

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

United States of America)

v.)

JERRITT JEREMY PACE)

DOB: xx/xx/xxxx - PDID: xxx-xxx)

Case No.)

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of May 29, 2020 in the county of in the District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section and Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 844(d), 18 U.S.C. § 844(e), 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), and 18 U.S.C. § 231(a).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF FACTS

Continued on the attached sheet.

Handwritten signature of Kenniss Weeks

Complainant's signature

Kenniss Weeks, Detective

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 06/11/2020

Judge's signature

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Robin M. Merweather, United States Magistrate

Printed name and title

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Friday, May 29, 2020, at approximately 5:57am, Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) Detective Bowman observed a man later identified as Defendant JERRITT JEREMY PACE (“PACE”) standing alone in front of the MPD’s Fourth District Station (“4D”), which is located at 6001 Georgia Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20011. Immediately thereafter a ball of fire erupted in front of the 4D building, and PACE began to flee.

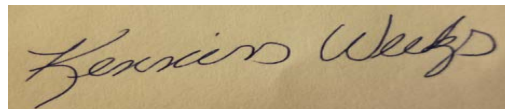
Detective Bowman gave a lookout matching the description of PACE through his MPD issued radio. With the help of Officer Kapres, PACE was apprehended on the corner of Georgia Ave NW and Missouri Ave NW. Following his arrest, PACE made the spontaneous statement that he had started the fire with gasoline. I am aware that there are no gasoline refineries in the District of Columbia.

Subsequent investigation revealed that, approximately one hour before igniting a fireball outside 4D, PACE posted the following on his Facebook page: “I WILL BURN A 12 STATION DOWN SO QUICK IF THIS COMES TO MY TOWN....PLEASE COME ON DC AND LETS RIOT WITH THE REST OF THE NATION!!!!” I am aware that “12” is a common street term for the police.

4D is property of the Metropolitan Police Department and the District of Columbia Government. Both Metropolitan Police Department and the District of Columbia Government conduct business in interstate commerce, for instance, by purchasing vehicle and other equipment and supplies in interstate commerce. The activities of the Metropolitan Police Department and the District of Columbia Government in enforcing laws also effect interstate commerce.

On May 29, 2020, in Washington, D.C. a civil disorder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. §232(1), was occurring that interfered with a federally protected function as evidenced by the Mayor’s Orders 2020-067, and 2020-068, and 2020-070, which state, in pertinent part:

In the downtown area of the District of Columbia, numerous businesses and government buildings were vandalized, burned, or looted. Over the past nights, there has been a glorification of violence, particularly during later hours of the night. This violence is not representative of peaceful protest or individuals exercising their lawful First Amendment rights. The health, safety, and well-being of persons within the District of Columbia are threatened and endangered by the existence of these violent actions.



DETECTIVE KENNISS WEEKS
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 11th day of June, 2020.

ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE