

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

**AFFIDAVIT FOR A "RAMEY" PROBABLE CAUSE ARREST WARRANT
(817 P.C.)**

No. _____

1. I, Detective Nick Olson, hereby apply for and request the issuance of a Ramey Arrest Warrant for the following person: Naum Mints.

2. Probable cause for the issuance of the warrant is contained in one or more of the following (mark as applicable):

Narrative statement of probable cause, attached hereto.

Police reports which have been made and kept in the normal course of police business, attached hereto:

Exhibits, attached hereto, namely: **Mints Workup**

3. Sworn oral testimony of (insert name(s) except Confidential Sources)

N/A

which has been recorded by tape recorder or certified court reporter and to be later transcribed.

4. I am attaching a copy of the arrest warrant and it is incorporated herein.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State Of California that the information in this affidavit is true and correct.

N Olson

Affiant Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2002010

[Signature]

Magistrate's Signature

Judge of the Superior Court.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. A Search Warrant affidavit which also contains probable cause to arrest can be used in lieu of this form and its attachments to support a Ramey Arrest Warrant. Be sure the Search Warrant affidavit clearly shows that you intend to use it to support arrest warrant(s).
2. Distribution: Affidavit: Remains with Magistrate; copy for police files
Warrant: Signed original goes with officer; copy stays with original Affidavit. Return original to court after arrest or when warrant is recalled or superseded.

NAUM MINTS

Suspect has been observed in over 100 completed and attempted fraudulent ATM withdrawals in Northern CA. Suspect is part of a larger group comprised of Armenians and Russians who have been traveling the US planting skimming devices in gas pumps and using the data to complete fraudulent cash withdrawals from ATM's or to make fraudulent purchases.

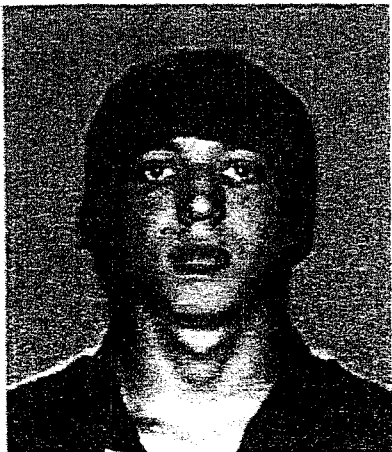
NAME: Naum NMN Mints
DOB: 2/27/1989

ADDRESS (ES):

HEIGHT: 6-00 WEIGHT: 180
HAIR: Black EYES: Brown

VEHICLES: 1999 BMW 740i, LIC. 6JRW633 (Naum Mints R.O.)
2004 Nissan Maxima SE/SL, LIC. 6JSN606 (Mark Mints R.O.)

DMV Photo (8/31/06):



SIGNATURE

Naum Mints

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Surveillance Photos (12/19-1/2010):



Transaction
Time: 21:16:49
Date: 12/16/2009
ATM/Teller ID: 0072G
Type: 73
Sequence: 2665
Card Number: XXXXXXXXXXXX7472
Cashline: 00
Mapped: yes

Server: AU 00072 San Antonio
Channel: 11. C11 ATM 0072G
Time: 12/16/2009 9:16:54 PM



Transaction
Time: 16:02:07
Date: 12/19/2009
ATM/Teller ID: 0366A
Type: 73
Sequence: 2532
Card Number: XXXXXXXXXXXX7258
Cashline: 00
Mapped: yes

Server: AU 00366 Sacramento Sunrise
Channel: 9. C09 ATM 0366A
Time: 12/19/2009 4:02:33 PM



ATMID= 0345M TXSEQ= 4830
12 22 2009 16:17:44
CARDNO= XXXXXXXXXXXX2662
TXTYPE= 73

AL 00345-2 30th & Capitol 12 22 2009 16:17:54.51
ATM 0345M



MySpace Photos (2007-2008):





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PROBABLE CAUSE AND OPINION

On 2/23/2010 the Martinez Police Dept. was notified of the presence of a ATM/credit card skimmer mounted inside of a gas pump located at 530 Morello Ave. in Martinez. Martinez PD retrieved the device found inside the pump and replaced it with a fake device they constructed to appear similar. This ATM/credit card skimmer is a device mounted within a gas pump that records all credit/debit transactions, including the information stored on the magnetic strip of any credit/debit card as well as any PIN entered by the card user. The information on these devices is used to create fake credit or debit cards. These cards are then used to make fraudulent purchases or ATM withdrawals.

