

AO 442 (Rev. 11/11) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Mexico

United States of America

v.

Christopher Jack Leach

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Case No. 25-622MJ

Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) Christopher Jack Leach

who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
- Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) Assault on a Federal Officer

18 U.S.C. § 2312 transportation of stolen vehicle

Date: 04/03/2025

Kevin Sweazea
Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Kevin R. Sweazea, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title



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ARREST Warrant Issued by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea as to Christopher Jack Leach. Two certified copies of Complaint and ARREST Warrant delivered to USMS by interoffice mail box. Copy of Complaint and ARREST Warrant placed in USPPS mail box. (vh)

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AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

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United States of America v. Christopher Jack Leach

Case No. 25MJ622

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 April 2, 2025 in the county of Dona Ana in the District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C § 111(a)(1) Assault, resistance, and opposition of an officer of the United States resulting in physical contact. and 18 U.S.C § 2312 Transportation of stolen vehicle.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts: See attachment.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Handwritten signature of Lilly Aldana

Complainant's signature

Lilly Aldana, FBI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence via telephone.

Date: 4/3/2025

Handwritten signature of Kevin R. Sweazea

Judge's signature

City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Kevin R. Sweazea, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Lilly Aldana, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been since January 2024. I have gained experience through training and everyday work relating to conducting these types of investigations. Prior to becoming a Special Agent of the FBI, I earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Master's degree in Criminal Justice. I am classified, trained, and employed as a federal law enforcement officer with statutory arrest authority charged with conducting criminal investigations of alleged violations of federal criminal statutes, including Title 18 of the United States Code. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Field Office, Las Cruces Resident Agency, New Mexico. Prior to my current position, I was employed for three years as a Federal Probation Officer with the United States Probation Office, Western District of Texas. I am currently assigned to investigate violations of federal law, including assault on federal officer.

2. The information contained herein is based upon my investigation as well as information supplied to me by other duly sworn law enforcement officers, and does not contain all information known to me, only facts for consideration of probable cause. I make this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint that there is probable cause to find that Christopher Jack Leach, violated 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1), assault, resistance, and opposition of an officer of the United States and violated 18 U.S.C. § 2312 transportation of stolen vehicle.

Relevant Statutes

3. Title 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1), makes it a crime for someone to "forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, or interfere with any person designated in section 1114 of this title

while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties." A Border Patrol Agent constitutes an officer of the United States pursuant to 18. U. S.C §1114.

4. Title 18 U.S.C. § 2312, makes it a crime for someone to "transport in interstate or foreign commerce a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both."

Details of the Investigation

5. On April 2, 2025, agents of the FBI Las Cruces Resident Agency learned from United States Border Patrol (USBP) that a stolen vehicle drove from Arizona to New Mexico, which then fled from USBP. USBP pursued the vehicle. USBP agents (hereinafter "BPA") were assaulted, resisted, and opposed while engaged in the performance of official duties in Las Cruces, New Mexico, by the fleeing suspect Christopher Jack Leach (hereinafter "Leach"). On April 2, 2025, FBI Special Agent Lilly Aldana interviewed BPA-1 and BPA-2 (hereinafter Victim 1 and Victim 2) who provided the following information:

6. On April 2, 2025, Victim 1 and Victim 2, were on duty setting up technology sensors in Las Cruces, New Mexico at approximately 6:00 a.m. At approximately 11:00 a.m., Victim 1 and Victim 2 heard USBP Air and Marine (Helicopter) Unit on the radio informing units of a fleeing vehicle and requesting assistance. Radio announced that the fleeing vehicle was traveling East on Interstate 10 heading towards the Victims direction.

7. Victim 1 and Victim 2 observed suspect driving at a high speed and recklessly passing other vehicles in the interstate. Victim 1 was driving the unmarked Border Patrol vehicle. Victim 1 then began to follow suspect's vehicle. Victim 1 followed suspect out on Corralito's exit into the streets.

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8. Leach drove up to Linda Vista in a very narrow street. Victim 1 and Victim 2 were in their vehicle driving in the opposite direction from where Leach was driving. Leach increased his speed towards the Victims' vehicle. Victim 1 had nowhere else to go and Leach seemed to have the intention to crash his vehicle into the victims' vehicle, placing the victims at risk. Victim 1 got out of the vehicle and pointed his duty firearm towards Leach's direction and shot one round. Leach moved his vehicle attempting to dodge Victim 1. Leach drove past the victims' vehicle and continued to flee.

9. Victim 1 got back in the vehicle and continued to pursue Leach and assist the other units. Leach went up to Las Vegas Street, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, which was a dead-end street. Victim 1 and Victim 2 waited in their vehicle at the entrance of the street for Leach to return. Leach returned to the entrance of the street and drove his vehicle into the victims' vehicle, causing damage. After the impact, Leach continued to flee until he was stopped by law enforcement agents.

10. On April 2, 2025, FBI Special Agent Lilly Aldana interviewed Lacey Marie Teeter (hereinafter Teeter), the passenger to Leach's stolen vehicle. Teeter provided the following information:

11. Leach and Teeter have been dating for some months, they have resided with a friend in Arizona. On March 31, 2025, Leach became aware that there was a warrant for his arrest in Arizona. Leach decided to flee to Florida and instructed Teeter to pack their things for he was not going back to jail. Leach borrowed a friend's vehicle, making the friend believe that Leach would only drive it to a friend's house in Arizona. However, Leach began to drive towards Florida. Leach's friend reported the vehicle stolen after realizing that Leach did not drive to the friends' house in Arizona.

12. Later that day on March 31, 2025, Leach and Teeter became aware that the vehicle they were driving was reported stolen before they crossed into New Mexico. Teeter and Leach have been fleeing from the police since March 31, 2025.

13. Upon arriving to New Mexico, Teeter knew that they were being followed but Leach refused to stop. Leach and Teeter could see the helicopter and all marked vehicles following them. Teeter recalls the unmarked unit that shot at them. Teeter states that they both knew that they were law enforcement, but Leach did not want to stop. Teeter is facing charges in Arizona for fleeing in a stolen vehicle.

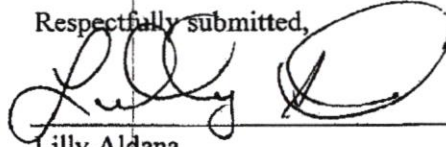
14. On April 2, 2025, FBI Special Agent Lilly Aldana interviewed Leach. Leach claims to not recall anything. Leach stated that all he remembers is being in the middle of the street surrounded by many police officers. Leach is not aware how he got from Arizona to New Mexico.

15. I submit that probable cause exists to believe that Christopher Jack Leach committed the crime of assault, resistance, and opposition of an officer of the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 111(a)(1) and transportation of a stolen vehicle in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2312.

This affidavit was reviewed by AUSA Alyson Hehr.

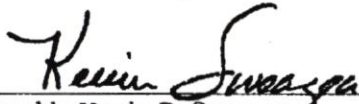
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Respectfully submitted,



Lilly Aldana
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 3, 2025.



Honorable Kevin R. Sweazea
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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COMPLAINT as to Christopher Jack Leach (1). (vh)

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