

# United States District Court

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

-v-

CHARLES KERTESZ, dob: 08/17/1970; last  
known address 670 Boston Post Road, Apartment  
7, Milford, Connecticut

CASE NUMBER: 306mj 277 (W/G)

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about September 1, 2006, in Fairfield County, in the District of Connecticut the defendant did,

Commit the offense of Hobbs Act Robbery,


in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1951.

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent with the FBI and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See Attached Affidavit of Special Agent Lawton.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof.

Yes  No

  
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Signature of Complainant  
SPECIAL AGENT JAMES M. LAWTON

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence  
December 1, 2006  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date

at BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut  
\_\_\_\_\_

City and State

HONORABLE WILLIAM I. GARFINKEL  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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Name and Title of Judicial Officer

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Signature of Judicial Office

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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF**  
**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

JAMES M. LAWTON, being duly sworn, deposes and states the following:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed for approximately eleven years, and I am currently assigned to the New Haven Safe Streets Task Force. Prior to becoming a Special Agent, I was employed as a Police Officer with the Pittsburgh Police Department for approximately 3 years. Since becoming a Special Agent with the FBI, I have participated in numerous criminal investigations, including investigations into suspected narcotics trafficking, health care fraud, homicides, kidnapings, and interstate transportation of stolen property, among others.

2. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7) in that I am empowered by law to conduct investigations and to make arrests for federal felony offenses. At the present time, I am assisting a number of local police departments which are investigating a series of jewelry store robberies with a number of similarities among them. One of the robberies includes the September 1, 2006 robbery of a Greenwich jewelry store described below.

3. This affidavit is submitted in support of a complaint charging CHARLES KERTESZ, dob: 08/17/1970; last known address 670 Boston Post Road, Apartment 7, Milford, Connecticut, with Hobbs Act Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

4. I am informed by Detective Mark Solomon of the Greenwich Police Department that he is the lead investigator into the robbery of a Betteridge Jewelry Store which occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2006, at 117 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. He informs me that according to witnesses who were present at that time, a gunman carrying a semiautomatic handgun, wearing a motorcycle helmet, entered the store, brandished the firearm, ordered a store clerk to unlock a display case and proceeded to steal 62 pieces of jewelry including numerous diamond rings.

5. Based on my training and experience and conversations with knowledgeable persons, I know that jewelry quality diamonds are generally mined outside of the United States and are transported in interstate and foreign commerce. For example, many jewelry quality diamonds enter the United States and are traded in the diamond district of Manhattan before being transported in interstate commerce.

6. The robber placed the jewelry inside a black backpack with red trim. He left the store and attempted to flee on a green motorcycle. While he was sitting on the motorcycle, a uniformed Greenwich Police Officer confronted the robber at gunpoint. The suspect would not get off the motorcycle and fled. As he pulled away, the robber dropped the black backpack.

7. I am further informed that the contents of the backpack contained approximately \$4,757,124.60 worth of jewelry and a number of personal items including a screwdriver, and a

blue baseball cap. The personal items were submitted to the Connecticut State Forensics Laboratory.

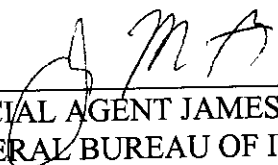
8. I am informed by an individual who has agreed to cooperate with the FBI in the investigation of this robbery that at or about the time of the aforementioned robbery, **CHARLES KERTESZ**, the defendant herein, stated that he was the person who had committed the aforementioned robbery. According to the cooperating witness, the defendant admitted that he had attempted to rob a jewelry store in Greenwich, but that someone had either grabbed him or jumped in front of him as he tried to get away, and he dropped his backpack. I am further informed by members of the Greenwich Police Department that the fact that the screwdriver and hat were recovered at the scene was not made public.

9. On or about October 20, 2006, a Connecticut State search and seizure warrant was executed at the defendant's residence at 670 Boston Post Road, Apartment 7, Milford, Connecticut, which authorized the executing officers to take a DNA buccal cell swabs from the inside of the defendant's mouth, and which authorized them to take major case prints of the defendant's fingers, palms and the side of his fingers. That evidence was also submitted to the Connecticut State Forensics Laboratory.

10. I am informed by Dr. Michael Bourke of the Connecticut State Forensics laboratory that a mix of male DNA was recovered from the baseball hat. According to Dr. Bourke, a significant contributor of the male DNA recovered from the hat was consistent with the known DNA profile of the defendant as recovered during the execution of the search and seizure warrant.

11. I am also informed by Kevin Parisi, a forensics examiner at the Connecticut State forensic lab, that he developed a latent fingerprint from the screwdriver which has been matched to the known inked fingerprint of the right middle finger of the defendant, CHARLES KERTESZ.

12. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that the defendant CHARLES KERTESZ has committed the offense of Hobbs Act Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

  
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SPECIAL AGENT JAMES M. LAWTON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2006, at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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HONORABLE WILLIAM I. GARFINKEL  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE