

STATE OF MISSOURI        )  
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COUNTY OF JACKSON    )

AFFIDAVIT

I, Michael G. Mrachek, Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been so employed since March 1997. I am currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Squad of the Kansas City Division of the FBI. The information in this complaint was obtained by me personally, from other FBI agents, and from police officers and police officers' official reports.

2. This affidavit is in support of a Complaint and Arrest Warrant for Clifton D. Taylor, Date of Birth: September 18, 1972, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a), Bank Robbery.

3. On March 12, 2009, at approximately 12:30 p.m., law enforcement officers responded to Central Bank, 2301 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in regards to a bank robbery.

4. On March 12, 2009, Veronica Lopez, Victim Teller, was interviewed at her place of employment, Central Bank, 2301 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by your Affiant and Detective Christopher Toigo, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (KCMOPD). After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, and the nature of the investigation, Lopez provided the following information:

A. Lopez was working at her teller station when she noticed a lone black male (hereinafter referred to as robber) standing in the bank lobby. Thinking the robber was a customer, Lopez waived the robber over to her teller window in order to assist him. The robber

then placed a demand note through the glass. The robber did not speak to Lopez. The note had the words to the effect of, "Smile. \$3,000 or somebody out here get shot. 20 seconds."

B. Lopez began giving the robber money by pushing it through the glass partition. Lopez recalls giving the robber \$100 bills. The robber then fled out of the southwest entrance to the bank, leaving the note with Lopez.

C. Lopez described the robber as a black male, approximately 25-30 years of age, 5'10", medium build and wearing a green beanie with a surrounding black line, and dark blue or black jacket.

5. On March 12, 2009, Lori Dorr, Senior Vice President, Central Bank, was interviewed at her place of employment by Special Agent (SA) J.C. Bauer and Detective Danny Thomas of KCMOPD. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, and the nature of the investigation, Dorr provided the following information:

A. Dorr became aware that a bank robbery had just occurred at the Central Bank, and she ran to the doors to lock them. As Dorr ran to the door, she saw two of her employees, Michelle Visos and Virginia Spino, coming back from lunch. She yelled to Visos and Spino to follow the man that had just ran out of the bank. Dorr watched as Visos and Spino got into their vehicle and followed the man.

B. Dorr provided the following description of the robber: black male, approximately 6'0", approximately 225 pounds, wearing dark jacket, dark colored hat and light jeans.

6. On March 12, 2009, KCMOPD Officers Karl Reineke and Jason Cramblit responded to a bank robbery at 2301 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Officers Reineke and Cramblit received information about the robbery from the police dispatcher and were shortly

thereafter contacted by two witnesses in the area of 6th and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. Officers Reineke and Cramblit spoke with two witnesses, Visos and Spino, who stated that the robber had entered one of the businesses in the strip mall which is in the 2600 block of Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Visos and Spino then saw the robber walk out of a business on the southeast corner of Independence Avenue and Prospect Street, at which time both identified the robber to Officers Reineke and Cramblit. Officers Reineke and Cramblit placed the man, later identified as Clifton Taylor, DOB: September 18, 1972, into custody. Taylor was then transported to the KCMOPD Headquarters, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri.

7. On March 12, 2009, Michelle Visos, Witness, was interviewed at Central Bank, 2301 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by SA Bauer and Detective Thomas. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the investigation, Visos provided the following information:

A. At approximately 12:30 p.m., Visos was returning to work at Central Bank with Virginia Spino, when she saw a black male running out of the bank. Visos then saw Central Bank employee Lori Dorr and heard her yell that they had been robbed and to follow the man who had just exited the bank. Visos and Spino got into Visos' vehicle and began to follow the man. Visos was driving while Spino called 911. Visos stated that the man walked east on foot down an alley, and that she paralleled him by driving down 6th Street. Visos indicated that the man was wearing a hunter green hat, light jeans and construction boots that were tan with an ivory sole. Visos said the man walked through various yards and that she observed him as much as possible. At one point, the man walked behind a home, and when Visos saw him again on the other side, the man no longer had the hat on and was wearing a different jacket.

B. Visos followed the man who walked down an alley, through a CVS Pharmacy parking lot, across Prospect Avenue and towards a strip mall. Visos and Spino spoke with law enforcement officers and informed them of what they had seen. Visos then saw the man walk out of a business, and informed the police as to the robber's identity.

8. On March 12, 2009, KCMOPD Officer Timothy Griddine, Sr., who had responded to the Central Bank robbery and was conducting an area canvass, was approached by a citizen, Juan J. Gomez. Gomez advised that he had returned to his truck, a 1999 Ford F350, Missouri tag 52A-3YB, which was located approximately 200 feet south of Independence Avenue, on Olive Street, and noticed there were items in the bed of the truck that did not belong to him. Gomez saw the police presence and wanted to advise the officer of the items. KCMOPD Crime Scene Technician Melanie Barch responded to the location and recovered a green hat, dark coat which contained \$2,700 in \$100 bills. The location of Gomez' vehicle was in the area of where Visos temporarily lost sight of the man who had exited the bank, and when he returned to her view, had apparently discarded the green hat and jacket.

9. KCMOPD Officers Reineke and Cramblit returned to the Central Bank to view video surveillance of the robbery. Upon viewing the surveillance, both officers identified the man they placed into custody in the 2600 block of Independence Avenue as the person who had robbed Central Bank.

10. Upon Taylor's transport to the KCMOPD jail, his personal and clothing items were recovered by your Affiant. Among the items were light jeans and brown and tan boots with a white stripe around the sole. These two items match the clothing of the robber in the video surveillance of the Central Bank.

11. Dorr provided that the deposits located at the Central Bank, 2301 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) under certificate number 17009-7, issued on December 23, 1969. Dorr also stated that the loss sustained from the robbery was \$2,700.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

/s/ Michael G. Mrachek  
MICHAEL G. MRACHEK  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to me  
this 13th day of March 2009.

/s/ Robert E. Larsen  
HONORABLE ROBERT E. LARSEN  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Western District of Missouri

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