

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
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I, Kassandra L. McKenzie, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

1. I am a Special Agent with the FBI and have been so employed since July 2015. I am assigned to the violent crime squad, which is a part of the Safe Streets Violent Crime Task Force (hereinafter "SSVCTF"), which is a multi-agency Federal, State, and Local task force, of the Saint Louis Division of the FBI. As such, I investigate violent crimes such as carjackings, robberies, firearms violations, serial killings, extortions, and murders for hire. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other members of the investigative team and witnesses.

2. The information contained within this affidavit is based on information known to me through my investigation as well as information provided to me by other law enforcement agents and analysts.

3. The information contained in this Affidavit is submitted for the sole purpose of demonstrating that probable cause exists for the issuance of a Criminal Complaint charging **PEREZ REED** (DOB MM/DD/1995; SSN XXX-XX-1881, herein after, "**REED**") with transporting a firearm and ammunition in interstate commerce with the intent to use said firearm or ammunition to commit a felony in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(b). This affidavit does not contain all of the information known to me and/or other law enforcement officers who, like myself, are actively involved in this investigation. Rather, it contains only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish the requisite probable cause for the requested Complaint.

APPLICABLE LAW

4. Title 18 U.S.C. § 924(b) provides that any person who transports a firearm or ammunition and interstate and foreign commerce with the intent to commit a felony or with knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a felony will be committed with said firearm or ammunition shall be fined under Title 18 or imprisoned for a maximum of ten years.

FACTS ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE

St. Louis, Missouri .40 Caliber Shootings

5. On September 12, 2021, at approximately 21:04 hours, victim L. M. was shot at a bus stop located at 1624 Chambers Road, Saint Louis County, Missouri. Investigators learned that while the victim was waiting for a bus, a subject approached him from behind and shot him several times without any warning. At the scene, Investigators located several .40 S&W caliber cartridge casings.

6. On September 13, 2021, at approximately 21:34 hours, Victim M. H. was murdered in the 9900 block of Glen Owen Drive, Saint Louis County, Missouri 63136. Saint Louis County Police Department (“SLCPD”) Officers had responded to a ShotSpotter call at this location for two gunshots heard when they located Victim M. H., who suffered from apparent gunshot wounds to her arm and head. Two “Sig” stamped, .40 S&W caliber, cartridge cases were recovered from the scene.

7. On September 16, 2021, at approximately 22:23 hours, Victim R.H. was shot in the rear of 4542 Adelaide Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63115. St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (“SLMPD”) officers had responded to a shooting at the BP gas station 4126 West Florissant Avenue where they located Victim R.H. who suffered from an apparent gunshot wound to the face. Victim R.H. was conscious and breathing but unable to provide a statement. Victim

R.H. was transported to the hospital where she was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. SLMPD officers followed a blood trail that led to the rear of 4542 Adelaide Avenue. SLMPD Homicide Detective Scott Peniston, DSN 8863, later located one "Sig" stamped, .40 S&W caliber, cartridge case at the scene.

8. Also on September 16, 2021, at approximately 23:45 hours, Victim P. A. was murdered in the 3800 block of West Florissant Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63107. This location is approximately one-half mile from 4542 Adelaide Avenue. SLMPD officers had responded to a "Call for Police-Calling for Help" at this location when they located Victim P. A. who suffered from an apparent gunshot wound to the head. One "Sig" stamped, .40 S&W caliber, cartridge case was seized from scene.

9. On September 19, 2021, at approximately 12:10 hours, SLMPD Officers responded to a "Supposed Sudden Death" in the 1500 block of Mullanphy Street, Saint Louis, Missouri 63106. Upon arrival, officers located Victim C. R. deceased and lying in a vacant lot within the stated block. Victim C. R. sustained apparent gunshot wounds to the head and body. Based upon the scene investigation, it appeared Victim C. R. had been deceased for an extended period due to the fact apparent blood appeared dry. One "Sig" stamped, .40 S&W caliber, cartridge case was seized from the scene. Subsequent investigation revealed that on September 18, 2021, at approximately 23:52 hours, SLMPD officers received a ShotSpotter call to this area for two gunshots heard; however, the victim was not located at that time. No other ShotSpotter call was discovered at this location leading Investigators to believe the incident occurred on September 18 at approximately 23:52 hours.

10. On September 26, 2021, at approximately 07:15 hours, Ferguson Police Officers responded to a Shotspotter call at, or near, 1710 Barbados Lane, Saint Louis County, Missouri

63136. Upon arrival, they located victim L.R. deceased from gunshot wounds to the head and hand. Investigators recovered two .40 caliber cartridge cases at the scene.

11. Firearms analysis later determined all cartridge cases noted herein were fired from the same firearm.

Murder of Victim D.I. in Kansas

12. On or about November 1, 2021, the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department discovered the body of Victim D.I. in his apartment located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas. Investigators determined that Victim D.I. died as a result of gunshot wounds.

13. Investigators learned that on October 28, 2021, **REED** traveled from St. Louis City, Missouri, within the Eastern District of Missouri to Kansas City, Missouri via Amtrak train. The train matching **REED**'s Amtrak itinerary arrived at Union Station located at 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri at approximately 21:40 hours on October 28, 2021.

14. At approximately 23:11 hours (which is approximately 1.5 hours after **REED**'s train arrived at Union Station, surveillance video from the apartment building located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard, in Kansas City, Kansas, depicted Victim D.I. holding the door open for **REED** as Victim D.I. and **REED** entered the apartment building.

15. At approximately 23:15 hours, Victim D.I. and **REED** are captured on surveillance video entering Victim D.I.'s apartment together. Victim D.I.'s family were not able to contact Victim D.I. at any time after October 28, despite attempts to do so in the days after October 28.

16. On October 29, 2021, at approximately 06:05 hours, video surveillance from the apartment building located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard, in Kansas City, Kansas, depicted **REED** exiting Victim D.I.'s apartment alone. Victim D.I. is not seen leaving his

apartment between he last entered on October 28 and when police find him deceased on November 1.

17. Using the fastest route between Union Station in Missouri and the apartment building located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard, in Kansas City, Kansas, the border between Missouri and Kansas is approximately 3.6 miles away from Union Station. The apartment building located at the 900 block of Washington Boulevard, in Kansas City, Kansas, is another 1.8 miles along the fastest route.

18. Based on my training and experience, I believe that **REED** would NOT have been able to acquire a firearm in the 1.5 hours between the time he arrived at Union Station and the time he arrived in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard, especially given the late hour and the short distance (approximately 1.8 miles) between the Missouri border and the apartment in Kansas. Consequently, there is probable cause to believe that **REED** transported the firearm used to kill Victim D.I. from St. Louis, Missouri, to Kansas.

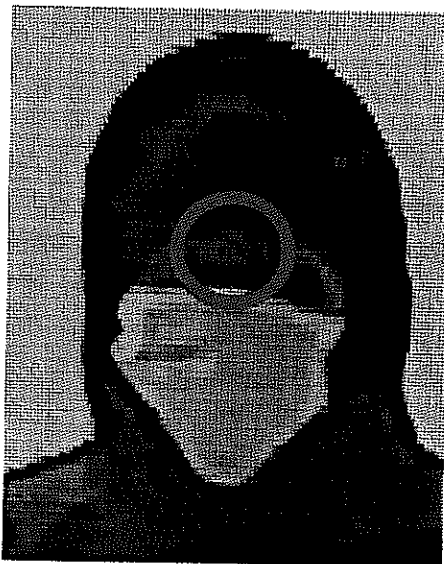
Murder of Victim R.F. in Kansas

19. On or about November 2, 2021, the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department was notified that the nude body of Victim R.F. was discovered inside her apartment, located within another apartment within the same apartment building located within the 900 block of Washington Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas. Investigators determined that Victim R.F. died from gunshot wounds to her head and upper back. At the time of discovery, Victim R.F.'s cellular telephone and wallet were missing from the apartment.

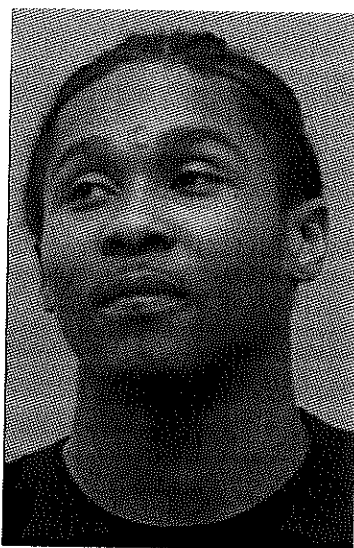
20. Security staff at Victim R.F.'s apartment building documented that on October 29, 2021, Victim R.F. entered the building with a male subject who presented the Missouri driver's

license of **Perez REED**. Surveillance video footage captured that the subject was a black male with a crescent tattoo on his forehead.

21. A still photograph from that video is included below with a red circle indicating the location of the crescent tattoo.



22. Investigators obtained booking records from prior arrests of **REED** and determined that he had a crescent moon tattoo on his forehead. **REED's** booking photograph is included here and depicts the crescent tattoo on **REED's** forehead.



23. On October 29, 2021, at approximately 18:58 hours, surveillance video from the apartment building located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard captured **REED** entering Victim R.F.'s apartment building. Thereafter, at approximately 19:16 hours, video surveillance captured **REED** leaving the Victim R.F.'s apartment. Victim R.F. was not captured on surveillance video leaving her apartment at any subsequent time.

24. During the booking process with Amtrak, **REED** listed his phone number as 314-229-7441.

25. Investigators obtained call detail records for [REDACTED] and determined that it communicated with Victim R.F.'s known phone number approximately 652 times between October 5, 2021 and October 29, 2021. Records showed that approximately 42% of the communications were outgoing from **REED**'s phone, whereas the remainder were incoming communications from Victim R.F.'s phone. **REED**'s phone stopped calling Victim R.F.'s phone after October 29, 2021.

26. Investigators were unable to locate any witness who saw Victim R.F. alive after October 29, 2021.

November 5, 2021 Possession of a .40 Caliber Firearm

27. On or about November 5, 2021, **REED** purchased an Amtrak ticket to return from Kansas City, Missouri to St. Louis, Missouri. The Amtrak train left Union Station at approximately 16:00 hours (the scheduled time) and was due to arrive at the St. Louis Gateway Station at approximately 21:40 hours. Law enforcement agents conducted surveillance while aboard the Amtrak train. Law enforcement agents observed **REED** board the train. Rather than remain on the train to St. Louis, **REED** exited at the first intermittent stop in Independence, Missouri. After

exiting the train eight stops before the destination on **REED**'s purchased itinerary, law enforcement observed that **REED** left the train station and boarded a bus.

28. Law enforcement agents decided to stop **REED** based on the facts above. When they detained **REED**, agents discovered that **REED** had a loaded .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic firearm on his person. That firearm is consistent with the caliber weapon used in the September 2021 St. Louis shootings. Law enforcement also discovered that **REED**'s crescent tattoo was still present and visible on his forehead when they took him into custody.

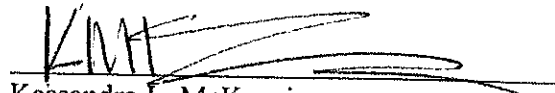
29. On November 5, 2021, law enforcement agents advised **REED** of his *Miranda* rights and **REED** agreed to answer questions. During his interview, **REED** stated the following:

- a. **REED** found the .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun he had on his person in Jennings, Missouri (which is within the Eastern District of Missouri) and took the firearm to Kansas City, Kansas.
- b. **REED** confirmed that [REDACTED] is the number assigned to his phone.
- c. **REED** admitted that he provided his identification to the security guard at the apartment building in Kansas City, Kansas.
- d. **REED** admitted to knowing Victim R.F. but stated that his relationship with Victim R.F. was limited to purchasing drugs from her.

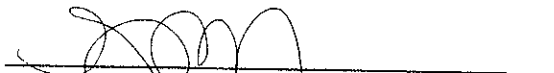
However, **REED** denied hurting anybody before the interview was terminated.

30. In light of the facts and circumstances above, there is probable cause to believe that on or about October 28, 2021, **PEREZ REED** transported a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson firearm and .40 caliber ammunition from St. Louis, Missouri in interstate commerce to Kansas City, Kansas with the intent to commit a felony there with and with knowledge and reasonable cause to believe that a felony would be committed with said firearm and ammunition, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(b).

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Kassandra L. McKenzie
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent

Sworn to, attested to, or affirmed before me via reliable electronic means pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 4.1 and 41 on this 6th day of November 2021.


HONORABLE SHIRLEY P. MENSAH
United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of Missouri