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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
11 Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2:20-mj-00456-BNW

COMPLAINT

12 vs.

VIOLATIONS:

13 STEPHEN T. PARSHALL,
aka "Kiwi"
14 ANDREW LYNAM, and
WILLIAM L. LOOMIS,

18 U.S.C. §§ 844 (f), (i) and (n) – Conspiracy
to damage and destroy by fire and explosive;

26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871 –
Possession of unregistered firearms.

15 Defendants.
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17 BEFORE the United States Magistrate Judge, Las Vegas, Nevada, the undersigned
18 Complainant, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

19 COUNT ONE
Conspiracy

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21 1. Beginning from at least in or about April 2020 and continuing up to and
22 including on or about May 30, 2020, in the State and Federal District of Nevada, and
23 elsewhere,

24 STEPHEN T. PARSHALL,

AFFIANT EXPERIENCE

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2 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and
3 have been employed by the FBI since 2017. I am currently assigned to the Las Vegas FBI
4 Joint Terrorism Taskforce (“JTTF”) and I am responsible for investigating threats to life and
5 domestic terrorism. Before joining the FBI, I was a Federal Agent, employed by the United
6 States Border Patrol for approximately four years. In that capacity I was charged with
7 enforcing federal immigration law, combating human trafficking and dismantling human
8 and narcotic smuggling organizations. I was also a part of a successful canine detection
9 team and assigned to assist with several local and state task force narcotic and human
10 smuggling interdiction teams. Before joining the United Border Patrol, I completed a
11 master’s degree in Crisis and Emergency Management in 2011. I have received basic,
12 advanced, and on the job training in investigations of cases involving threat to life matters
13 and domestic terrorism.

14 2. The following information contained within this criminal complaint is based
15 upon my participation in this investigation or information provided to me by other JTTF
16 members and law enforcement personnel. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the
17 limited purpose of securing a Criminal Complaint, I have not included each and every fact
18 known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only those facts that I believe are
19 necessary to establish probable cause for the above listed offense. All times noted are
20 approximate.

PROBABLE CAUSE

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22 3. In April 2020, the Las Vegas Joint JTTF began investigating ANDREW
23 LYNAM (“LYNAN”) and STEPHEN PARSHALL (“PARSHALL”), aka “Kiwi”, based
24 on information provided by a reporting party that LYNAM and PARSHALL were

1 potentially planning terrorist activity. Las Vegas FBI agents met with the reporting party
2 (RP) of the complaint and the RP was later signed up as an FBI Confidential Human Source
3 (CHS). In May 2020, WILLIAM LOOMIS became a subject of the investigation.

4 4. LYNAM is currently an Army Reservist, PARSHALL was formerly enlisted
5 in the Navy, and LOOMIS was formerly enlisted in the Air Force. LYNAM, PARSHALL,
6 and LOOMIS have self-identified as part of the “Boogaloo” movement, and were part of a
7 Nevada Boogaloo Facebook group. Boogaloo is a term used by extremists to signify a
8 coming civil war and/or fall of civilization.¹

9 5. In Early April 2020, CHS met the members of the aforementioned group, in
10 person, at a ReOpen Nevada rally held at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas, Nevada.
11 CHS met an individual named ANDREW LYNAM and another whom he only knew by
12 the nickname KIWI, later identified as PARSHALL.

13 6. During the rally, LYNAM stated that their group was not for joking around
14 and that it was for people who wanted to violently overthrow the United States government.
15 The other individuals within this group, including PARSHALL, appeared to agree with
16 LYNAM’s statement. During the rally all identified group members possessed firearms to
17 include pistols and rifles, including variations of AR-15’s.

18 7. LYNAM told CHS he intended to target structures that did not have a
19 defense system. The goal would be to put an economic burden on businesses and the
20 government. PARSHALL had maps that showed terrains and locations. PARSHALL
21 mentioned an unoccupied United States Forest Service ranger station.

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¹ See generally, <https://www.adl.org/blog/the-boogaloo-extremists-new-slang-term-for-a-coming-civil-war>, last visited June 2, 2020.

