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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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VS.)
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STANLEY DWIGHT SHEFFIELD)
Year of birth: 1964)
SSAN: XXX-XX-3573)

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been employed in that capacity for approximately fourteen years. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Division and have primary investigative responsibilities in violent and other major crimes and federal violations. The information set forth in this affidavit has been derived from my own investigation or communicated to me by other sworn law enforcement officers or from other reliable sources.

2. On April 23, 2010, the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated an investigation into the redirecting of Delta 2148, which was en route from Los Angeles International to Tampa International Airport, to Albuquerque Sunport. The flight was diverted due to the erratic and dangerous behavior of a passenger onboard, who had been restrained by aircraft passengers.

3. Stanley Sheffield was seated in first class at 3D, onboard Delta Flight 2148, en route from Los Angeles to Tampa Bay. Approximately one and a half hours into the flight Lead Flight Attendant John Keener noticed that Sheffield was awake and asked him if

1 he could get him anything. Sheffield did not respond. Fifteen minutes later, Keener
2 returned to the first class section of the plane and again asked Sheffield if he could assist
3 him. Again, Sheffield did not respond. Sheffield then exited his row and entered the
4 lavatory located at the front of the airplane, near the cockpit. After leaving the lavatory,
5 Sheffield obtained a 2-liter bottle from the drink cart and began to spray the first class
6 passengers and Flight Attendant John Keener with water. Addressing Keener, Sheffield
7 stated "Get behind me Satan," and continued to spray water. Keener, another flight
8 attendant and several passengers from the aircraft attempted to calm Sheffield. Keener
9 requested that Sheffield return to his seat; he refused to do so. Sheffield again made his
10 way to the front of the aircraft and attempted to open the front main entrance. During this
11 attempt Sheffield made several threats to aircraft personnel and passengers stating: "I am
12 going to bring this plane down;" "You need to land this plane or I'm going to blow it up;"
13 and "I will blow up this plane and take you all with me." When Sheffield approached
14 the cockpit door, spraying water at the door and again shouting "get behind me Satan,"
15 several passengers engaged Sheffield in a struggle and restrained him with Tuff-Cuffs and
16 seatbelt extenders. These passengers advised that, during the struggle, Sheffield managed
17 to break through one of the cuffs and a leather belt before he was successfully subdued.

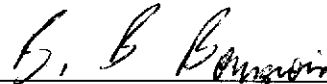
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19 4. Based on the conflict onboard, the flight crew made the decision to divert the
20 plane to Albuquerque, New Mexico. After the plane landed in Albuquerque, Sheffield was
21 taken into custody by Albuquerque Aviation Police and subsequently, by Special Agents of
22 the FBI.

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24 5. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit, your affiant submits that
25 there is probable cause to believe that on April 23, 2010, Stanley Sheffield, date of birth
26 1964, did willfully communicate information, knowing the information to be false and
27 under circumstances in which such information may reasonably be believed, thereby
28 endangering the safety of any such aircraft in flight, in violation of Title 18 United States


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Code, Section 32(a)(7) and 31(a)(1); and did, on an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, assault or intimidate John Keener, a flight crew member or flight attendant of the aircraft, and interfere with the performance of his duties as a flight attendant, in violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46504 and 46501.

I swear that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


BENEDICT B. BOURGEOIS
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Subscribed and sworn to
before me, this 23 day of April, 2010.


U.S. Magistrate Judge