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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CESAR ARMANDO LEUREAN
a.k.a **CESAR ARMANDO LEUREAN-RAMIREZ**

CASE NUMBER: 7: 08-MJ-1004

(Name and Address of Defendant)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about January 11, 2008 in Onslow County, in the Eastern District of North Carolina defendant(s) did, (Track Statutory Language of Offense) unlawfully and feloniously flee the State of North Carolina to avoid prosecution for the crime of Financial Card Fraud (felony), Obtaining Property by False Pretenses and Murder (felony), all in violation of the State of North Carolina General Statutes in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1073.

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent, FBI and that this complaint is based on the following facts:
Official Title

See Attached Affidavit hereby incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

Yes No

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant
Richard J. Novelli, Jr.
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

January 11, 2008 at Wilmington, NC
Date City and State

United States Magistrate Judge Robert B. Jones Jr.
Name & Title of Judicial Officer [Signature]
Signature of Judicial Officer

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1 United States District Court)
Eastern District of North Carolina)
2 City of Wilmington)
County of New Hanover)
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4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
5 WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

6 **AFFIDAVIT**

7 I, Richard J. Novelli, Jr., Special Agent (SA) with
8 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States
9 Department of Justice, Washington D.C., assigned to the
10 Charlotte Division, Wilmington, North Carolina Resident
11 Agency of the FBI, having been duly sworn, make the following
12 statement in support of a request for a Criminal Complaint
13 and Arrest Warrant.

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15 **INTRODUCTION**

16 I am an investigative law enforcement officer of
17 the United States who is empowered by law to make arrests for
18 offenses enumerated in Title 18 of the United States Code.

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20 I have been employed as a law enforcement officer
21 since 1993, and specifically as a Special Agent with the FBI
22 since August 1998. I have been assigned to the Wilmington
23 Resident Agency since November 1998.

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25 I am currently tasked to investigate crimes defined
26 and enumerated in Title 18 of the United States Code.
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1 This affidavit is in support of the law enforcement
2 investigation involving the Unlawful Flight to Avoid
3 Prosecution, specifically, United States Code, Title 18,
4 Section 1073. The information contained herein was provided
5 to me by the law enforcement officers from the Onslow County
6 Sheriff's Office and others familiar with the investigations
7 by the Onslow County Sheriff's Office and the Naval Criminal
8 Investigative Service. The information contained herein is
9 believed to be true and accurate.

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11 **I. DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION**

12 During 2007, MARIA LAUTERBACH, a Marine stationed
13 at Camp LeJuene, North Carolina, reported that she had been
14 sexually assaulted by another Marine identified as CESAR
15 ARMANDO LAUREAN, a.k.a. CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN-RAMIREZ. The
16 investigation into the sexual assault was conducted by the
17 Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Camp LeJuene,
18 North Carolina.

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20 Information from the NCIS revealed that LAUTERBACH
21 was identified as pregnant in the months following the rape.
22 LAUTERBACH's due date was in close proximity to the timing of
23 the reported sexual assault, leading investigators to believe
24 that the baby may have been conceived from the sexual
25 assault. The investigative plan from NCIS may have included
26 comparing DNA from the child (after birth) to CESAR ARMANDO
27 LAUREAN.

1 On December 14, 2007, MARIA LAUTERBACH was reported
2 as a missing person to the Onslow County Sheriff's Office, by
3 her step-mother. MARIA LAUTERBACH also failed to report to
4 work at the Marine Corp base, Camp LeJuene.

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6 On December 24, 2007, an unidentified male utilized
7 the Fort Sill National Bank debit card belonging to MARIA
8 LAUTERBACH and obtained United States Currency in excess of
9 \$500.00. This illegal activity was investigated by the
10 Onslow County Sheriff's Department.

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12 Prior to January 10, 2008, the Onslow County
13 Sheriff's Department made contact with and arranged to
14 interview CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN. On January 10, 2008, CESAR
15 ARMANDO LAUREAN failed to keep an appointment with the Onslow
16 County Sheriff's Office.

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18 On January 11, 2008, CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN was last
19 seen by his wife, in the Onslow County area around 4:00 am.
20 On January 11, 2008, CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN, did not report
21 for duty with the United States Marine Corps, Camp LeJuene,
22 North Carolina. CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN's wife told the Onslow
23 County Sheriff's Office that she believed that LAUREAN would
24 head to Mexico if he was in trouble.

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1 On January 11, 2008, CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN's wife
2 provided a note, that she believed to be written in her
3 husband's hand-writing, which contained information regarding
4 the death of MARIA LAUTERBACH.

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6 Review of LAUREAN's personnel information disclosed
7 that he was a naturalized United States citizen, with ties to
8 Mexico. LAUREAN's family currently resides in the state of
9 Nevada.

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11 On January 11, 2008, a burned body, believed to be
12 MARIA LAUTERBACH, was located in the burn pit in the back
13 yard of the residence of CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN, 103 Meadow
14 Trail, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

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16 On January 12, 2008, the Onslow County Sheriff's
17 Office made a formal request of the Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation for the assistance in the locating and arrest
19 of CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN, born 11/13/1986, social security
20 number 626-32-8809.

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22 On January 12, 2008, a financial card in the name
23 of MARIA LAUTERBACH was found in the area of the Durham,
24 North Carolina bus station.

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1 On January 12, 2008, the Onslow County Sheriff's
2 Office obtained an arrest warrant charging CESAR ARMANDO
3 LAUREAN with the following crimes,:

4 - Financial Card Fraud (Felony), North Carolina General
5 Statute 14-113.13


6 - Obtain Property by False Pretense, North Carolina General
7 Statute 14-100.

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9 On January 12, 2008, the Onslow County Sheriff's
10 Office obtained a second arrest warrant for the arrest of
11 CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN for the murder of MARIA LAUTERBACH, a
12 felony as defined by the North Carolina General Statues.

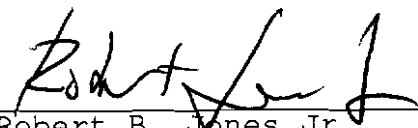
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14 Interviews with the members of CESAR ARMANDO
15 LAUREAN's Marine Corps Unit provided information that LAUREAN
16 had stated that he would go to Mexico if the rape
17 investigation appeared that he would be found guilty.

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19 Based upon the information provided, your affiant
20 believes that CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN has traveled in
21 Interstate or Foreign Commerce with intent to avoid
22 prosecution or custody with respect to the foregoing criminal
23 matters including, without limitation, murder, financial card
24 fraud and obtaining property by false pretenses, in violation
25 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073.

1 In accordance with Title 18, United States Code,
2 Section 1073, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is
3 requesting a Criminal Complaint and arrest warrant be issued
4 authorizing the arrest of CESAR ARMANDO LAUREAN.

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12 Richard J. Novelli, Jr.
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Wilmington, North Carolina

13 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January,
14 2008.

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18 Robert B. Jones Jr.
19 United States Magistrate
20 Wilmington, North Carolina
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