

E. Interview of ALANI

21. On September 5, 2019, law enforcement interviewed ALANI in reference to the July 17, 2019, aircraft sabotage incident. ALANI identified himself as the driver of the pickup truck depicted in the surveillance footage described above. Additionally, ALANI admitted that he accessed the ADM in the Target Aircraft's forward E&E compartment. He further admitted that he inserted a piece of foam into the ADM's inlet where the line connects and that he applied super glue to the foam so as to prevent the foam from coming off. ALANI stated that his intention was not to cause harm to the aircraft or its passengers. ALANI further advised that after he accessed the E&E compartment and tampered with the ADM, he went up to the flight deck of the Target Aircraft to check on whether the Target Aircraft's system detected the tampered ADM. ALANI explained to law enforcement that he was upset at the stalled contract dispute between the union workers and America Airlines, and that this dispute had affected him financially. ALANI claimed that he tampered with the Target Aircraft in order to cause a delay or have the flight cancelled in anticipation of obtaining overtime work.

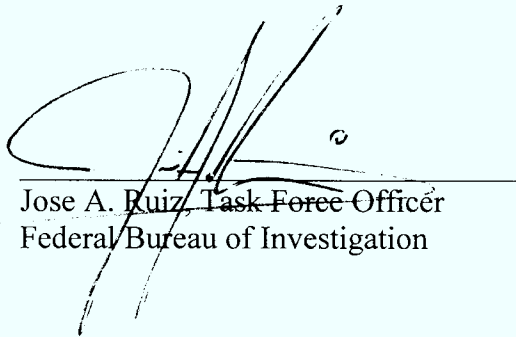
CONCLUSION

22. Witnesses identify ALANI, an AA employee at MIA, who was working a 06:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT shift on July 17, 2019, as the driver of the pickup truck that parked in AA's hangar at approximately 9:41 a.m. EDT, on July 17, 2019. Further ALANI, himself identified himself as the driver of the pickup truck. Your Affiant submits that ALANI is the driver of the pickup truck that law enforcement tracked using AA and MDAD surveillance footage. This footage shows the pickup truck, leave the hangar at approximately 9:07 a.m. EDT, park at concourse D, gate 49, at approximately 9:28 a.m. EDT. The footage then shows ALANI exit the pickup truck, approach and enter the E&E compartment of the Target Aircraft for approximately seven minutes, leave concourse D, gate 49 at approximately 9:36 a.m. EDT, and arrive back to

AA's hangar at approximately 9:41 a.m. EDT. Further ALANI admits to tampering with the Target Aircraft's ADM as described above.

23. Based on the foregoing, your Affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that Abdul-Majeed Marouf Ahmed ALANI willfully damaged, destroyed, and disabled an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States and any civil aircraft used, operated, and employed in interstate, overseas, and foreign air commerce, and attempted to do so, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 32(a)(1) and (a)(8).

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



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Subscribed and sworn to before
me this the 5 day of September, 2019.



JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA