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15	ROSS A. HEINZINGER and	Title 21, U.S.C., Section 841(a)(1); Title	
16	ASHLEY N. LEWIS,	26, U.S.C., Section 5861(d); Title 18,	
17	Defendants. U.S.C., Section 922(o)		
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19	BEFORE, THERESA L. FRICKE, United States Magistrate Judge, U. S.		
20	Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington.		
21	The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:		
22	COUNT ONE		
23	(Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute)		
24	On or about December 8, 2022, in Jefferson County, within the Western District of		
25	Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly and		
26	intentionally possess, with the intent to distribute, and aid and abet the possession of,		
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with the intent to distribute, a controlled substance, including: N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-2 phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), a substance controlled under Title 3 21, United States Code. 4 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). 5 **COUNT 2** (Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Silencers) 6 7 On or about December 8, 2022, in Jefferson County, within the Western District of 8 Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly possess 9 silencers, that is: ten silencers without serial numbers, black in color, which were not 10 registered to them in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(d), 5845(a)(7), and 12 5871. 13 COUNT 3 14 (Unlawful Possession of Machineguns) 15 On or about December 8, 2022, in Jefferson County, within the Western District of 16 Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly possess machineguns, that is: eleven 3D printed Glock Conversion Devices bright green and 18 black in color. 19 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(o). 20 COUNT 4 (Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute) 22 On or about October 26, 2023, in King County, within the Western District of Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly and intentionally possess, with the intent to distribute, and aid and abet the possession of, with the intent to distribute, a controlled substance, including: N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-25 26 phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), a substance controlled under Title

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All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B).

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COUNT 5

(Unlawful Possession of Machineguns)

On or about October 26, 2023, in King County, within the Western District of Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly possess machineguns, that is: one privately made rifle chambered to .223 caliber ammunition with no serial number, black in color with a blue handle, blue magazine release button, blue selector switch, blue trigger guard, blue foregrip, blue charging handle, fitted with a collapsable and folding stock, a barrel threaded to accept a silencer, and equipped with a trigger mechanism that does not reset after a single pull of the trigger; and one privately made rifle chambered to .22 caliber ammunition with no serial number, black in color with a tan upper, a holographic red dot sight, fitted with a collapsable and folding stock, a threaded barrel to accept a silencer, and equipped with a trigger mechanism that does not reset after a single pull of the trigger.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(o).

COUNT 6

(Unlawful Possession of Unregistered Firearms)

On or about October 26, 2023, in King County, within the Western District of Washington, ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly possess short barreled rifles, that is: four privately made firearms without serial numbers, each chambered to 9mm ammunition, one having a white cerakote finish and a folding stock outfitted with a barrel 7³/₄ inches in length; one with a gold handle, green foregrip and folding stock, having a barrel 5³/₄ inches in length; one black rifle with a red shoulder pad on the stock having a barrel 11 inches in length; and a black rifle with an upper marked "PW9" equipped with a folding stock, having a barrel 7½ inches in length, all of which have barrel lengths less than 16 inches and were not registered to them in the National 27 | Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

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All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(d), 5845(a)(3), and

And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following information:

- I, J. BENJAMIN HUNT, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:
- I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), currently assigned to the Seattle I Field Office. I completed the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigator Training Program and the ATF National Academy's Special Agent Basic Training in Glynco, Georgia, in 2005. Originally assigned to the ATF New York Field Division, I worked in the Joint Firearm Task Force in New York Group V and later New York Group I, a gang investigation group. Both groups were in Brooklyn. In 2010, I transferred to Seattle, Washington, where I have worked in ATF Seattle Group V, Violent Gang Task Force, and now in Seattle Group I, which is responsible for investigating violent crime with firearms south of Seattle to Tacoma and on the Olympic Peninsula. I have completed numerous trainings since the ATF Academy to include the NYPD's Homicide Investigator Course, and ATF's Complex Investigations and Advanced Investigations schools. During my career I have worked cases up and down the Eastern seaboard and the West Coast. From 2014 to 2017, I was a Digital Media Collection Specialist. Currently I am a member of ATF's enhanced undercover program and I have been for the last six years. I have worked extended details in Baltimore, MD, Winston-Salem, NC, Southern California, Northern California, and Portland, OR.
- 2. During my professional experience I have conducted and participated in numerous investigations regarding the illegal possession of firearms, firearm trafficking, violent crime, and narcotics. I have participated in undercover operations, Title III wiretap investigations and the execution of search warrants associated with investigative 27 | targets, and the execution of the arrest warrants on those investigative targets. I have

conversed at length with investigative targets in an undercover capacity and overtly as a law enforcement officer in formal interviews. I have conducted undercover purchases of firearms and ammunition, grenades, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other opioid pills. In an undercover capacity, I have been involved in money laundering investigations and I have investigated bulk cash smuggling as well. Most of my investigative experience has involved individuals dealing narcotics with firearms and organized entities from Criminal Street Gangs to International Drug Trafficking Organizations and Terror Groups. As such, I am familiar with the modus operandi of those conducting violent crime and narcotics related crimes with firearms and firearm trafficking. I am also familiar with the way drug traffickers use telephones, often cellular telephones, to conduct their unlawful operations, and how they code their conversations to disguise their unlawful activities.

I have obtained the facts set forth in this affidavit through my personal participation in the investigation described below. I have also learned facts related to this investigation from speaking with officers and detectives from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, reading their written reports, reviewing video footage of the events involving ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS, reviewing photographs of evidence, and conducting my own investigation of HEINZINGER and LEWIS in which I have also read and observed records, documents and other evidence obtained during this investigation. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not set forth every fact that I or others have learned during this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS have committed violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) (Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute), Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d) (Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Firearm), and Title 18, United States 27 | Code, Section 922(o) (Unlawful Possession of a Machinegun).

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5. Sgt. Menday and other responding deputies detained the driver and read him his *Miranda* rights. The driver identified himself as ROSS ALAN HEINZINGER and stated, in sum, that he was seeking help for his drug problem but had not been able to start a suboxone prescription that he just received. Sgt. Menday asked HEINZINGER about the bag with the blue pills and HEINZINGER said, "yeah man you know what that is." The deputies asked HEINZINGER if he had any weapons and HEINZINGER told them he had a gun in his belt. The deputies retrieved the firearm, a Privately Made Firearm (PMF) commonly referred to as a "ghost gun" (i.e., a firearm drilled from an 27 | 80% lower and without a serial number), that HEINZINGER stated he had made himself.

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HEINZINGER told the deputies that he had recently had his firearms rights restored but admitted he did not have a concealed carry permit. HEINZINGER was then placed into a marked vehicle and told that he was being arrested. The deputies processed the firearm and the bag of suspected fentanyl pills incident to the arrest.

- 6. Deputies had also contacted the female passenger of the vehicle, later identified as ASHLEY LEWIS, and asked her to step out while they spoke with HEINZINGER. Since it was cold, she opted to wait in the back of one of the patrol vehicles. After HEINZINGER had been placed into custody, the deputies spoke with LEWIS outside of the patrol vehicle. Sgt. Menday read LEWIS her *Miranda* rights. LEWIS stated that the two of them had been boyfriend and girlfriend for the last 14 years and that they were trying to get help. When asked about the firearm, LEWIS stated that HEINZINGER carried it "for fun" and stated that, "he's into them, he got rights back." LEWIS was generally disinterested in answering any questions but repeatedly asked the officers if she could go home if HEINZINGER would just "take the blame" to everything and explained that she had a child at home to get back to. Deputies arrested LEWIS and, during processing, recovered a blue, suspected fentanyl, pill in her jacket pocket.
- 7. JCSO deputies obtained a state search warrant for the vehicle and on December 14, 2022, executed the warrant. Inside, deputies found foil with burnt residue throughout the vehicle; digital scales; the blue Motorola cellular phone; wallets and identifications for HEINZINGER and LEWIS; multiple prescription bottles in the names of HEINZINGER and LEWIS; seven Privately Made Firearms (PMF) without serial numbers, to include one short-barreled rifle and several with threaded barrels; a Baretta APX, 9mm pistol, serial number A087751X; a Ruger LCP, .380 caliber pistol, serial number 380254872; a Glock 34, 9mm pistol, serial number BHUW254; 12 silencers; 11 Glock Conversion Devices; loaded high capacity magazines; ammunition; and \$53,700.00 cash in vacuum-sealed bags.

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8. The 11 silencers were black in color, had no serial numbers on them, and were threaded to different barrel sizes with different internal components, designed to diminish the report of a shot fired from the firearm to which they are affixed. Glock Conversion Devices are commonly referred to as "Glock switches" or "auto sear switch devices." When installed on a firearm, the Glock Conversion Devices allow the firearm to shoot automatically, which is to say that the firearm can shoot more than one shot by a single function of the trigger, making the firearm a "machinegun" as that term is defined by law. Six of the 11 Glock Conversion Devices were 3D printed as one piece with no movable parts, which attach to a firearm where a semi-automatic backplate would be affixed. The other five were parts consisting of a body, legs, and pins, which, when affixed to a pistol where the backplate would go, can be toggled to allow the firearm to switch back and forth from a semi-automatic to a fully automatic firearm. The 11 Glock Conversion Devices were bright green and black, as shown below.



