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64. Late in the day on December 6, 2018, UC-3 represented to JOSEPH that UC-3 purchased the rifles for the attack. UC-3 sent a photograph to JOSEPH that depicted the rifles laying on the floor. JOSEPH and UC-3 began discussions about JOSEPH taking possession of the rifles the following day.

65. On December 7, 2018, JOSEPH and UC-3 had online communications, wherein JOSEPH agreed to take possession of the two rifles that JOSEPH believed UC-3 had purchased for the attack. JOSEPH and UC-3 arranged to meet and exchange the rifles that evening.

66. On December 7, 2018, JOSEPH and UC-3 met at a pre-determined location. JOSEPH approached the car UC-3 was driving. JOSEPH opened the passenger side door of the car and JOSEPH and UC-3 had a brief conversation. JOSEPH grabbed the black duffel bag with two semi-automatic AR-15 type weapons, closed the door and walked a distance away from the car.<sup>36</sup> JOSEPH was then arrested by law enforcement officers while in possession of the duffel bag containing the weapons.

67. On December 7, 2018, law enforcement officers provided JOSEPH constitutional warnings pursuant to Miranda. JOSEPH stated he understood those warnings and knowingly and voluntarily waived the same. JOSEPH then provided an oral statement to law enforcement officers, wherein JOSEPH detailed his plans for the attack, and his intent to cause mass casualties in support of ISIS.

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<sup>36</sup> The weapons provided to JOSEPH were demilled, meaning that they were rendered inoperable by law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers attempted to test fire these weapons prior to JOSEPH taking possession of them, to ensure that they could not fire. Additionally, JOSEPH was not provided with ammunition for the weapons at the time of their exchange.

68. Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, there is probable cause to believe that DAMON MICHAEL JOSEPH has committed a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B, that is Attempting to Provide Material Support and Resources to a Foreign Terrorist Organization. As such, your Affiant requests that a warrant issue for his arrest.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sworn to via telephone after submission by reliable electronic means.  
Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 and 41(d)(3).

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James R. Knepp, II  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE