

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
(Wichita Docket)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

Case Number: 16-M-6151-GEB

**CURTIS WAYNE ALLEN,
PATRICK EUGENE STEIN, and
GAVIN WAYNE WRIGHT,**

Defendants.

FILED UNDER SEAL

SEALED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force Officer Chad B. Moore, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and establishes probable cause that the following offenses have been committed:

COUNT 1

Beginning in approximately February 2016 and continuing until on or about October 12, 2016, in the District of Kansas, the defendants,

**CURTIS WAYNE ALLEN,
PATRICK EUGENE STEIN, and
GAVIN WAYNE WRIGHT,**

without lawful authority, conspired with each other and with others, to use a weapon of mass destruction (i.e., an explosive device as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 921) against people and property within the United States and such property is used in interstate and foreign commerce, and the offense, and the results of the offense, would have affected interstate or foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 & 2332a(a)(2)(D).

The following facts were made known to me by personal observation or from information I received from other law enforcement officers, and/or from other individuals and does not contain all facts known to me, but only those facts sufficient to establish probable cause. Furthermore, statements of individuals, including those attributed to the defendants, are set forth in substance and in part: I, Chad Moore, a Task Force Officer with the FBI, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Affidavit is offered in support of a criminal complaint charging **Curtis Wayne ALLEN, Patrick Eugene STEIN, and Gavin Wayne WRIGHT** with violations of federal statutes concerning Arson/Explosives and Use of a Weapon of Mass Destruction (18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 844(h), (i), & (m), and 2332a).

2. Since February 2016, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been conducting a domestic terrorism investigation of a group of individuals operating in southwestern Kansas who identifies themselves as “the Crusaders.” This is a militia group whose members support and espouse sovereign citizen, anti-government, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant extremist beliefs. Certain key members of this group, including **Patrick STEIN, Curtis ALLEN, and Gavin WRIGHT**, have been regularly meeting and planning to carry out a violent attack against Muslims in their community and have taken steps in furtherance of accomplishing this, including identifying a target location. These individuals regularly use their cell phones to arrange the meetings and also utilize them to engage in additional discussion and

coordination of their plans via a conference call app called Zello.¹ These activities are being done in violation of Arson/Explosives and Weapons of Mass Destruction statutes (18 U.S.C. §§ 844 and 2332a).

3. Based on my training and experience, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit, I believe there is probable cause that violations of federal law have been committed in the District of Kansas.

4. The facts in this Affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other law enforcement officers, federal agents, and witnesses. Because this Affidavit is being submitted to support only a finding of probable cause, I have not set forth all of my knowledge regarding the investigation.

BACKGROUND OF AFFIANT

5. I am a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed since February 2013. As such, I am an investigator or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7). I have been employed as a Kansas State Trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol since 2007 and have been a certified law enforcement officer since 1996. Since August 2013, I have been assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kansas City Joint Terrorism Task Force.

6. During my tenure in law enforcement, I have participated in numerous and varied types of investigations, including, but not limited to: Terrorism investigations, weapons violations, crimes involving the transportation, possession, manufacture, and/or distribution of controlled substances. I have also received training in complex conspiracy investigations, money laundering, telecommunications exploitation, and asset forfeiture.

¹ Zello is a phone-based application that allows the user to communicate with other Zello users as if their cellular telephones were push-to-talk walkie-talkies.

BACKGROUND OF CASE

7. This investigation began based on reporting from a reliable, paid Confidential Human Source (CHS) who has attended numerous Crusaders meetings where plans were discussed to carry out a violent attack against Muslims (whom the group members refer to as “cockroaches”) in southwestern Kansas. These groups meet in person frequently, as often as once per week, and also engage in frequent communication daily through a telephone application (app) called Zello. Information provided by the CHS has been verified multiple times through consensual monitoring of phone calls and messages, as well as recordings of meetings made when the CHS was wearing a body recorder. On at least one occasion a local law enforcement officer provided information consistent with CHS reporting over several topics. The CHS has been further corroborated through social media and open source reporting.

8. Through recordings, CHS cooperation and reporting, and open source and social media investigation, **STEIN**, **ALLEN**, and **WRIGHT** have been identified as members of the aforementioned militia group. They have also been determined to be the primary architects of the attack plan. **STEIN** has been identified as a leader within the Crusaders. **ALLEN** is a close associate of **STEIN**’s, and has led meetings of the Crusaders. **WRIGHT** is also a member of the Crusaders and has participated in the planning of the attack.

PROBABLE CAUSE

9. The investigation to date has revealed that Crusaders members **Patrick STEIN**, **Curtis ALLEN**, and **Gavin WRIGHT** are conspiring to carry out a domestic terrorist attack by using an improvised explosive device (IED) to destroy an apartment complex in Garden City, Kansas, which contains a mosque and is home to many Muslims. Their activities have demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, actions taken in furtherance of this scheme. They

have routinely expressed a hatred for Muslims, individuals of Somali descent, and immigrants. They chose the target location based on their hatred of these groups, their perception that these groups represent a threat to American society, a desire to inspire other militia groups, and a desire to “wake people up.”

10. According to CHS reporting, on three separate occasions **STEIN** conducted surveillance on potential target locations around Garden City and other parts of southwestern Kansas. These surveillances were conducted on a mall frequented by members of the Somali community, and a mosque located in an apartment complex, as well as on various vehicles believed to be occupied by individuals of Somali descent or Muslims. On one such surveillance in February 2016 when the CHS was driving **STEIN** around, **STEIN** at various times yelled at Somali women dressed in traditional garb, calling them “fucking raghead bitches.” **STEIN** also referred to Somalis as “cockroaches” and said several times that they needed to eliminate the Somalis. During the surveillance, **STEIN** had with him a pistol, an assault rifle with several magazines, a ballistic vest, and a night vision scope. He also mentioned to the CHS that he had done several surveillances like this on his own in the past and that he always made sure he was armed. **STEIN** also discussed Oklahoma City and the bomb used (referring to the fuel oil and ammonium nitrate device used by Timothy McVeigh to destroy the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City). He was looking for any more explosives or things he could use to blow things up.

11. During a Zello conference call in April 2016, **STEIN** stated, “Make sure if you start using your bow on them cockroaches, make sure you dip them in pig’s blood before you shoot them.” This conversation was recorded via consensual monitoring by the CHS.

12. In a May 2016 meeting, **ALLEN** stated:

“We need to get some signs made up...hundreds of them, kind of like the redneck deal, ‘here’s your sign’ and just put right there on it: I SUPPORT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, I GO AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION ON A DAILY BASIS, I DO NOT HAVE ANY CARE FOR MY FELLOW CITIZENS IN THE STATE OR IN THE TOWN THAT I REPRESENT...and then for every one of them that we blow the top of their head off we just put that around their neck.”

STEIN said he liked the idea. This conversation was recorded via consensual monitoring.

13. During a phone call to the CHS in May 2016, **STEIN** talked about some of his frustrations. **STEIN** wanted to just go do something. He said he wanted to get a .22, go over to Garden City, Kansas, start kicking in the doors of the Somali apartments, and kill them one by one. He wanted to use a .22 because it was quieter and he also mentioned he wanted to buy or make a silencer.

14. In June 2016, **STEIN** called for a meeting with the Crusaders. Attendees included **STEIN** and the CHS. They met in a field with the stated intention of avoiding surveillance by the FBI. During the meeting, **STEIN** brought up the Orlando night club shooting and said that something needed to be done in response to this act of terrorism. He proposed carrying out an attack similar to the Orlando shooting against a Muslim refugee location in Garden City. The group discussed how they could carry out such an attack.

15. During a group Zello call that the CHS was part of in June 2016, **STEIN** and **ALLEN** discussed conducting surveillance in Garden City at the African Community Center, the mosques, and the Somali apartments. They wanted to get photos and videos of the places during the day and also conduct surveillance throughout the night to see what the members of the Somali community were doing. **ALLEN** stated that the purpose of the surveillance was to begin

to put a plan into action. **STEIN** said he wanted to know where they are so they can “kill all of the motherfucking cockroaches.”

16. During an in-person meeting in June 2016, **STEIN** stated:

“Garden City for example, I know exactly where probably a majority of those motherfuckers are at in their homes...in Garden City...and...they’ve got these apartment complexes over there where literally every fucking apartment...that’s all it is, fucking goddamn cockroaches...and...I mean I wouldn’t be against if I could get a hold of some RPG’s (rocket propelled grenades), I’ll run some RPG’s right through...I’ll blow every goddamn building up right there...boom...I’m outta there.”

This was recorded via consensual monitoring by the CHS.

17. During a consensually monitored Zello conference call in June 2016, **STEIN** said:

“The only fucking way this country’s ever going to get turned around is it will be a bloodbath and it will be a nasty, messy motherfucker. Unless a lot more people in this country wake up and smell the fucking coffee and decide they want this country back...we might be too late, if they do wake up...I think we can get it done. But it ain’t going to be nothing nice about it.”

18. During a consensually monitored Zello conference call in June 2016, **STEIN**, **WRIGHT**, and **ALLEN**, along with a larger group, discussed targeting churches in Garden City that have supported refugees. While discussing a particular church **STEIN** said, “That motherfucker needs burnt to the ground.” When the discussion turned to burning mosques, **WRIGHT** stated, “Yeah, during prayer time.”

