

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mary P. Hogan, being duly sworn hereby depose and say:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and have been so employed for sixteen years. Prior to my employment with the FBI as an SA, I was a support employee for the FBI for six years. I am currently assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force ("JTTF") in the Los Angeles Field Office and work with other FBI Agents, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("BICE") Agents, and Los Angeles police and sheriff's department detectives. As part of my duties being assigned to the JTTF, I conduct investigations related to acts of terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

II. PURPOSE

2. I make this affidavit in support of a complaint charging Chad Conrad Castagana (hereinafter "CASTAGANA") with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1038(a)(1) (False Information and Hoaxes) and 876(c) (Sending threats via the U.S. Mail) and in support of a probable cause determination for the arrest of CASTAGANA on November 11, 2006.

III. THE INVESTIGATION

3. On November 10, 2006, the Honorable Suzanne H. Segal approved a search warrant for CASTAGANA's residence, located at 5207 Baza Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. A copy of that search warrant and supporting affidavit are attached hereto as Exhibit #1 and incorporated herein by reference. For privacy

purposes, all victim home addresses have been redacted from Exhibit #1.

4. The warrant attached hereto as Exhibit #1 was executed on November 11, 2006. CASTAGANA was present during the execution of the warrant. I read CASTAGANA his Miranda rights, and he signed a written waiver of those rights. I then proceeded to interview CASTAGANA, and he told me the following:

a. CASTAGANA admitted to mailing approximately 17 letters containing a powdery substance. CASTAGANA said he mailed the letters to Jon Stewart, Keith Olbermann, Sumner Redstone, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, David Letterman, and Senator Charles Schumer.

b. CASTAGANA was shown copies of some of the letters he admitted sending, including, but not limited to, the November 10, 2006, letter to Keith Olbermann. CASTAGANA identified the November 10, 2006, letter to Keith Olbermann as the letter CASTAGANA sent.

c. With regards to the powdery substance, CASTAGANA said he used whatever household items were available such as baking soda, Borax/laundry detergent, and Ajax. CASTAGANA said he put the powdery substance in the letters to make sure the recipients would take his letters seriously.

d. CASTAGANA described himself as a compulsive voter who votes Republican, and he said that he sent the letters to specific individuals because he did not like their liberal politics.

e. Concerning his efforts to conceal his identity as the person sending the letters, CASTAGANA said he used multiple return addresses (never his own address) and did not lick the envelopes for fear of investigators obtaining a DNA sample.

5. During the execution of the search warrant, the following items, among others, were located in CASTAGANA's residence:

a. A kangaroo stamp (At least one victim received a letter with the impression of a kangaroo stamped on the back of the envelope);

b. A box of envelopes and stationery that CASTAGANA said he used in mailing the letters; and

c. The Ajax, baking soda, and laundry detergent that CASTAGANA said he used in making the powdery substance.

6. Based on the foregoing, I believe there is probable cause to believe that Chad Conrad Castagana communicated false information and threats via the United States mail in violation

of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1038(a)(1) (False Information and Hoaxes) and 876(c) (Sending threats via the U.S. Mail)

Mary P. Hogan
Special Agent, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

Sworn and subscribed to before me
on this _____ day of _____, 2006

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE