

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Northern District of Oklahoma

In the Matter of the Search of
*(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)*

Clothing worn by Benjamin Roden at the time of his
arrest which is currently located at the Tulsa County Jail
and a swabbing of his hands

Case No. 17-17 FHM
17-MJ-101-FHM

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:
evidence in the form of explosive residues and/or chemicals

located in the Northern District of Oklahoma, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:
see attachment B

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- evidence of a crime;
- contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Offense Description</i>
Title 18, U.S.C. 2155	- Destruction of Government Property
Title 18, U.S.C. 844	- Manufacturing an Explosive Device

The application is based on these facts:

- Continued on the attached sheet.
- Delayed notice of days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days:) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.



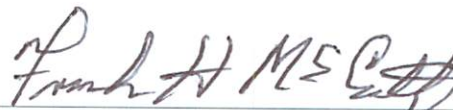
Applicant's signature

FBI Special Agent Matthew C. McCullough

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 7-11-17 9:00PM



Judge's signature

City and state: TULSA, OK

US MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT B

INFORMATION TO BE SEARCHED AND THINGS TO BE SEIZED

A blue t-shirt, grey under armor shorts and blue Under Armor shoes which were worn by Benjamin Roden at the time of his arrest and a swabbing from the hands of Benjamin Roden.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Matthew C. McCullough, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and am currently assigned to the Tulsa Resident Agency of the FBI in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I investigate violations of federal criminal law. My law enforcement career began in May 1993 with the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department and my career as an FBI SA began in April 1999. During my career, I have conducted investigations involving bank robbery, crimes on Indian Land, interstate theft of stolen property, national security, foreign counterintelligence and illegal narcotics trafficking.

2. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

PROBABLE CAUSE

3. On 07/10/2017 at approximately 10:28 p.m., an explosive device detonated outside of the Air Force Recruiting Station located at 10425 South 82nd East Avenue, Suite 103, Bixby, Oklahoma.

4. Special Agents of the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), and The Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department (TPD) responded to the scene of the explosion. FBI

SA Barry Black, a trained, Bomb Technician, conducted a preliminary assessment of the remnants of the detonated device. SA Black advised the device appeared to have been an improvised explosive device (IED) that successfully functioned. SA Black described the IED as a pipe bomb which was concealed within a military style ammunition can. SA Black advised the pipe bomb itself appeared to incorporate an explosive material contained within a length of galvanized steel pipe with external end caps on each end, a power source, electrical components and circuitry.

5. Besides breaking windows, the resulting explosion from the detonation of the explosive device caused significant structural damage to the front of the recruiting station.

6. On the morning of 07/11/2017, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) SA Jason Ritchie was contacted by Lieutenant (Lt.) Chris Woody of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Lt. Woody told SA Ritchie that on the previous day (07/10/2017), Oklahoma Air National Guard Master Sergeant (M.S.) Allie Proux had notified him regarding two envelopes that were received at the Air National Guard Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma which contained documents she found to be concerning.

7. M.S. Proux advised she picked up the mail that was received at the Air National Guard Base on 07/10/2017 and observed there to be two, eight by eleven inch manila envelopes. One envelope was addressed to Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Martin Keiner and the other was addressed to Commander (Cmd.) Jason Ives. M.S. Proux advised the sending address listed on the packages was the same address as the base, however, the packages were postmarked in Oklahoma City Oklahoma. M.S. Proux advised no sender name was listed on the packages and appeared to have been sent anonymously.

8. M.S. Proux advised since Cmd. Ives was no longer stationed at the Tulsa base, she opened the envelope addressed to him.

9. Inside the envelope, M.S. Pruax observed four pages of printed comments which appeared to have come from the Facebook.com page belonging to an individual named “Ben Roden”. A typed note was included in the envelope which read:

“July 7, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel Martin Keiner

Commander Jason Ives

Please see the attached Facebook comments mentioning you on Ben Roden’s Facebook page and possible vandalism on base.”

10. Inside the envelope M.S. Pruax opened, the four pages contained the following comments under a photo of an adult, white male with a name beside it which read “Ben Roden”:

Comment #1

“Any country willing to let me come over to you and get a job let me know. A Special warfare tactic was developed off of what I naturally do and I can teach what I do. I have knowledge of analog circuits, some electrician knowledge, and natural mechanical and electrical ability. I think the u.s. Government is trying to keep me from leaving because of my special warfare capability. They destroyed my passport before leaving active duty and they do not Normally do that. I have had a lot of problems with them spying on me as well. They think I am too smart. I was a firefighter in the airforce and was qualified to drive and operate a t3000 crash truck, a striker 1500, and a fire engine. I have firefighter 1 and 2.1 also know some about hydraulics and pneumatics. I am an expert marksman with a rifle. I

have a good fitness level. I have not had a job in 2.5 years so the amount of money offered from an employer just needs to be enough to live.”

Comment #2

“Still waiting on a discharge from the bitch air national guard Oklahoma. By the way your special warfare people suck ass.! hope they enjoyed the sidewall punctures. I wonder how those nazi bitches ives and keiner are doing over there. Your people are weak fatasses. Still waiting for you to do something. Mr noner. By the way. I know it is not a real job tomorrow without special warfare. (The last guy had a back injury). (did the airforce just let you out or what?). Is legends of zelda nazi bitch still participating? Mrs. I know I had to do it tear tear.I think what you are doing is murder over there at the air national guard. Nazi shit. Those recorders came in handy. Yeah I was spying on you dumbshits.”

Comment #3

“The u.s. Government has been using active duty military they call inadequate performers to get prior special forces and other people possibly even citizens their jobs within the government. They are using special warfare tactics and spying to attempt to drive these so called inadequate performers mentally unstable. In my case they have also affected my ability to get a job. In my area these special forces members and citizens have tribes they call the quapaws, creeks, and chitas instead of going by their actual names. These tribes keep passing through tulsa Oklahoma and some workout at 10 gym. When these tribes drive a member unstable that person sometimes dies and no one knows what happened. Also, When these tribes come in many unexplained incidences start to occur.”

Comment #4

“The sand springs Oklahoma police have been using something i call special warfare to increase crime in their town to boost their resumes. Specifically Todd Enzbrenner. This leads to unnecessary hurt and crime caused in the town and maybe even more deaths. Special warfare has a severe psychological effect on most people leading to irrational behavior. Special warfare is meant to get into someones mind and effect their psychological state. If it is not a crime it should be. They are saying that it decreases crime in their town. What it really does is it just creates more of it so they can arrest people to make them look like they are doing their jobs better.”

11. After reading the comments, M.S. Pruax accessed a computer and located the public profile for Ben Roden. Upon viewing the public profile page, M.S. Pruax observed the following comment to have been posted at 07/09/2017 at 12:56 p.m.:

“That government vehicle looks beautiful setting outside that office in Tulsa. That is how I am going to make up for 2 years 7 months without a job and harassment”

12. As a result of reading the comments on the pages in the envelope and observing the comment on Ben Roden’s Facebook profile page, she reported her observations to her Commanding Officer, Lt. Chris Woody. Lt. Woody in turn relayed this information to O.S.I. SA Ritchie the following day (07/11/2017).

13. O.S.I. SA Ritchie further advised when he responded to the Air Force Recruiting Station following the detonation of the explosive device on the morning of 07/11/2017, he interviewed Sgt. James Thompson, who works as a recruiter at the location. Sgt. Thompson informed O.S.I. SA Ritchie that sometime on 07/09/2017, a U.S. Government vehicle assigned to a reserve recruiter was vandalized. Sgt. Thompson advised all four tires on the vehicle were slashed and all the windows of the vehicle were broken.

14. O.S.I. SA Jason Austin advised he had learned that Benjamin Don Roden was previously a Senior Airman in the U.S. Air Force and was trained as a fire-fighter. Roden eventually sought to be trained as an electrician by the U.S. Air Force, however, he resigned when he discovered he could not complete all necessary training required to become a certified electrician.

15. On the morning of 07/11/2017, both O.S.I. SA's Ritchie and Austin interviewed Sgt. Brian Curtis who was Roden's last Commanding Officer before he resigned. Sgt. Curtis described Roden to the O.S.I. SA's as being smart and capable of constructing electronic devices. Sgt. Curtis said Roden hated the military and had received disciplinary actions for his conduct. Sgt. Curtis also advised Roden wanted to quit the Air Force and join the U.S. Marines, however the U.S. Marines would not accept Roden. Sgt. Curtis said Roden blamed the U.S. Air Force for preventing him from being accepted by the U.S. Marines.