19. In July 2016, **STEIN**, **ALLEN**, **WRIGHT**, and the CHS met in person at G&G Mobile Home Center (“G&G”), a business in Liberal, Kansas owned by **WRIGHT**, and at which **ALLEN** works. During the meeting, **STEIN** and **ALLEN** proposed and discussed a wide range of potential targets, including Muslim-occupied apartment complexes, residences, and places of worship, city/county commission meetings, local public officials, landlords who rent

property to Muslim refugees, and organizations providing assistance to Muslim refugees. While they were discussing these plans, **WRIGHT** pulled up Google Maps on the computer at his business and began dropping pins on the map at these various locations using the label “cockroaches.” Prior to the meeting **WRIGHT** researched guides for making explosives and printed off a substantial number of pages of this material. The group brainstormed various methods of attack, including murder, kidnapping, rape, and arson. They decided to pick a specific target at their next meeting. At one point, **ALLEN** stated: “We’re going to talk about killing people and going to prison for life. Less than sixty days, maybe forty days until something major happens. We need to be preemptive before something happens.” **STEIN** responded: “The only good Muslim is a dead Muslim.” At another point in the conversation, **STEIN** said: “If you’re a Muslim I’m going to enjoy shooting you in the head.” Then he told the group, “When we go on operations there’s no leaving anyone behind, even if it’s a one-year old, I’m serious. I guarantee if I go on a mission those little fuckers are going bye-bye.”

20. On August 14, 2016, **STEIN**, **ALLEN**, **WRIGHT**, and the CHS met at G&G. During this meeting, the group ultimately decided on a particular apartment complex in Garden City, Kansas, as the target location of their attack due to the number of members of the Somali community that live there and the fact that one of the apartments is used as a mosque. They decided that they would obtain four vehicles, fill them with explosives, and park them at the four corners of the apartment complex to create a big explosion. **ALLEN** stated that he could make the explosives and mentioned aluminum powder and ammonium nitrate, among other components. Later he said he already had the materials needed to make the explosives. Once he had assembled the explosives, **ALLEN** said the group would need to test them prior to the execution of the plan to make sure they worked. He also mentioned that he could detonate the

bombs with a cell phone, and they discussed having militia members in different states purchase prepaid cell phones for them so that they could not be traced. The group researched mosque prayer times online to determine when the most people would be around. **WRIGHT** was tasked with ordering glassware in order to make the bombs. **STEIN** was instructed to get a rock tumbler to crush cans into aluminum powder. The CHS was told to do reconnaissance at the complex to look for security cameras and take pictures and such. **ALLEN** decided he would work on the group's manifesto to release in conjunction with the attack. They discussed not wanting to get caught and wanting for this to be the first of several things they do. This meeting was recorded by the CHS via consensual monitoring.

21. On September 14, 2016, the CHS and **STEIN** spoke by telephone. During the call, **STEIN** revealed his intentions to begin discussing project strategies via an encrypted mobile messaging application. The CHS and **STEIN** briefly discussed installing this app on their phones. **STEIN** indicated he and the CHS will only discuss conversations about projects on the app.

22. On September 13, 2016, **STEIN** and the CHS spoke over Zello during which **STEIN** stated they would need a 35-gallon container (trash can) if not a 55-gallon container in which to store explosive material. **STEIN** suggested the group would need 4 – 6 trash cans in order to avoid suspicion. **STEIN** believes the trash cans should be in place at a mosque no earlier than three (3) hours prior to detonation in order to avoid suspicion.

23. During the course of the investigation, agents had the CHS introduce an FBI Undercover Covert Employee (UCE) to **STEIN**, under the ruse that the CHS worked for the UCE delivering money and contraband and that the UCE could provide automatic weapons and components for explosive devices to **STEIN** and the others. On October 12, 2016, **STEIN** met

with the UCE at a rural location in Finney County, Kansas. The FBI UCE (and other FBI UCEs who were present in a support capacity) were holding automatic weapons that were provided from the FBI lab in Quantico, Virginia. STEIN asked the UCE if he could shoot the weapons. STEIN was given the opportunity to shoot the weapons and shot both a 5.56 fully automatic rifle and a 7.62X39 fully automatic rifle.

24. After STEIN shot the rifles during this meeting, he spoke to the UCE regarding the price of the rifles as well as the location of the apartment complex. STEIN agreed to go to Garden City and show the UCE the apartment complex that houses the mosque. While in the vehicle with the UCE, STEIN discussed trading drugs for explosives. STEIN also told the UCE that WRIGHT and ALLEN have previously mixed explosives at G&G in Liberal, Kansas. STEIN stated that he has fertilizer (Ammonium Nitrate) for the device and the fertilizer is located about sixty miles away. (Both STEIN's residence and G&G are located approximately 60 miles away from where this meeting took place.) STEIN directed the UCE to the apartment complex in Garden City. This apartment complex houses a mosque and a large number of members of the Somali community. When the UCE drove by the apartment complex, STEIN told the UCE that the apartment complex is "full of goddamn cockroaches."