Martinez PD and the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force coordinated a 48 hour surveillance of the gas pump in anticipation of those responsible for planting the device. On 2/25/2010 at approx. 0130 hrs. two males went to the gas pump and used a key they had in their possession to open the gas pump and removed the fake device. These males, later identified as David KARAPETYAN and Zhiraya ZAMANYAN, were stopped and found to be in possession of keys to several types of gas pumps, the fake device, two actual devices, two GPS devices and seven cell phones. Five of the phones were Boost Mobile phones. The other two were Verizon and Net10/TracFone phones.

Their GPS devices were loaded with addresses of different gas stations in Sacramento County, Solano County, Contra Costa County, Alameda County and San Mateo County. The suspects were in possession of a traffic citation issued in the state of Oklahoma. It is believed that these suspects were traveling across the US planting and/or retrieving these skimming devices.

As this investigation continued, I was able to link KARAPETYAN, ZAMANYAN and several unidentified suspects by surveillance images to numerous fraudulent ATM withdrawals beginning in 12/2009. The fraudulent withdrawals began as early as 11/30/2009. These compromises were related to customers that used their credit/debit cards in the city of San Mateo at the beginning of 12/2009. Withdrawals from these compromises were performed all throughout the state but occurred primarily in the Bay Area and Sacramento area.

A third suspect, Edwin HAMAZASPYAN, was later identified as the person responsible for renting the hotel room that KARAPETYAN and ZAMANYAN had indicia for on their persons and in their vehicle. HAMAZASPYAN had fled the hotel room prior to being contacted by Martinez PD. I was later able to link him to a fraudulent withdrawal and several attempted withdrawals at Sacramento-area ATM's.

I examined the 7 phones recovered during the arrest of KARAPETYAN and ZAMANYAN and compiled a list of the phone numbers called from those during the time that they were utilizing N. California area cell towers. I examined the calls leading up to and placed during the felony stop that led to their arrest and found that numerous calls were made to 323-378-8667. I determined that this phone number was registered to T-Mobile and wrote a search warrant for subscriber information and call records.



I obtained the search results of the warrant and found that the phone was registered to a "Mark Mints" of Los Angeles. I retrieved his Cal Photo and found that he was a WMA 55 years-old. I searched his address of record with DMV, 1342 N. Fuller Ave. Apt. 110 in an online Law Enforcement database called TLO. This database compiles records from numerous public databases. I found that the address was associated with Mark Mints, Larisa Mints (53) and Naum MINTS (21). As the unidentified suspects all appeared to be in there early to late twenties, I retrieved Naum MINTS' CDL and Cal Photo. I immediately recognized MINTS as an unidentified suspect in numerous ATM surveillance photos.

I performed an online search for the name "Naum MINTS" and located a MySpace web page. I viewed the publically shared photos of MINTS recognizing that he was the same subject as I had seen in the above described surveillance photos. This further confirmed my suspicions that MINTS was one of the previously unidentified suspects involved in this crime. From my investigation I have determined that MINTS was directly involved or present for over 100 fraudulent withdrawals or attempted withdrawals. The current loss I have been able to associate with MINTS, KARAPETYAN, ZAMANYAN, HAMZASPYAN and unidentified co-conspirators is over \$100,000.

Based on my investigation I believe that MINTS is responsible for numerous counts of PC 484g, Fraudulent Use of Access Card Data as well as PC 530.5 (c)(3), Possession of Personal Identifying Information of 10 or More Persons.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, stylized lines that form a cursive-like shape.

Statement of Expertise

Your affiant, Officer Nicholas Olson, is currently employed by the Walnut Creek Police Department as a Police Officer and has been serving in that capacity since April 2005. In May 2008 I was assigned to Investigations as a Financial Crimes Investigator. In August 2009 I was assigned as an investigator to the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force – NC3TF.

I attended the Basic Peace Officer's Standards and Training Academy at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, Pittsburg, California. During that Basic Academy, I received instruction regarding the investigation of high-tech crimes, burglary, fraud, forgery, identity theft, stolen property and other crimes.

During my tenure, I have investigated numerous cases including financial crimes, thefts, threats and burglaries. I have had informal discussions with more experienced officers/investigators, regarding the investigation of numerous types of crimes. I have attended courses in the investigation of financial crimes, narcotics, terrorism and information gathering. Additionally, I have received informal, in-house training in the investigation of numerous types of crimes at the Walnut Creek Police Department.