

SPAIN. UCE 1 told SPAIN that he could obtain a firearm for him in several days' time.

12. On the following day, August 30, 2017, the CHS and a second FBI UCE ("UCE 2") met with SPAIN and learned that SPAIN had done his own online shopping on the website www.vaguntrader.com to obtain a weapon. SPAIN described to the CHS his intention to purchase a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun with a 50-round barrel canister and that he had made arrangements to buy the handgun from an individual online. SPAIN showed his smartphone to UCE 2 to share with UCE 2 parts of his conversation with the reported seller of another firearm, and showed a picture to UCE 2 of the gun SPAIN intended to purchase from the seller. UCE 2 described the firearm SPAIN showed him on his smartphone as a magazine fed handgun with multiple magazines.

13. Because of SPAIN's violent history, his stated intentions, and the impatience he exhibited with regard to obtaining a firearm, the FBI organized an undercover operation in which the CHS would make a controlled delivery of a handgun, which he told SPAIN was his own personal weapon. The weapon used in the undercover operation was a 9 mm Glock semi-automatic handgun, with a removed serial number plate. For safety reasons, FBI personnel made the handgun inert. This controlled delivery would occur under close supervision of special agents and task force officers with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force with the intention of immediately arresting SPAIN when he took possession of the firearm.

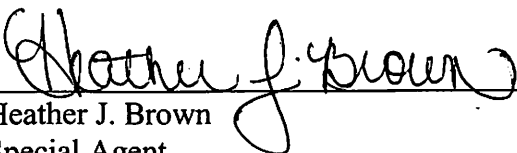
14. In the early morning of August 31, 2017, investigators executed the undercover operation during which the CHS, who was accompanied by a third FBI UCE ("UCE 3"), met SPAIN outside of his (SPAIN's) residence located on Harvie Road in Richmond, Virginia. At that meeting, the CHS provided SPAIN the above-described firearm. At approximately 2:56

a.m., UCE 3 observed SPAIN take possession of the above firearm and provided a signal to the FBI Richmond SWAT team, who executed a probable cause arrest on SPAIN. Upon the initiation of the arrest operation, SPAIN attempted to flee law enforcement by running and jumping a nearby fence. FBI SWAT members pursued SPAIN on foot and quickly apprehended him. During the foot-chase, SPAIN attempted to dispose of a cellular telephone that he had in his possession by throwing it while running, and moments before he was apprehended he also threw down the firearm. Investigators immediately recovered and seized both of those items.

CONCLUSION

15. I submit that this affidavit supports probable cause for a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for CASEY CHARLES SPAIN for the offense of felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1).

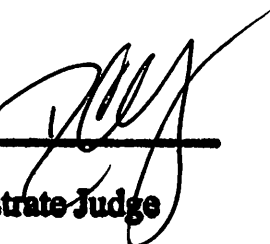
Respectfully submitted,



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Subscribed and sworn to before me

On this 31st day of August, 2017



Roderick C. Young
United States Magistrate Judge