9. The parts are solely and exclusively designed and intended for use in converting a semi-automatic Glock pistol into a machinegun, therefore each of the 11 Glock Conversion Devices is also a "machinegun" as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 5845(b).

- JCSO deputies have since determined that there were over 700 suspected fentanyl pills (which weighed to 101.22 grams with evidence packaging included) in the Cadillac Escalade. I know, based on my training and experience, that this is a distribution, not personal use, quantity of pills. HEINZINGER and LEWIS were charged in Jefferson County Superior Court with Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance – Fentanyl; HEINZINGER has also been charged with
- On March 15, 2023, I met with JCSO Sgt. Menday and Det. Allen at the JCSO. JCSO released the blue Motorola cellular phone to my custody. On April 6, 2023, Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke signed a search warrant authorizing a search of the blue Motorola cellular phone. From the data obtained from that phone, on June 13, 2023, United States Magistrate Judge David W. Christel signed a search warrant authorizing the search of HEINZINGER's Facebook account and, on August 7, 2023, United States Magistrate Judge David W. Christel signed a search warrant authorizing the search of
- My review of the data stored on the phone shows that HEINZINGER has had multiple conversations regarding his distribution of fentanyl and manufacturing firearms and machineguns for himself and others. Regarding fentanyl pills, HEINZINGER often refers to them in conversation as "pills" or "blues." For example, in the first of two video messages a male sent to HEINZINGER on October 17, 2022, the male told HEINZINGER, "I have something for you. Two dollar. Two dollars for the whole thing right now bro." In the second video message the male told HEINZINGER, "If you buy the whole boat [a term drug dealers use referring to 1,000 pills] one seventyfive bro, a dollar seventy-five cents bro," referring to a price of \$1.75 per pill.
- 13. In a December 2, 2022, text message conversation with a contact listed as "SHELBY 2021," after HEINZINGER wrote "I guarantee I can do better for you," 27 | SHELBY 2021 wrote, "Hey. Sorry if u r asleep... but I just drove out to auburn too [sic]

meet my Dude and he blew me off I guess.. been sitting here for almost 1.5 hrs ...I get a screaming deal but what do u think u could maybe do for me..?" and indicated she usually got "at least half a boat too [sic] a whole boat." HEINZINGER wrote he would "do a boat for 1.05 and if it's consistent it can go down quite a bit lower." Shortly after the text conversation ended, HEINZINGER had a 35-second phone conversation and another phone conversation with SHELBY 2021 that lasted one minute and 17 seconds.

- 14. There were several other conversations on the phone referencing HEINZINGER's drug distribution, and videos from his Google account that showed HEINZINGER and LEWIS's drug distribution. For example, in a video recorded on February 2, 2023, HEINZINGER is seen at the passenger's side door of the Cadillac Escalade, and HEINZINGER and LEWIS are discussing how bad one of their customers looks. HEINZINGER then departs. LEWIS then exits her vehicle and walks between her Cadillac Escalade and HEINZINGER's red Ford V10 F-250 truck bearing WA license plates C35772Z to another vehicle. She gets in and the customer asks for "the usual."
- 15. Another video from HEINZINGER's Google account, recorded January 30, 2023, appears to be an accidental recording where the camera is panning haphazardly inside the Cadillac Escalade. I observed several clear bags containing what appears to be M30 fentanyl pills. Also stored in HEINZINGER's Google account was a photo of a Luis Vuitton purse filled with large plastic bags, eight that are visible, containing what appear to be M30 fentanyl pills in quantities of 1,000 per bag. Google captured that photo on January 17, 2023.
- 16. Saved on his phone and stored in HEINZINGER's Google account, HEINZINGER had numerous videos from security cameras inside his apartment in Black Diamond, WA. From these videos I saw a money counter in HEINZINGER's bedroom. HEINZINGER and LEWIS had photos and videos of large amounts of cash inside their apartment. In a video captured by Google on April 10, 2023, I observed a large bundle of

cash on the center console of LEWIS and HEINZINGER's Cadillac Escalade and heard 2

LEWIS stating, "that's fifteen-two."

17. From HEINZINGER's phone and backed up in his Google account, I

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observed numerous videos filmed from April 2022 through May 2023, where HEINZINGER had a drill press on the counter of the island in his kitchen. I observed several videos which show Polymer 80 boxes on the counter next to the drill press and in their living room. Polymer 80 is a company that sells unfinished firearm receiver frames. Considered 80% completed, the company sells unfinished firearm receivers to its customers who then place the unfinished firearm receiver into a jig supplied by Polymer 80 that shows where the customer needs to drill several holes to finish the manufacturing of the receiver. Once the customer drills the holes it is then 100% complete and a functioning firearm receiver and, for the purposes of federal law, it is considered a privately made firearm (PMF). Under federal law, PMFs do not need serial numbers, unless the maker transfers it to another person, and 80% receivers do not need to be logged or accounted for as firearms. Because they are not serialized, these PMFs are not traceable.

18. On his phone, HEINZINGER also had photos of full auto trigger mechanisms for an AR-15 as well as a downloaded video on how to assemble a full auto trigger and screenshot of the video. HEINZINGER's Google Drive had several .stl files stored in it for 3D printing silencers and Glock Conversion Devices. HEINZINGER's web search history on his phone and from his Google account revealed searches using terms to find items used to assemble PMFs and machineguns. HEINZINGER's Gmail account contained messages from numerous online retailers of firearms and firearms parts. One email reflected an order HEINZINGER made from Midway USA for a "Glock Factory Trigger Spring." Another email between HEINZINGER and eBay seller "jytangtown" referenced a purchase, return and replacement of a silencer that resembled

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several of the silencers recovered from HEINZINGER during his December 2022 arrest by the JCSO.

19. On his phone and backed up in his Google account, HEINZINGER had several videos showing his involvement in the manufacture of a firearm for another individual. I have identified that other individual as a convicted felon and refer to him here as Male-1. In the first video of the series, from November 1, 2022, HEINZIGNER can be seen hiding his cell phone behind him as it recorded a meeting with Male-1. In the video, HEINZINGER can be seen holding a pistol with a threaded barrel. HEINZINGER racked the firearm and handed it to Male-1. HEINZINGER complained that Male-1 no longer had the firearm that he (HEINZINGER) previously gave Male-1, expressing worry because his (HEINZINGER's) DNA was on the gun. Male-1 told HEINZINGER, in sum, not to worry because he would always clean a gun "before I blast somebody." HEINZINGER showed Male-1 a fully automatic pistol and explained to him how it worked, explaining to Male-1 how a Glock Conversion Device works. HEINZINGER told Male-1 "so, I'm going to make a couple of these and they're going to be like straight... I'm not going to get rid of this one [which I understand meant he would not give the one he had at that time to another person] because this one is too obvious, but I have, actually, the carbon fiber filament that I got for the gun that's all black and I'm just gonna...uh and they're going to be different pieces." HEINZINGER offered his services fixing Male-1's Glock 19-style PMF. HEINZINGER offered Male-1 several other machineguns that he (HEINZINGER) had. HEINZINGER told Male-1 that he had four of them (referring to pistols) and that his girlfriend had one of his other ones. Male-1 told HEINZINGER that he still had a "half a boat" (i.e., 500 fentanyl pills) and would have HEINZINGER's money the next morning.

20. HEINZINGER and LEWIS's involvement in drug distribution and possessing/manufacturing firearms continued after their arrests in December of 2022, and into 2023. On October 18, 2023, I obtained federal search warrants for HEINZINGER

and LEWIS's Black Diamond apartment, Maple Valley Storage unit, and four vehicles (the Cadillac Escalade, a Subaru WRX, a BMW M-3, and a Ford F-250 truck). In the mid-afternoon of October 26, 2023, ATF agents and task force officers executed the search warrants on the apartment, the storage unit, and three of the four vehicles. Neither HEINZINGER nor LEWIS were home at the time, and I believe they were in the Cadillac Escalade. However, I spoke briefly with the two by phone and told them agents were executing the warrants. I asked if they had keys to their Subaru, BMW, or Ford inside the apartment, and the couple responded that they had the keys with them but would be home within a few hours. I spoke with them again around 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and during both calls they said they were on their way back home but needed more time. By 8:00 p.m., HEINZINGER and LEWIS had still not arrived and had turned off their phone.

- During the search, agents found evidence of drug distribution and usage, 21. firearms possession, and firearm manufacturing to include cash, fentanyl pills, 3D printer filament, a laptop computer, smart phones, a drill press, numerous firearm parts, highcapacity magazines, 23 firearms (four of which are unregistered short-barreled rifles and two of which are unregistered machineguns), four unregistered silencers, two ballistic vests and over 2,300 rounds of ammunition.
- 22. More specifically, agents found a loaded pistol wedged between the cushion and arm of the couch in the living room of the apartment. The pistol was a privately made firearm (PMF), 9mm, loaded with six rounds of ammunition. In the master bedroom, agents found a Komando AV, model Dickinson Ranger BP, Bullpup 12gauge semi-automatic shotgun with a 20-round magazine on the left side of the bed (propped up between the bed and the nightstand) and an unregistered 9mm PMF semiautomatic short-barreled rifle with a folding stock on the ground between the nightstand and the right side of the bed. On the nightstand on the left-hand side of the bed was a magazine loaded with 14 rounds of 12-gauge ammunition and a PMF 9mm pistol loaded 27 | with 8 rounds of ammunition. On the floor, between the nightstand on the left-hand side

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of the bed and the bed laid an unregistered machinegun loaded with .223 caliber ammunition. On the nightstand on the left-hand side of the bed was a PMF 9mm pistol, and between the wall and the nightstand, in a box laid against the wall, was a PMF .762 caliber rifle. In front of the nightstand was a 100-round dual drum magazine loaded with 75 rounds of .223 ammunition. Additional rounds of ammunition and numerous firearms parts were inside the nightstand. Underneath the bed, agents found a Pelican case with 17 pistol magazines (some loaded and some empty), and a second Pelican case with several firearm magazines and numerous bottles of methadone. Also underneath the bed were boxes of ammunition, two ballistic vests, and a backpack. The backpack contained an unregistered, PMF, .22 caliber machinegun with a folding stock, a loaded high-capacity magazine, and two silencers (which fit the machinegun).

23. In the master bedroom closet, agents found a safe that contained three PMF short-barreled rifles (one of which field-tested as a machinegun), several AR-15 uppers, and a functioning AR-15 lower (i.e., a firearm). The photos below show some of the items found in the master bedroom.











- 24. In the bathroom, I found smoke damage to the ceiling and burn marks on the cabinets. The room was littered with foil from the smoking of fentanyl pills. On shelves in the bathroom, I found a jar of marijuana, two boxes of Naxalone (Narcan), two pistols, loaded magazines, and two flash suppressors. Inside the bathroom cabinet, I found a banded-up stack of cash and a small explosive device.
- 25. On the kitchen island counter, agents found a laptop computer. There was 3D printer filament in the hall closet and in the master bedroom. In the hall closet, agents found rotary tools, AR-15 receiver jigs, another silencer, and firearm parts. In the garage belonging to the apartment unit, agents found a drill press.

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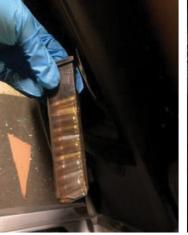
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26. In a red handbag in the apartment living room, agents found fentanyl pills (approximately 9.3 grams) and indicia for LEWIS. In the BMW M-3, I found the registration (showing HEINZINGER and LEWIS as the registered owners). Burnt foil, a smoking straw, and a lighter were in the center console with a large bag of fentanyl pills (97.9 grams). I know, based on my training and experience, that this is a distribution, not personal use, quantity of pills. In the driver's side door panel, agents found a pistol magazine loaded with 11 rounds of 9mm ammunition. The photos below show the loaded magazine, center console, and the fentanyl pills.







27. In the trunk of the Subaru WRX, I found a silencer with no serial number. The vehicle registration listed HEINZINGER as the owner. In the Ford F-250, agents found burnt foil in the center console, empty pistol ammunition boxes, a plastic hard-case ammunition box containing two AR rifle magazines and 186 rounds of rifle and pistol ammunition. In the back of the truck, the agents also found a Dremel tool. The vehicle registration showed LEWIS as the owner.

1 Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to 2 believe that ROSS A. HEINZINGER and ASHLEY N. LEWIS did knowingly and intentionally commit violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) 3 4 (Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute), Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d) (Unlawful Possession of an Unregistered Firearm), and Title 18, 5 United States Code, Section 922(o) (Unlawful Possession of a Machinegun). 6 7 8 JON HUNT Digitally signed by JON HUNT 9 Date: 2024.01.19 15:32:29 -05'00' 10 J. BENJAMIN HUNT, Complainant Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, 11 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 12 13 The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the 14 foregoing Complaint and Affidavit. Based on the Complaint and Affidavit, the Court 15 hereby finds there is probable cause to believe the Defendants committed the offenses set 16 forth in the Complaint. 17 Dated this 19th day of January 2024. 18 19 20 THERESA L. FRICKE 21 United States Magistrate Judge 22 23 24 25 26 27