1 8. LYNAM planned a group hike on Saturday April 25, 2020, to do a meet and
2 greet with additional members invited into the group. LYNAM created an account on an
3 encrypted communication application (“encrypted application”) between the identified
4 group members.

5 9. CHS reported that during the hike, the group including LYNAM and
6 PARSHALL, discussed the beginning stages of their plan to disrupt the United States
7 economy. LYNAM said he wanted a trial run, to test the members of the group, as well as
8 the response of the United States government. The trial run would be to destroy a specific
9 ranger station near Lake Mead. LYNAM said they needed at least six members to carry out
10 the plan.

11 10. PARSHALL provided maps and documents of the Lake Mead area.
12 LYNAM and PARSHALL stated theoretical specifics of which roads certain members
13 would need to take to access the ranger station. Further, they would need to figure out how
14 many people in each group would need to be sent, during specific times of day or night, in
15 order to carry out the attack and minimize exposure to law enforcement and the public.

16 11. LYNAM said they would need to stagger groups. One group would bring in
17 the supplies to the targeted location, while the other group would then come at a later time
18 to set up the materials. Each member or group would also need to use different entrances
19 and routes so as to allow “plausible deniability,” regarding the attack. LYNAM said further
20 discussion and more specifics would come with time, as they gain more members and
21 finalize their target and means of attack. LYNAM discussed using means of explosive or
22 arson to carry out the attack on the ranger station.

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1 12. PARSHALL advised he had a specific ranger station in mind, but did not
2 disclose to the group the exact location. He indicated the station in question had
3 approximately seven video surveillance cameras that would need to be avoided or disrupted.

4 13. After the hike, PARSHALL took the ID's and phone numbers from each
5 person, including CHS, writing them down, so he could conduct background checks on the
6 members. LYNAM asked people, individually, what their skills/abilities were and what
7 they could bring to the group.

8 14. The group seemed to be focus their attention to the disruption of economic
9 activity, primarily the destruction of property at sub-stations, power plants, and/or a
10 location at the border between Arizona and Nevada.

11 15. On May 9, 2020, the LYNAM, PARSHAL, CHS and others, took part in an
12 Open Nevada protest. LYNAM and PARSHALL wore military-like load bearing vests that
13 have rifle rated metal plates within. The vests then have various pouches and pockets
14 designed to hold extra rifle magazines, as well as other various tools. After the conclusion of
15 the rally, LYNAM and PARSHALL advised of a future plan for the upcoming ReOpen
16 Nevada protest to occur on May 16, 2020.

17 16. LYNAM and PARSHALL stated they want to loosely follow the guidelines
18 of Irish Republican Army (IRA) Green Book.² They indicated they want the government to
19 show its hand. In order to do so, they wanted to create a chaotic and confusing scene for the
20 upcoming protest. This would include any type of fireworks, smoke bombs, or noise
21 makers. These devices would be placed in predetermined locations, before the beginning of
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23 ² The Green Book is an introduction and training manual issued to new volunteers who join
24 the IRA. It explains the IRA's mission, methods, and purpose; stressing the need for secrecy
and commitment. It includes a statement of military objectives, tactics, and conditions for
military victory against the British government. The Green Book has acted as matter of
conduct and induction to the IRA since at least the 1950s.

1 the protest and set off during said protest. The goal would be to set the devices off and cause
2 panic to the police and public, in hopes that it causes others to take some type of action.
3 Whether it be by police or by the public, LYNAM and PARSHALL wanted some type of
4 confrontation between the police and the protesters. LYNAM tasked each member of the
5 group to obtain whatever materials they could, to create the aforementioned devices.

6 17. On May 13, 2020, LYNAM called off the plan because he believed it would
7 not be feasible to detonate fireworks on a delay or with a timer.

8 18. On Friday May 16, 2020, PARSHALL, CHS, an FBI Undercover Employee
9 ("UCE") and others, but not LYNMAN attended a ReOpen Nevada protest. PARSHALL
10 and others wore their outer-carriers and carried rifles. PARSHALL told the group he had
11 purchased the smoke canisters and planned to use them at the protest, should the
12 opportunity arise.³ Agents observed PARSHALL walk past a large group of uniformed
13 police officers, past multiple garbage bins and place a bag on the ground near the DMV
14 building. After communicating the observation, local police recovered the bag and handed it
15 over to agents. The bag contained multiple spent shotgun shells, empty packaging for a new
16 magazine to a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield, and an empty box that read "PM 170."

17 19. PARSHALL ultimately decided the protest was not the best location to cause
18 a disruption through throwing smoke canisters. The group noticed local police to be intently
19 observing their movements, as they were the only people wearing outer-carriers and
20 carrying rifles. PARSHALL determined it would be too obvious that he threw the canisters
21 and wanted to be able to cause chaos and a disruption, while not being detected by law
22 enforcement.

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³ FBI Agents observed PARSHALL purchased two smoke canisters at a military surplus store.

1 20. The FBI UCE reported that while at the protest, LOOMIS approached the
2 group and advised he wanted to join. On May 19, 2020, LYNAM and CHS met LOOMIS
3 at a local park. LOOMIS indicated that he was looking to actively disrupt the United States
4 government. LYNAM was pleased with the meeting and stated that LOOMIS was a good
5 candidate for a new member, should PARSHALL agree and perform his background
6 checks.

7 21. On May 23, 2020, LYNAM, PARSHALL, LOOMIS, CHS, and another
8 person went on a near Red Rock. During the hike, LOOMIS indicated he was fully on
9 board with any type of physical action and planning. LOOMIS sated that he wanted to join
10 the group to take action against the United States government. Loomis mentioned that he
11 was previously part of several militia groups, but ultimately left due to inactivity.

12 22. During the conclusion of the hike, PARSHALL advised he wanted to
13 continue the plan to destroy a building near Lake Mead. PARSHALL and the CHS
14 conducted initial reconnaissance immediately following the hike.

15 23. PARSHALL and CHS drove to a Lake Mead Fee Station (the Station).
16 There, PARSHALL discussed the plan to destroy the Station. PARSHALL determined the
17 best way would be to smash the windows and then throw in a firebomb with accelerant.
18 PARSHALL checked the building for its source of power and determined they would need
19 to disable the power before lighting the building on fire. PARSHALL noted there were at
20 least five exterior cameras.

21 24. PARSHALL advised he would need two people to arrive at the Station and
22 break the windows and light the building on fire. The others would have roles such as
23 blocking traffic on each side of the roadway, with cones, and other support roles.
24 PARSHALL stated that he and LYNAM would be the two to light the building on fire.

1 25. On the evening of May 27, 2020, LOOMIS contacted the group via the
2 encrypted application, to meet at Lone Mountain Hiking Trail in the City of Las Vegas, at
3 approximately 2300 hours. PARSHALL and CHS responded that they would take part in
4 the meeting. LYNAM did not respond.

5 26. CHS reported that at the meeting, PARSHALL and LOOMIS discussed
6 causing an incident to incite chaos and possibly a riot, in response to the death of a suspect
7 (referring to George Floyd) in police custody in Minneapolis, MN. LOOMIS stated he
8 wanted to target a power substation and wanted to throw a type of "firebomb" or incendiary
9 to cause destruction. The plan would be for someone to run a distraction, off site of the
10 power structure, so police resources were used for the distraction and not the intended main
11 target. The plan was to take place the next evening on Thursday May 28, 2020, the
12 following night.

13 27. PARSHALL, LOOMIS, and CHS then scouted the target, an NV Energy
14 power substation located on the Northeast corner of Eastern Ave. and Bonanza Rd. in Las
15 Vegas. On the northern portion of the power substation, were power converters resting on
16 metal structure beams. The goal was to create a "firebomb" using a combination of
17 fireworks, accelerant, and, gasoline to create an explosion and subsequent fire. The plan was
18 to target the power converter within the power substation.

19 28. After scouting the area, the group decided to "sleep" on the plan and see how
20 everyone felt the following morning. On the morning of Thursday May 28, 2020, the group
21 decided to continue with the plan.

22 29. LOOMIS and PARSHALL dictated the plan would be to continue with the
23 "firebomb" of the power converter. The group was to meet in the dirt parking lot on the
24 northeast corner of Adams St. and 4th Ave in Las Vegas.

1 30. Once CHS detonated a smaller version of a "firebomb" to create a distraction,
2 CHS would radio to PARSHALL and LOOMIS that it had been detonated, PARSHALL
3 would then target the power converter.⁴

4 31. After PARSHALL threw the "firebomb," he would return to LOOMIS'
5 vehicle and leave the area. LOOMIS advised he had four handheld radios the group could
6 use to communicate and signal when the distraction was set off. The group also discussed
7 having plate carriers and rifles in their vehicles, but wearing regular clothing so as to not
8 cause attention.

9 32. PARSHALL indicated through the encrypted application to CHS to keep
10 LYNAM out of the loop. However, on May 28, 2020, via the encrypted application,
11 LYNAM instructed the group to observe the riots occurring throughout the country and use
12 that momentum as a driving force to possibly take action against the Lake Mead Fee Station
13 on Saturday May 30, 2020. LYNAM told the group to be ready to take action.

14 33. CHS stated that PARSHALL and LOOMIS's idea behind the explosion was
15 to hopefully create civil unrest and rioting throughout Las Vegas. They wanted to use the
16 momentum of the George Floyd death in police custody in the City of Minneapolis to
17 hopefully stir enough confusion and excitement, that others see the two explosions and
18 police presence and begin to riot in the streets out of anger.

19 34. On May 28, FBI agents observed PARSHALL purchase fireworks at the
20 Moapa Paiute Travel Plaza. PARSHALL also stated via the encrypted application that he
21 drove by the power substation. However, during the late afternoon, PARSHALL called off
22 the plan via the encrypted application.

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⁴ According to NV Energy, a loss of the transformers on that property would result in very long power outages.

1 35. On May 29, 2020 LYNAM and PARSHALL informed the group, via the
2 encrypted application, to meet up and attend protests occurring on the Las Vegas strip,
3 regarding the George Floyd in-custody police death. LYNAM, PARSHALL, LOOMIS,
4 and CHS parked and donned their outer-carriers and joined the protesters in the streets
5 carrying rifles.

6 36. CHS reported that LYNAM taunted the police by getting in their face and
7 yelling at them. In addition, PARSHALL was very upset that the protests were not turning
8 violent. PARSHALL was adamant that he wanted the violence and to be able to react to it.
9 PARSHALL was telling protesters that peaceful protests don't accomplish anything and
10 that they needed to be violent.

11 37. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers announced a dispersion
12 announcement and told all the protesters to go home. At that point, LYNAM and
13 LOOMIS, ran back to their vehicles, while PARSHALL remained in the streets. The group
14 got back to LOOMIS's vehicle and drove toward the protesters, jumping a median, in order
15 to pick up PARSHALL. Once in the vehicle, he was very upset the protest was not violent.
16 They dropped him off at his vehicle, for the group to leave the area.

17 38. When the group met before joining the protest, PARSHALL indicated to
18 CHS that he had glass bottles, rags and gasoline for Molotov cocktails. PARSHALL also
19 indicated that he had purchased fireworks, to be able to strap them to hairspray cans, so as
20 to act as an accelerant.

21 39. On May 30, 2020, LYNAM, PARSHALL, LOOMIS, and CHS agreed to
22 take part in the BLACK LIVES MATTER protest located at the Las Vegas Downtown
23 Container Park at 707 Fremont St, Las Vegas NV 89101.
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1 40. LYNAM, PARSHALL, LOOMIS and two others all arranged to meet at a
2 fitness center parking lot located on Charleston Blvd in Las Vegas at approximately 1800
3 hours. The meeting was initiated by LYNAM. LYNAM wanted a location that was two
4 miles from the protest location, just east.

5 41. Before the meeting, FBI agents observed PARSHALL buying gasoline and
6 pumping the gasoline into a gas can.

