

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SITKA, ALASKA

Filed in the Trial Courts
State of Alaska First District
Sitka

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Clerk of the Trial Courts
By _____ Deputy

STATE OF ALASKA

Plaintiff

vs

Zachary A. S. LOEWEN

Defendant

DOB: 04/01/1990

OLN: 7646426

APSIN: 8854584

ATN: 116621172

FELONY

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

No. 151-18-423 CR

COUNT I/CHARGE 001

AS 11.61.200(a)(3)

MISCONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS IN
THE THIRD DEGREE

I certify that this document and its attachments do not contain
(1) the name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS
12.61.140 or (2) a residence or business address or telephone
number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an
address used to identify the place of the crime or it is an
address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding
and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES Per AS 18.66.990(3) and (5)

☐ ALL COUNTS ☒ NONE ☐ SPECIFIED BELOW

Count Charge

If Traffic Offense: ☐ Highway Work Zone ☐ Traffic Safety Corridor
Commercial Vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, type: ☐ >26,000lbs
☐ >15 Passenger ☐ Hazardous Materials

Related Search Warrants:

Complainant, Bradly D. Wheeler
personally appearing before me and being duly sworn, states that
on or about the 4th day of October, 2018, at or near Sitka, in the
First Judicial District, State of Alaska, Zachary A. S. LOEWEN,
DOB: 04/01/1990, did possess, manufacture, transport, sell, or
transport a prohibited weapon, namely: A pipe bomb, which is an
explosive.

All of which is a Class C Felony offense being contrary to and in
violation of AS 11.61.200(a)(3) and against the peace and dignity
of the State of Alaska.

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This complaint is based on the observations and written report of Sergeant Isaiah CLARK of the Sitka Police Department which states, on 10/04/2018, Scott SALINE came to the Sitka Police Department with a pipe bomb that was reportedly found out Herring Cove Road. Sgt. CLARK observed the device to be a black steel pipe/nipple, approximately 1/2x6 inches, with a steel cap on either end. The device had a fuse inserted into a hole, which was drilled in the pipe, just below the threading. The fuse had what appeared to be a sealant around it. This device was considered highly volatile and was immediately placed in a locked and secured location, at a restricted site, away from people.

On 10/11/2018 the FBI, with the help of an EOD (Explosive Ordinance) robot, assisted SPD in disabling the device. The device was found to have a black powder substance inside of it, consistent with gun powder.

On 10/12/2018, Sgt. CLARK went to LFS Marine Supply and retrieved a receipt, from 10/03/2018 at 1717 hours, of 3 1/2x6 inch black nipples, 6 1/2 inch end caps, and gasket sealant purchased in cash (a \$100 bill). I observed surveillance footage from approximately that time on 10/03/2018, and observed who I know from prior contacts to be the defendant, in the store, close to closing time. I spoke with the cashier who helped the defendant, and she stated she specifically remembered him because he was still in the store past closing, appeared to be "twitching," and had lost a \$100 bill which she helped him find in one of the pipe bins he was looking through. She stated that he made an odd statement while looking through the pipes, specifically that "no one in town will sell me a gun."

On 10/12/2018 Sgt. CLARK called Orion's Sporting goods to inquire if they sold black powder. They reported that they did, and may know why Sgt. CLARK was calling. The employee on the phone then offered information that the defendant was in recently and had purchase a container of black powder, and that they had the receipt. Sgt. CLARK went to Orion's Sporting Goods and contacted 2 clerks, who were familiar with the defendant and the purchase. They stated he came in on 09/28/2018 to purchase a firearm, filled out an ATF Form 4473 and was denied. They said he then inquired about purchasing a black powder pistol, but they were out of stock. They reported he then came back on 09/29/2018, and purchased a 16oz container of Hodgdon Pyrodex muzzle loading propellant.

On 10/14/2018 at approximately 1249 hours, Sergeants Bradley Wheeler and CLARK, along with Officers Samuel HUMPHREYS and Jack FORD, arrived at 2309 #22 Halibut Point Road and contacted the defendant.

The defendant was interviewed at the PD, where he admitted to building 1 pipe bomb, to "see if he could do it." He admitted to

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taking it far out Sawmill Creek Road. Sgt. CLARK asked if he meant Herring Cove Road, and he agreed. He admitted to leaving the pipe bomb out the road, in a gravel lot, as he was too afraid to pick it back up after the wick did not burn.

The defendant then admitted that he believed people were trying to hurt him, because he owed them money, and that was why he tried to purchase a gun. He said that he was denied purchasing a gun, thought about a black powder gun, but then thought using black powder in another fashion may be more effective. He admitted to purchasing the muzzle loading propellant at Orion's. He stated that he used candle wick for a fuse and stated he drilled the hole himself.

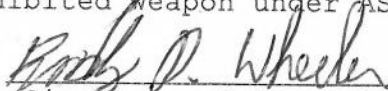
The defendant agreed that he did not make the pipe bomb with intentions to go and hurt somebody, or destroy property, but just for self-defense.

Sgt. CLARK asked the defendant how he learned how to build pipe bombs and he replied "YouTube."

The defendant stated that the other materials would be at the house where he is staying, in a dresser.


Ofc. HUMPHREYS went with the defendant's girlfriend, Tamara HAYNES, who allowed the defendant to sleep in her room. She showed Ofc. HUMPHREYS where the items were. Ofc. HUMPHREYS located 2 1/2x6 inch pipes with end caps screwed on in the same fashion as the prior pipe bomb. These devices were not loaded with powder. A third 1/2x3 inch pipe was with the others. It had a cap on one end and the other end was open. It was observed to have powder residue inside and around the threading, as though it had been fully assembled at one point. None of the devices had fuses inserted or holes drilled out. With them was a pack of birthday candles.

Finally LOEWEN admitted to manufacturing an explosive device, such as a pipe bomb, which is a prohibited weapon under AS 11.61.200 (h).


(Signature of Complainant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of October 2018




DISTRICT JUDGE/DEPUTY CLERK

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