16. TPD Detective (Det.) William Jenkins located an individual named Justin Brown who was staying at a nearby Hampton Inn Hotel in the proximity of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Station where the explosive device detonated.

17. Brown told Det. Jenkins that at approximately 10:19 p.m. on the previous evening, he went to a Taco Bueno Restaurant which is located just west of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting

Station. Brown told Det. Jenkins that when he left the restaurant to drive back to his hotel, a white male driving a red motorcycle sped through a four-way stop in the parking lot. Brown told Det. Jenkins he narrowly missed colliding with the motorcyclist. Brown told Det. Jenkins he could not see the white male's face because he was wearing a helmet. Brown told Det. Jenkins that he observed the motorcyclist enter South Memorial Drive and speed south, away from the scene.

18. Brown told Det. Jenkins that as the motorcyclist was speeding away, he heard an explosion from the area where he first observed the motorcyclist in the parking lot. Brown told Det. Jenkins that he returned to his hotel and again saw the motorcyclist in the parking lot where he had first observed him. Brown said he last saw the motorcyclist speed away, travelling northbound on South Memorial Drive.

19. FBI SAs Richard Davis and Jamie Cavitt located Roden's last known place of employment, which was Advanced Chemical Research, located at 1110 W Keystone Avenue, Catoosa, Oklahoma. SAs Cavitt and Davis verified through Human Resource at Advanced Chemical Research that Roden's address is at the Sand Dollar Apartments, 970 East 61st Building 11, Apartment A, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

20. At approximately 2:15 p.m. on 07/11/2017, FBI TFO John Zoller was conducting surveillance of the Sand Dollar Apartments, 970 East 61st, Building 11, Tulsa, Oklahoma and observed an individual he identified by sight as Benjamin Don Roden to enter Apartment A after arriving on a red Honda Motorcycle. TFO Zoller obtained the Oklahoma License Plate information for the red Honda motorcycle and confirmed it to be registered to Roden.

21. As law enforcement officers continued surveillance on the apartment Roden had entered, they observed him exit the apartment and approach the red Honda motorcycle. Roden was

taken into custody by law enforcement officers as he approached the red motorcycle. Roden was later booked into the Tulsa County Detention Center.

22. As Roden was taken into custody, Affiant obtained a search warrant for Roden's apartment which was later authorized by United States Magistrate Judge Frank H. McCarthy of the Northern District of Oklahoma.

23. Pursuant to the execution of the search warrant at Roden's apartment located at the Sand Dollar Apartments, 970 East 61st, Building 11, Apartment A, Tulsa, Oklahoma, TPD Bomb Technician William Jenkins advised during the search, a bag was found that was x-rayed. The x-ray of the bag appeared to contain two likely pipe-bombs or IED's in metal ammunition cans which appeared to be similar to the device that detonated at the Air Force Recruiting Station on 07/10/2017.

24. I am aware that Title 18, U.S.C. 844 prohibits damaging or destroying by use of an explosive any building possessed or leased by the United States. Further, I am aware that Title 18, U.S.C. 2155 prohibits the interference of the National Defense of the United States by destroying National Defense material or property.

25. I am aware from my training and experience that evidence of crimes are often located at places associated with individuals who have committed crimes. I am also aware that individuals who commit acts of vandalism or destruction of property often times have equipment, tools or devices that are used in the commission of criminal acts. I have also learned from other law enforcement officers familiar with bomb-making that individuals who build bombs often keep bomb-making materials in areas where bombs are made. Additionally, I have been told residue from explosive materials is detectable on clothing, fabrics and other surfaces as a result of bomb-making efforts.

26. In light of the above information, Affiant believes there is probable cause to conduct a swabbing of Benjamin Roden's hands at the Tulsa County Detention Center in order to determine the presence of explosive residues or chemicals used in manufacturing explosive devices. Affiant also believes probable cause exists to seize the clothing Roden was wearing at the time of his arrest to have laboratory analysis conducted on the clothing to detect the presence of explosive residues or chemicals.

27. Affiant believes that the swabbing of Roden's hands and laboratory analysis of his clothing may provide evidence pertaining to a violations of Title 18, U.S.C. 2155 – Destruction of Government Property and Title 18, U.S.C. – Manufacture of a Destructive Device.

28. A description of the location to be searched appears on attachment A of this Affidavit. Items to be searched for and seized as evidence appear on attachment B of this Affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew C. McCullough
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 11, 2017



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE