

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT

I, Brian Rossitto, Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, New Orleans Field Office, being duly sworn, depose, and state the following:

Your affiant has been employed as a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service, hereinafter referred to as USSS, since 6/21/1999 and is currently assigned to the New Orleans Field Office. As a Special Agent, your affiant is authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States and is a law enforcement officer with authority to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States. Your affiant's present duties include the investigation of threats against the President of the United States.

This affidavit is made in support of an arrest warrant for John Turnpaugh. On 12/30/09, at approximately 2:02 am, the New Orleans Police Department 911 dispatch, operator 193, received an anonymous call. The caller made the following statement, **"Yeah, Hey, I'm gonna kill Barack Obama and his wife this month..Fuck You."** 911 Dispatch caller ID listed the caller's phone number as 504-237-3141.

On this same date your affiant called 504-237-3141 in an attempt to identify the caller. A male answered the phone and identified himself as "John," the call was then terminated. A second call was made to the number in an attempt to acquire additional information but when your affiant identified himself to the subject, "John," terminated the call.

A search of available databases by USSS agents identified Sprint as the Service Provider for 504-237-3141. A federal Grand Jury Subpoena was subsequently provided to Sprint

requesting subscriber information, toll records, and other pertinent account information. Sprint advised that they were the service provider but Virgin Mobile was the actual issuing company for 504-237-3141 and would have to be contacted for subscriber information.

Sprint was able to provide toll records and a GPS coordinate for the phone's physical location. Based on the GPS coordinates, Sprint advised that the phone was located near the intersection of Magazine Street and St. Mary Street, New Orleans, LA.

Continuing on this date, your affiant contacted a security representative with Virgin Mobile and requested subscriber information for 504-237-3141. The security representative advised that the subscriber for that phone is John Turnpaugh and the address of record is 1026 St. Mary Street, New Orleans, LA. It should be noted that this address is located near the intersection of St. Mary and Magazine streets.

Continuing on this date, USSS agents approached 1026 St. Mary in an attempt to make contact with John Turnpaugh. As agents approached the residence, Turnpaugh was seen riding by on a bicycle. When the subject saw the agents and uniformed police he began to flee on his bike. The subject was relocated in the area but when agents identified themselves he again fled on his bike.

A review of the toll records for 504-237-3141, indicates that a call was made from that number to NOPD 911 at 2:01:52 AM, lasting for 24 seconds.

On 12/31/09, John Turnpaugh was interviewed, post Miranda, by agents of the USSS. During this interview a recording of the subject threat to 911 was played. After listening to

the recording Turnpaugh admitted that he was the person who made the call and threat.

Your affiant submits that the above facts demonstrate that there is probable cause to support that John Turnpaugh has violated 18 USC 871, Threats against the President.

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