt underneath the jacket, dark color gloves, and dark color pants. The images further revealed DRAIN exited the bank carrying the aforementioned green color bag. An inventory by BPD of clothing items recovered directly from, or associated with, BISHOP included one [1] pair of orange color Nike brand tennis shoes, a burgundy color shirt, and one [1] pair of burgundy color sweatpants. An inventory by BPD of clothing items recovered directly from, or associated with, DRAIN included a white color t-shirt, one [1] pair of black color jeans, a black color leather jacket, one [1] pair of black/blue color gloves, and a gray color baseball cap.

6. On March 3, 2017 your affiant reviewed HPD Incident Report #270907-17 which revealed on March 2, 2017, at approximately 9:40 a.m. an adult black male, described as being approximately twenty five [25] to thirty five [35] years of age, being approximately 5’ 10” tall, weighing

approximately one hundred eight five [185] to two hundred ten [210] pounds, and wearing a maroon or burgundy color jogging suit entered the Wells Fargo Bank branch located at 13560 East Freeway [I-10], Houston, Texas [the commercial strip center where the bank is located is named "The Market at Uvalde"]. An adult female who works as an independent courier that services Wells Fargo reported that as she was dropping off some maroon color bank bags, containing "unknown bank business" [not currency], the aforementioned black male grabbed the bags out of her hands, ran out of the bank, and entered a black color Mercedes Benz vehicle [not further described in the report] before driving off.

7. Following BISHOP's interview BISHOP and DRAIN were transferred to FBI custody. Upon arrival at the FBI Houston Division field office your affiant entered BISHOP's and DRAIN's fingerprints, photographs, and biographical information into the Joint Automated Booking System. BISHOP's fingerprints were determined to be matched to FBI Number 481660VB9. The aforementioned FBI Number is assigned to CHRISTOPHER BISHOP, whose date of birth is listed as June 18, 1982, and whose documented criminal history consists of fourteen [14] prior arrests. Your affiant subsequently questioned BISHOP regarding his true identity. BISHOP admitted to your affiant that he had identified himself during his interview utilizing his brother's name and date of birth. When asked by your affiant to provide the name and date of birth listed on his birth certificate BISHOP provided the name CHRISTOPHER HASKELL JEREMY BISHOP and a date of birth as June 18, 1982.


7. Based on the foregoing your affiant believes there is probable cause to believe that on March 3, 2017, CHRISTOPHER BISHOP and TRAVIS DRAIN used force, violence, and intimidation to take money belonging to Amegy Bank, 5301 Bissonnet Street, Bellaire, Texas, located in the

Southern District of Texas, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a).



GLENN GREGORY, Special Agent
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 6th day of March 2017.



FRANCES H. STACY Nancy Johnson
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE