

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Oregon

United States of America
v.

THOMAS JOHNSON

Case No. 3:20-mj-170

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

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 7/26/2020 in the county of Multnomah in the
District of Oregon, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) Offense Description Assaulting a Federal Officer

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Affidavit of USMS DUSM Christopher Tamayo attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Continued on the attached sheet.

via telephone

Complainant's signature

USMS DUSM Christopher Tamayo

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the rules of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone at 8:03 a.m./p.m.

Date: July 27, 2020



Jolie A. Russo
Judge's signature

City and state: Portland, Oregon

Hon. Jolie A. Russo, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

STATE OF OREGON )  
 ) ss: AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER TAMAYO  
County of Multnomah )

**Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant**

I, Christopher Tamayo, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:

**Introduction and Agent Background**

1. I am a Criminal Investigator Deputy United States Marshal (CIDUSM) with the United States Marshals Service and have been since 2013. I am assigned to the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force where I am responsible for conducting fugitive and sex offender investigations that result in arrest and prosecutions of individuals who are facing criminal charges in state and federal court. As a Criminal Investigator Deputy U.S. Marshal, I am authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 564 to enforce the federal criminal laws of the United States. My training and experience includes completion of a California Peace Officer Standard Training Academy, the Federal Criminal Investigator Training Program and the U.S. Marshals Service Basic Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. I have also attended additional training provided by other law enforcement entities relating to fugitive investigations and sex offender investigations.

2. I submit this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Thomas JOHNSON. As set forth below, I have probable cause to believe that JOHNSON committed an assault upon a federal officer, in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 111.

3. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on the following: my own personal knowledge, knowledge obtained from other individuals during my participation in this

investigation, including other law enforcement officers, interviews of witnesses, my review of records related to this investigation, communication with others who have 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 in support of the application for an arrest warrant, it does not set forth each fact that I or others have learned during this investigation.

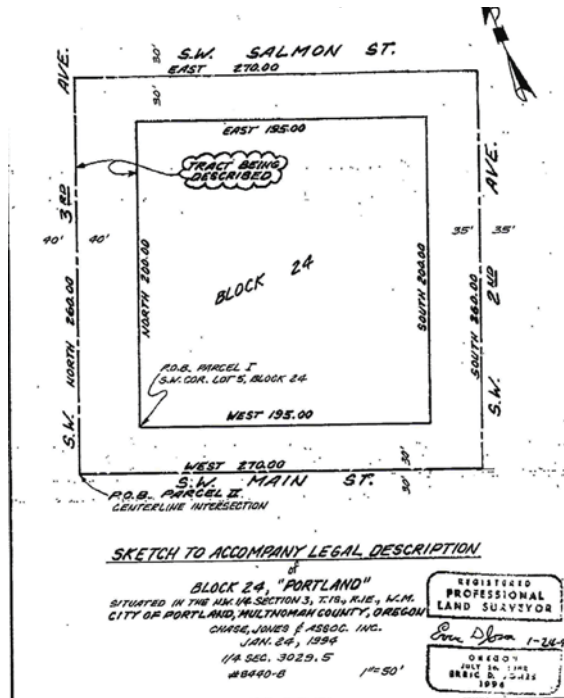
#### **Applicable Law**

4. 18 U.S.C. § 111 makes it an offense to forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, or interfere with any person designated in 18 U.S.C. § 1114 while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties. Under § 111(a), simple assault is a misdemeanor; an assault involving physical contact with the victim or an intent to commit another felony is a felony. Persons designated in § 1114 include any officer or employee of the United States or of any agency in any branch of the United States government while such officer or employee is engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties, and any person assisting such an officer or employee in the performance of official duties.

#### **Statement of Probable Cause**

5. Since on or about May 26, 2020, protesters have gathered in Portland public areas, including Lownsdale Square, Chapman Square, and Terry Schunk Plaza. The Justice Center, which contains Portland Police Bureau's (PPB) Central Precinct and the Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC), and the Mark O.Hatfield United States Federal Courthouse,

are directly across the street from those parks. The United States of America owns the entire city block (Block #24) occupied by the Hatfield Courthouse, as depicted below.<sup>1</sup>



6. Daily protests have regularly been followed by nightly criminal activity in the form of vandalism, destruction of property, looting, arson, and assault. The Hatfield Courthouse has experienced significant damage to the façade and building fixtures during the six weeks following this incident. Additionally, mounted building security cameras and access control devices have been vandalized or stolen. The most recent repair estimate for the damage at the Hatfield Courthouse exceeds \$50,000, and there has been additional extensive damage since then. Other federal properties in the area routinely being vandalized include the historic Pioneer

<sup>1</sup> As part of my duties, I am familiar with the property boundaries for federal facilities in the Portland area. The federal government owns the entire city block occupied by the Mark O. Federal Courthouse. Easements have been granted for the sidewalks surrounding the facility. The property boundary extends past the sidewalks and into the streets surrounding the courthouse.

Federal Courthouse, the Gus Solomon Courthouse, and the Edith Green Wendall Wyatt Federal Office Building. FPS law enforcement officers, Deputy U.S. Marshals, and other federal law enforcement officers working to protect the Hatfield Courthouse have been subjected to threats, aerial fireworks (including mortars), high intensity lasers targeting officers' eyes, thrown rocks, bottles, and balloons filled with paint, and vulgar language from demonstrators while performing their duties.

7. Specifically, on July 26, 2020, federal law enforcement officers attempted to disperse a crowd in front of the U.S. Hatfield Courthouse in Portland, OR. The crowd was part of a protest that was declared an unlawful assembly by the Federal Protective Service and a riot by the Portland Police Bureau. This occurred after violent opportunists destroyed the security fence in front of the Mark Hatfield Federal Courthouse, and attacked law enforcement officers by throwing hard objects, throwing explosive devices, and physically attacking them. During the dispersal Deputy United States Marshal (DUSM) Victim 1 was dressed in a clearly marked police tactical uniform and was wearing protective equipment to include a gas mask, helmet, and body armor.

8. At approximately 0130 hours DUSM Victim 1 was walking with a group of officers attempting to clear the park across the street from the Hatfield Courthouse. A male, who later identified himself as Thomas JOHNSON, was ordered to leave the park by DUSM Victim 1. As DUSM Victim 1 approached JOHNSON used a homemade shield to strike the officer in the face. A second DUSM observed the assault and both officers restrained JOHNSON by placing him on the ground while telling him he was under arrest. JOHNSON was placed under arrest and taken to the U.S. Marshals Cellblock.




**Conclusion**

11. Based on the foregoing, I have probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that Thomas JOHNSON assaulted a federal employee or officer, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C § 111. I therefore request that the Court issue a criminal complaint and arrest warrant charging JOHNSON with that offense.

12. Prior to being submitted to the Court, this affidavit, the accompanying complaint, and the arrest warrant were all reviewed by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Natalie Wight. AUSA Wight advised me that in her opinion, the affidavit and complaint are legally and factually sufficient to establish probable cause to support the issuance of the requested criminal complaint and arrest warrant.

*(By telephone)*  
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Chris Tamayo  
Deputy U.S. Marshal  
United States Marshals Service

Sworn to by telephone or other reliable means at in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1  
at 8:03 am/pm on July 27, 2020.

  
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HONORABLE JOLIE A. RUSSO  
United States Magistrate Judge