

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Texas

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

United States of America
v.

BY: MC
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Case No. **W26-122M**

COLTON CARTER (1)
[REDACTED]

Defendant(s)

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(s) of May 6, 2026 in the county of Bell in the
Western District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

18 U.S.C. 1951(a)

Offense Description

Conspiracy to Interfere with Commerce by Robbery

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

GARRETT ALTON, Detective-Temple Police Dept

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 05/14/2026



Judge's signature

City and state: Waco, Texas

DEREK T. GILLILAND, US Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

Your Affiant, Garrett R. Alton, has been employed as a Texas Peace Officer for eleven (11) years. Affiant is an “investigator or law enforcement officer of the United States” within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18, United States Code, that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 922. Affiant is currently a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Violent Crime Task Force. Affiant’s duties include investigating various violations of state and federal law, including but not limited to gang/criminal enterprise investigations, crimes of violence, drug trafficking crimes, and firearms offenses. The facts in this affidavit come from your Affiant’s personal observations, his training and experience, and information obtained from other law enforcement officers and witnesses.

On May 6, 2026, at 0738 hours, Temple Police Department (TPD) responded to 1305 Paseo Del Oro, Temple, Bell County, Texas, regarding a deceased male on the front porch. The victim was identified as Ember Henry, an 18-year-old male from Salado, Bell County, Texas. During the initial investigation it was found that Ember Henry sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Several spent 9mm casings were located on scene with no gun present. In Ember Henry’s pants pocket, officers located two Marihuana vape pen containers, that still had Marihuana vape pens in them (commonly known as DISPOS to users and sellers). TPD Detectives were then dispatched to the scene and took over the investigation as a possible homicide. TPD Detectives obtained and executed an evidentiary search warrant for the residence and Ember Henry’s vehicle, which was parked in front of the residence where he was found.

During the investigation, TPD Detectives learned of a “shots fired” call had occurred in the area at approximately 2101 hours the previous evening (May 5, 2026). Detectives also learned that TPD Officers responded to the scene and contacted two suspicious people running on foot who were identified as **COLTON CARTER** and [REDACTED]. Initial reports from CARTER and [REDACTED] were that they were running because they heard gunshots and were not sure if they were being shot at. TPD Officers reported that both appeared nervous. CARTER and [REDACTED] were found on Calle Olmo, which is approximately two houses away from the crime scene at 1305 Paseo Del Oro. COLTON CARTER and [REDACTED] were identified and then released by TPD Officers.

On the afternoon of May 6, 2026, TPD Detectives located COLTON CARTER’S vehicle. TPD Patrol officers conducted a probable cause traffic stop on the vehicle for a traffic violation. During the stop, COLTON CARTER’S passenger, who was identified as a 14-year-old friend to CARTER, advised officers that CARTER told them they had “hit a lick” on a white male the night before. CARTER was taken into custody for the traffic violation and transported to TPD headquarters to be interviewed by Detectives in reference to the homicide investigation. While the interview was taking place, a search warrant was obtained and executed on COLTON CARTER’S vehicle and a cellphone.

During the Mirandized interview, COLTON CARTER advised TPD Detective Hassan Enriquez that he (CARTER) and [REDACTED] had traveled to 4602 Calle Roble in Temple to “hang out.” COLTON CARTER stated that he was aware of a planned robbery targeting Ember Henry for THC vape products. CARTER stated to Detective Enriquez that he wanted nothing to do with

the lick and he left on foot with [REDACTED]. During this interview, Detectives obtained COLTON CARTER'S messages from his phone. The phone contained implicating messages and phone calls that led detectives to believe that COLTON CARTER set up the robbery. In these messages, COLTON CARTER tells another party, "We are hitting a Plug today." The other party asks who and COLTON CARTER responds saying, "So be ready and bring a Ski;" "Some small-town Salado plug;" and "He's a white boy I think it'll be easy." Another message sent by CARTER after these also stated, "Either way tho we jumping him n taking his dispos." It was also found that at 2050hrs COLTON CARTER sent another message to the other party stating, "He's 10 out." This was approximately eleven minutes prior to 911 calls for shots fired/heard.

On May 12, 2026, Detective Enriquez conducted a voluntary interview with [REDACTED] at his residence in Troy, Bell County, Texas. During this interview [REDACTED] provided Detective Enriquez with information on what happened. [REDACTED] advised that he was at his residence in Troy when COLTON CARTER came by and picked him up. [REDACTED] advised that when he was in the car with CARTER, he [REDACTED] noticed COLTON CARTER had a gun with him. [REDACTED] advised that he and CARTER then drove from Troy to Temple and went to 4602 Calle Roble in Temple. While at this residence, [REDACTED] admitted that he knew COLTON CARTER was planning to "hit a lick" that night. [REDACTED] advised that he and CARTER then went to the abandoned residence at 1305 Paseo Del Oro where the robbery was going to happen. [REDACTED] advised that his role in the robbery was the "look out," and he was at the back of the residence. [REDACTED] advised once the victim got to the residence, he [REDACTED] approached the front of the house where he observed COLTON CARTER physically attacking the victim. [REDACTED] advised he heard gunshots and then he fled the scene eventually meeting back up with COLTON CARTER and that was when they were stopped by TPD.

Through this investigation, TPD detectives have found evidence and facts which support that COLTON CARTER and [REDACTED] conspired and aided and abetted each other in the commission of a Hobbs Act violation (18 U.S.C. 1951), in which during this offense a firearm was produced and used against the victim causing the victim's death.

1305 Paseo Del Oro is located in Temple, Bell County, Texas, which is within the Waco Division of the Western District of Texas. Illegal drug distribution is an activity that affects interstate and foreign commerce.



GARRETT ALTON, Detective
Temple Police Department

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 14th day of May, 2026.



DEREK T. GILLILAND
United States Magistrate Judge