25. At the same meeting, STEIN and the UCE discussed making a device for which STEIN will deliver the Ammonium Nitrate. STEIN told the UCE about the recent arrest of ALLEN (ALLEN had been arrested by local authorities the previous day) and stated that ALLEN's girlfriend "needs to disappear" because she is a concern. STEIN stated he believes that ALLEN's girlfriend is giving information to local law enforcement. STEIN also told the UCE that he can come up with \$200-\$300 along with Ammonium Nitrate for the explosive

device. The UCE agreed to this arrangement and promised to contact **STEIN** in the near future to finalize the plan.

26. On October 11, 2016 at 1633 hours, Liberal Police Department (LPD) was contacted by a female who identified herself as **ALLEN**'s girlfriend at a residence she shares with **ALLEN**, in Liberal, Kansas, regarding a domestic battery. This female advised the LPD dispatcher that she was battered by **ALLEN** during an argument over money and her leaving their residence. She also advised the LPD dispatcher that **ALLEN** had access to firearms and had already fled the scene. Finally, she showed LPD officers a room in the residence containing a large amount of ammunition, brass casings, components and tools for use in the manufacture of ammunition and firearms.

27. At approximately 1710 hours, officers located a maroon 1999 GMC Yukon, bearing a Kansas tag at G&G. **ALLEN** was believed to be inside. As LPD officers were planning on making contact with **ALLEN**, **WRIGHT** and **ALLEN** left the business and traveled south on Highway 83 from Tucker Road in separate vehicles. LPD officers stopped both vehicles and **ALLEN** was taken into custody. A search of **ALLEN**'s vehicle revealed a large amount of ammunition, multiple AR-15 magazines, an AK47 magazine, and a Glock handgun magazine, all loaded with ammunition. Also located was a tool used to create baffles for firearm silencers or suppressors.

28. Later in the day on October 11, 2016, **ALLEN**'s girlfriend provided the following information to the FBI: Within the last two weeks she had witnessed a white powdery substance being produced on the counter at G&G in a manner consistent with YouTube videos she observed with **ALLEN** depicting the process of manufacturing explosives. She also observed glassware and a long glass stirring stick being used to manufacture the explosives while at G&G.

She saw hydrogen peroxide, fuel tablets and cheesecloth being used for the manufacture of explosives. In addition, she describes the substance being cooled in an ice bath (she stated the substance was so unstable it needs to be produced in a climate controlled environment).

29. Kansas Highway Patrol Technical Trooper Bomb Technician BRODI GOSCH has reviewed statements made by **ALLEN**'s girlfriend and, based on his training and experience, believes them to be consistent with the manufacturing of a homemade explosive known as Hexamethylene Triperoxide Diamine (HMTD). This is known as a primary explosive, very sensitive to heat, shock and friction. This primary explosive presents a significant public safety hazard and is usually used to create homemade blasting caps to initiate a larger explosive.

30. On October 12, 2016 search warrants were conducted at **ALLEN**'s residence and G&G. A possible detonator was found inside G&G. The detonator was believed to be HMTD. Agents also found a black thermometer, bamboo chopsticks with a white substance, Hydrogen Peroxide 3%, Hydrogen Peroxide 35% (food grade), possible urea, and possible urea fertilizer. All of the substances can be used in the production of improvised explosives. Agents used a chemical testing tool to test the white substance on the bamboo chopsticks. The white substance tested positive for Hexamine, an ingredient in HMTD. A yellow binder and paperwork labeled "The Anarchist Cookbook," was also found inside G&G.

31. Inside **ALLEN**'s residence, agents found a Sharps .22 caliber handgun and a Glock 19 handgun. Agents also found at least four "ammo cans" full of ammunition, at least 13 boxes of ammunition and countless loose ammunition. LPD officers estimated that they found and seized close to a metric ton of ammunition in **ALLEN**'s residence.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above information, I respectfully submit that probable cause exists to believe that **Patrick Eugene STEIN, Curtis Wayne ALLEN, and Gavin Wayne WRIGHT** have committed the offense set forth above, and I respectfully request the Court issue warrants for their arrest.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Chad B. Moore

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FBI Task Force Office

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN before me this the 13th day of October, 2016.

James P. O'Hara

HONORABLE JAMES P. O'HARA
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
District of Kansas