7 42. LYNAM, PARSHALL, and LOOMIS arrived in their respective vehicles.
8 CHS and FBI UC arrived in a fourth vehicle. PARSHALL removed a red rag from the cab
9 and began to rip the rag into strips. CHS stated that PARSHALL explained the rag was a
10 mechanics rag, which is good for absorbing volatiles. PARSHALL then explained the rags
11 were part of a Molotov cocktail, where it is better to wrap the rags around the glass bottles
12 filled with gasoline. PARSHALL continued to explain that if the rags were placed inside the
13 bottles, they would burn too quickly and explode mid-air, rather than upon impact after
14 being thrown.

15 43. CHS stated that while PARSHALL was ripping the rags and explaining the
16 use for them, LYNAM interjected that the police tear gas is flammable and when it burns,
17 turns into cyanide. According to LYNAM, if the police threw tear gas at them, at the rally,
18 they could throw the gas back at the police and then throw a Molotov cocktail at them and
19 burn them.

20 44. FBI SWAT deployed and apprehended LYNAM, LOOMIS, and
21 PARSHALL. All three were charged with state offenses and remain detained.

22 45. During their apprehension, PARSHALL dropped a glass bottle on the
23 ground, causing it to shatter into multiple pieces. The pieces landed at the base of a light
24 post, in between LYNAM and PARSHALL's vehicle.

1 46. Visible and in plain view, inside PARSHALL's vehicle, were multiple rags,
2 including the ripped red rage, multiple cans of hairspray and a plastic bag with a myriad of
3 fireworks inside. The fireworks consisted of multiple types of mortars and various
4 firecrackers. In the bed of the truck, was a gas container with gas inside. PARSHALL's
5 vehicle also contained a 12-gauge shotgun with numerous shotgun shells and a 45 ACP
6 pistol. An outer-carrier with plates was also present.

7 47. Visible and in plain view, inside LOOMIS's vehicle contained an AR-15 and
8 approximately six magazines. An outer-carrier with plates was also present. Visible and in
9 plain view, inside LYNAM's vehicle was an outer-carrier with plates.

10 48. On June 1, 2020, the FBI Las Vegas Evidence Response Team executed a
11 Nevada state court-issued search warrant and seized the following items from
12 PARSHALL's vehicle: numerous accelerants, to include gasoline, fuel injector cleaner, and
13 hair spray, strips of clothes, and four glass jars filled with a liquid that tested positive as
14 gasoline, using a Thermo Fisher Scientific, First Defender RMX handheld Chemical
15 Identification Analyzer.

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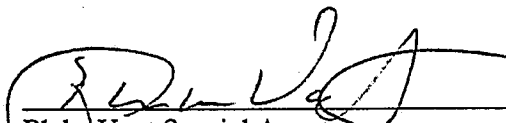
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49. An FBI Special Agent Bomb Technician (SABT) examined the items. Based on the SABT's training and experience, the above items are commonly used to assemble an Improvised Incendiary Device (IID) commonly referred to as a "Molotov cocktail." This type of IID is assembled by placing an accelerant in a container, normally made of glass, with a cloth wick that is placed into the top of the IID. The wick is then lit on fire, and the IID is manually thrown. Upon impact the glass jar shatters creating a violent incendiary reaction when the accelerant is exposed to an open flame.

50. Under 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a), the definition of a firearm, includes a destructive device, which is further defined in § 5845(f). The IID described above meets the definition of a destructive device under § 5845(f). The possession of such a destructive device requires federal registration. 26 U.S.C. §5841. A record search determined that no destructive device or explosive is registered to

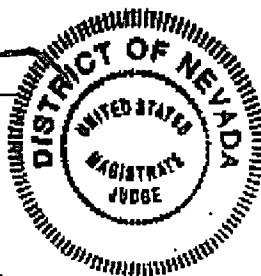
1 PARSHALL, LYNAM, or LOOMIS in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer
2 Record.

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4 Respectfully submitted,

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7 Blake Vogt Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

8 Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
9 telephone on -2nd - day of June 2020

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