



United States District Court
for the
Western District of New York

United States of America

v.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW

Defendant

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Case No. 12-MJ- 536

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 of February 24, 2012 in the county of Monroe in the Western District of New York, the defendant violated 18 U.S.C. § 871, an offense described as follows:

the defendant, has violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 871, making a threat against the President of the United States, in that she knowingly and willfully communicated a threat to kill Barack Obama, the President of the United States.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

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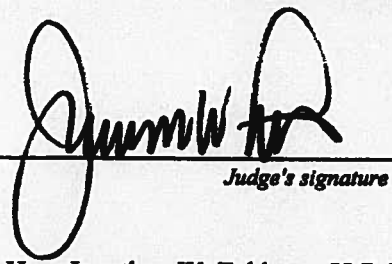
Please see attached affidavit


Complainant's signature

Joel Blackerby, RA U.S. Secret Service
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 3-9-12


Judge's signature

City and State: Rochester, New York

Hon. Jonathan W. Feldman, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

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State of New York)
County of Monroe) ss:
City of Rochester)

I, Joel D. Blackerby, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service, and have been so employed since January 1996. I am assigned to the Rochester Resident Agency, where my duties include the supervision and investigation of threats against protected individuals, to include but not limited to, the President of The United States, former Presidents and facilities under the direct protection of the United States Secret Service.
2. I have received specialized training in the investigation of federal crimes including violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 871 related to threats against the President of the United States.
3. The information contained in this affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and observation, my training and experience, conversations with other law enforcement officers and witnesses, and the review of documents and records. This affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to believe that while in the Western District of New York, CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW (hereinafter referred to as "Wright") knowingly and willfully made a threat to kill the President of the United States in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 871.
4. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, I have not included every detail of every aspect of the investigation. Rather, I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to arrest CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW. As a result of the instant investigation described more fully below, there is probable cause to believe that CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW violated Title 18, United States Code Section 871.

PROBABLE CAUSE

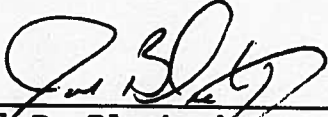
5. Barack Obama is the forty-fourth and current President of the United States.
6. On February 24, 2012, a volunteer telephone operator at the White House, assigned to the Comments Line in the Office of Presidential Correspondence, answered a call from a female caller. The female caller was described as sounding angry, excited, and loud. During the two and a half minute phone call, the caller said "I am going to [REDACTED] and kill Obama".
7. The operator completed an incident report at the time of the call documenting the contents and substance of the call. She also documented the caller's phone number as [REDACTED].
8. Subpoenaed phone records showed that [REDACTED] was registered to a male with a mailing address as [REDACTED] Rochester, New York. The current occupant at that residence is listed as a "Christine Wright".
9. Law enforcement attempted contact by calling the [REDACTED] number. Nobody answered, and a message was left to contact the Rochester Secret Service Office related to a call made on February 24. The voice mail message was a female who identified herself as "Christine".
10. Shortly thereafter, a female caller contacted the Rochester Secret Service Office and identified herself as CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW and spoke with administrative personnel. During that call, WRIGHT said she was returning a phone call from someone at Secret Service with regard to a February 24, 2012 phone call made from her cellular number. WRIGHT claimed that she had gotten out of court on February 24, and that multiple people use her phone.
11. WRIGHT asked the administrative personnel what the Secret Service does and was advised about our investigative mission and authorities. WRIGHT then advised that she did not need a return call from the Service and said she would be cancelling her cell phone. She then hung up.

12. During the course of the week of February 27th, your affiant and other federal investigators from the Secret Service attempted to interview WRIGHT at her Rochester residence at various times ranging from morning to early evening. On several occasions while at her home, your affiant heard movement from within the residence, but at no time did anyone answer the door.
13. On March 3, 2012, WRIGHT was located and interviewed at Monroe Community College in Henrietta, New York. Wright was advised that the interview concerned statements made to the White House on February 24, 2012. WRIGHT advised your affiant that she had been in court on a civil issue that day. Upon departing the court room WRIGHT admitted that she called the White House to voice her displeasure with child custody laws.
14. WRIGHT initially told your affiant that someone took her cell phone away as she left the building and she did not know the person. She stated there was a large group of people around her at that time. However, later in the interview WRIGHT changed her story, and stated that while she was on the phone with the White House, she sat down on a bench and placed her cellular phone down for an extended point of time. She opined that someone must have taken her phone when she was not looking.
15. On March 7, 2012, your affiant telephonically interviewed the White House operator who received the threatening call from WRIGHT. The operator advised that the female caller was rambling wildly and screaming into the phone with regard to how unfair the child custody laws were and that she needed Obama to fix this. The female caller then stated without hesitation "I am going to [REDACTED] and kill Obama." According to the White House operator, the entire two minute and thirty second phone call was never interrupted by any other speaker and that she recognized the caller's voice because she is always calling the White House with regard to child custody issues.

16. Further investigation by your affiant revealed that WRIGHT did cancel cellular service for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] shortly after her call to the Secret Service on February 27, 2012.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, your affiant respectfully submits that there is probable cause to believe that CHRISTINE WRIGHT-DARRISAW, has violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 871, making a threat against the President of the United States, in that she knowingly and willfully communicated a threat to kill Barack Obama, the President of the United States.



Joel D. Blackerby
SPECIAL AGENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Sworn to before me this
9th day of March 2012



U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE