

AFFIDAVIT--IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT and SEARCH WARRANT

I, David Knight hereinafter referred to as "Your Affiant", being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and say as follows:

I. EDUCATION TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and have been so employed for approximately eight years. I am currently assigned to the Portsmouth, Ohio Resident Agency, within the Cincinnati Division, and in this capacity I have been assigned to investigate all federal violations, which fall within the FBI's jurisdiction, to include those involving bank robberies, and the use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime.

Information provided in this Affidavit was derived directly from Your Affiant's own investigation, and the investigation conducted by other law enforcement officers to whom Your Affiant has spoken to and/or whose reports your Affiant has reviewed. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint and residential search warrant regarding **Charles Richard Vaughn**. I have not included each and every fact known to me, concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to support the conclusion that a crime has been committed.

II. SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE

1. On 10/30/2015, located in Wilkesville, Ohio-Vinton County, Ohio, the Parmar/Vinton County Bank was robbed at gunpoint by a white male, dress in all black, wearing boots a leather jacket and ski mask, carrying what appears to be a semi-automatic handgun. The subject matches the description of the subject of the arrest warrant, **Charles Richard Vaughn**, an occupant of the house which is the subject of the search warrant. Initially, the robber attempted to gain entry through the rear door of the bank, but as the door was locked, the robber ran back through the drive thru and pointed a handgun at the teller working the drive thru window area. The robber then demanded cash from the teller at the drive thru window and placed a plastic bag into the teller tray. The teller then placed approximately \$8000.00 in US Currency into the plastic bag and placed in the teller tray. The robber then fled the bank into a wooded area, behind the bank. Law Enforcement from the Vinton County Sheriff's Department, responded and searched the area for the robber with a K-9, but was unable to locate

the suspect. During the search the K-9 alerted on two pieces of black duct tape. The tape pieces were recovered by Law Enforcement and ultimately submitted on 11/06/2015 to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCI&I) London, Ohio Laboratory for examination. Upon review of the bank surveillance camera/video footage it determined that the robber had duct taped (black) his jacket sleeves to his gloves and an additional piece of duct tape (black) was placed on the front of his jacket to cover an emblem.

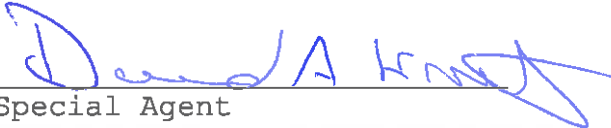
2. On 11/18/2015 the BCI&I Laboratory examined the duct and revealed two partial latent fingerprints, and one partial latent palm print, and one partial latent print with sufficient ridge detail for fingerprint and palm print comparisons.
3. On 11/19/2015, the BCI&I Laboratory entered the fingerprint results in Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). A search was performed for two (2) fingerprints. As a result of the search one identification was made to the right index finger of Charles Richard Vaughn, BCI&I # C443578. The identified print came from the "sticky side of piece of black duct tape" recovered from the robbery getaway found by the dog hit.
4. Since 2012 through October 2015, State and Federal Law Enforcement agencies located in three states have been investigating numerous similar bank robberies. The Modus Operandi is similar in each bank robbery. Investigation has revealed from the descriptions of several bank tellers that the subject robber is a young white male, with "vivid blue eyes" of medium height, generally dressed all in black (BDU). This matches the description of subject of the arrest warrant and an occupant of the house regarding the search warrant. With the exception of one similar robbery, in which a knife was used, all the other banks have been robbed at gunpoint with a semi-automated handgun. Robberies have occurred in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. The robberies have occurred at bank/credit union locations that are in close proximity to wooded areas that the robber has used as escape routes. In all robberies, multiple types of gloves were worn, to include rubber surgical, camouflage gloves, and black patterned gloves. It is believed that the robber completed extensive surveillance from a wooded area in front of the banks, prior to committing the robberies.

5. In several of the bank robbery investigations, footwear impressions (outside) have been recovered, and at least one latent footprint lift was recovered from the teller counter area. The latent lift was later determined to be from a Nike athletic shoe. These items may be stored and located in the house which is the subject of the search warrant.
6. During the similar robberies the robber has consistently demanded money from a "second cash drawer" whether or not a second cash drawer was present. Cash was stolen and contains previous recorded serial numbered bait money. This bait money may be stored and located in the house which is the subject of the search warrant.
7. In all the similar bank robberies the robber has worn facial/head masks to disguise his appearance and identity. The facial/head masks have included full neoprene face mask (balaclava), NY PD ball cap with Oakley sunglasses, half mask (motorcycle), half mask with knit watch cap, half mask with bandana covering the hair area, a camouflage paint ball mask with bandana covering the hair area. These items may be stored and located in the house which is the subject of the search warrant.
8. In several of the robberies a black backpack has been worn on the robber's back. In two of the robberies the same emblem attached to the backpack can be clearly seen by comparing photographs from the respective robberies surveillance photographs. This item may be stored and located in the house which is the subject of the search warrant.
9. During the investigation information was supplied by the South Point Police Department that Vaughn recently purchased a bullet proof vest. The vest was mistakenly delivered to a neighbor, who opened the package and discovered a bullet proof vest. The incident was reported to the South Point Police Department. Ultimately, the vest was turned over to Charles Richard Vaughn. In several of the bank robbery surveillance photographs it appears that the robber was wearing a bullet proof vest. In one bank robbery in particular, it appears that the outlines of the bullet proof vest straps can be seen in the bank surveillance photographs.

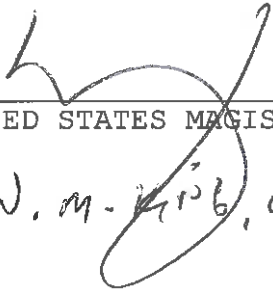
10. The subject of the search warrant is 410 Linden Avenue, South Point, Ohio. Described in Attachment B. Described in attachment B is a single story house, with a brick front facing, in a gable of a roof is a large star, a red metal roof, a covered carport on the left side of the house. A green plastic mailbox located at the end of the short driveway has the numbers 410 located on the box. Your Affiant believes that Vaughn is an occupant of this house for several reasons. Surveillance has revealed that the car that Vaughn drives, a 2003 Ford Explorer bearing Ohio license plate number GOC-8747 registered to Vaughn, has been seen at the residence to be searched since November 25, 2015.
11. November 25, 2015 FBI installed a undercover stationary camera in a vehicle pointed the residence to be searched and revealed the person exactly matching the description and identified as Vaughn left and re-entered the residence to be searched many times, several times a day. Most recently, the Vaughn's vehicle, the 2003 Ford Explorer, was seen at the residences on this day December 2, 2015.
12. Public records confirm residence is owned by an associate of Vaughn, that is Harry and Rhonda Childers who are parents of a close friend of Vaughn. Local police have confirmed the relationship between the Childers and Vaughn. Rhonda Childers is Charles Richard Vaughn's aunt. Local law enforcement have also confirmed that Charles Richard Vaughn, the subject of the arrest warrant, his brother Michael Vaughn and their father Gregory Vaughn and Gene Cook, Vaughn's grandmother all have resided at the residence for some period of time. Vaughn has lived in the subject residence since 2008.

III. Conclusion

Based on the aforementioned facts, Your Affiant respectfully submits that there is probable cause to believe that in the Southern District of Ohio, that on 10/30/2015, Charles Richard Vaughn III, robbed the Parmar/Vinton County Bank by force and violence, and took money, approximately \$8000.00 that was in the care and custody of the Parmar/Vinton County Bank in violation of Title 18 USC 2113. Your Affiant also submits that during the aforementioned bank robbery a firearm was used in the commission of that robbery in violation of Title 18 USC 924(c). Further, there is probable cause to believe that fruits, instrumentalities and evidence of crime will be found at the residence which is the subject of the requested search warrant practically listed in Attachment A.


Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Signed this day 2nd of December, 2015


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
N. M. King, USM Judge