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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Mark Falk  
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v. : Mag. No. 18- 3568  
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LARON L. JAMES :  
: :  
: **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Eric Lynch, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

**SEE ATTACHMENT A**

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

**SEE ATTACHMENT B**

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.



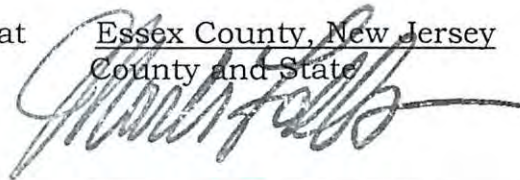
Eric Lynch, Task Force Officer  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Task Force Officer Lynch attested to this Affidavit by telephone pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 4.1(b)(2)(A).

March 11, 2018  
Date

Honorable Mark Falk  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

at Essex County, New Jersey  
County and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**COUNT ONE**

(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about March 9, 2018, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**LARON L. JAMES**

having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, namely a loaded .38 caliber Derringer handgun, bearing serial number F70261, and two rounds of .38 caliber ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT TWO**

(Carrying a Weapon on an Aircraft)

On or about March 9, 2018, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**LARON L. JAMES**

knowingly did attempt to get on an aircraft in, or intended for operation in, air transportation or intrastate air transportation, while in the possession of a concealed dangerous weapon that would be accessible to him in flight.

In violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46505.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

I, Eric Lynch, am a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

1. On or about March 9, 2018, shortly after 6:00 p.m., Laron L. James ("JAMES") submitted a carry-on bag for inspection at Checkpoint C-1 in the Newark Liberty International Airport. While he waited for his bag to be screened, JAMES paced the area nervously and requested that several individuals screen his bag expeditiously because he was going to miss his flight. JAMES had previously checked in for flight UA748 to San Francisco, California, which was scheduled to depart Newark at 6:25 p.m.

2. During the X-Ray screening of JAMES's luggage, a Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") agent identified a suspected firearm and contacted the Port Authority Police. Upon seeing that his bag had garnered additional attention from the TSA security screening, JAMES retreated from the security checkpoint area without his belongings and departed Newark Airport in a taxi. JAMES was identified, in part, by his New York State driver's license and the boarding pass for his intended flight, both of which were left behind.

3. Further investigation of JAMES's carry-on bag revealed that it contained a Derringer .38 caliber handgun, bearing serial number F70261, which was loaded with two (2) .38 caliber bullets.

4. Before being recovered in New Jersey on or about March 9, 2018, the Firearm moved in interstate commerce. In addition, the Firearm is operable and is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

5. JAMES has been convicted of a felony in the past, including a 2013 conviction for manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance in violation of NJSA 2C:35-5A(1). That offense is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year.