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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO  
WESTERN DIV. DAYTON

United States of America  
v.  
KENNETH STOPKOTTE

Case No. 3:18mj324

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 April 18, 2018 in the county of Montgomery in the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	Offense Description
18 USC 472	Uttering counterfeit obligations or securities
18 USC 473	Dealing in counterfeit obligations or securities

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet.

*Kevin Dye*

Complainant's signature

Kevin Dye, Resident Agent in Charge, USSS

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 04/19/2018

City and state: Dayton, Ohio



*Michael J. Newman*

Judge's signature

Hon. Michael J. Newman

Printed name and title

## AFFIDAVIT

### INTRODUCTION

I, Kevin Dye, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am a Resident Agent in Charge (RAIC) with the United States Secret Service (USSS), and that I have been so employed since November 1996.

I have received training from the USSS on conducting criminal investigations. I am currently assigned to the USSS, Dayton Resident Office and have been assigned to supervise, manage, and conduct investigations involving financial and other crimes, including but not limited to, violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 473, Dealing in Counterfeit Obligations and Securities, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 472, Uttering Counterfeit Obligations and Securities.

This affidavit is made in support of a federal complaint and arrest warrant against **KENNETH J. STOPKOTTE** for violations of Title 18 United States Code, Section 473, Dealing in Counterfeit Obligations and Securities; Title 18 United States Code, Section 472, Uttering Counterfeit Obligations and Securities. The following information is known to me or was reported to me by law enforcement officers involved in this investigation and/or cooperating individuals. This affidavit does not contain all the information derived from the investigation and/or interviews, but rather includes only those facts that I believe would be sufficient to establish probable cause to obtain a criminal complaint and arrest warrant in this matter.

### FACTS

1. On 4/18/18, Dayton Police Detective Sergeant Stephen Clark contacted me and reported Officers Brittainy Brown (Badge #205) and Clinton Evans (Badge #270) of the Dayton Police Department had detained an individual identified at **KENNETH STOPKOTTE** at the Dragon's Baseball Stadium, 220 North Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45402 for uttering counterfeit U.S. currency at concession stands inside the stadium. Detective Sergeant Clark reported he had been alerted by security officers at the stadium that a large quantity of counterfeit U.S. currency was received by numerous vendors during the game and collected at the cash office. In total, 37 counterfeit \$20 Federal Reserve Notes (FRN's) were received by employees at the stadium. Detective Sergeant Clark was in the cash office of the stadium when staff was alerted that **STOPKOTTE** was attempting to negotiate another counterfeit \$20 Federal Reserve Note (FRN) to vendor Rich Engelken. At that time, event security detained **STOPKOTTE** and found him in possession of 2 counterfeit \$20 FRN's matching the design and manufacture of counterfeit FRN's previously received at the stadium that evening. **STOPKOTTE** was taken to an office in the stadium where he was detained until investigators could arrive.
2. Continuing on the same date, Dayton Police Department Detective Jerry Bell and I arrived at the Dragon's Stadium to interview **STOPKOTTE**. I advised **STOPKOTTE** of his Miranda rights verbally and in writing. **STOPKOTTE** acknowledged his rights and declined legal counsel. **STOPKOTTE** was cooperative but initially provided the following false information to investigators:

**STOPKOTTE** stated he had travelled from Indiana to Dayton, OH to watch "a Reds prospect pitcher." Upon arrival at the stadium, **STOPKOTTE** stated he paid a "scalper"



\$20.00 for a ticket into the stadium and purchased the ticket with a \$100.00 bill. (At the time of his interview, **STOPKOTTE** possessed a total of \$212.72, including nine (9) genuine \$20.00 FRN's, which he released to investigators for inspection). **STOPKOTTE** denied any involvement in uttering counterfeit currency in the stadium and related he must have received the counterfeit from the "scalper." **STOPKOTTE** was also found in possession of seven (7) Debit Cards bearing the name Donald Brush or Donny Brush. When asked about his possession of the Debit Cards, **STOPKOTTE** stated Brush was a friend of his and his lessor for his residence at 6117 South Shore Drive, Unionville, IN 47468. **STOPKOTTE** stated he received the Debit Cards in the mail at his residence addressed to Brush, intercepted and opened them, and placed his own funds on the accounts without Brush's knowledge or permission. **STOPKOTTE** stated he had "no excuse" for taking the accounts over.

3. During the interview of **STOPKOTTE**, investigators noted discrepancies in his verbal statement. Additionally, eight (8) of the 21 vendors that had received counterfeit \$20 FRN's during the game identified **STOPKOTTE** as the passer. When confronted by the number of passes and the witness identification, **STOPKOTTE** stated "Wouldn't I have more money on me if I had passed all those \$20's?" Following this statement, I asked the Dayton Police Officers to re-search **STOPKOTTE**. In his coat jacket left pocket they recovered \$296.00 in \$10.00, \$5.00, and \$1.00 denominations. In his right shoe under the insert, Dayton Police Officers recovered \$166.00 in 10.00, \$5.00, and \$1.00 denominations. A total of \$674.72 in genuine currency was recovered from **STOPKOTTE's** person.
4. Following the search of **STOPKOTTE**, I was informed by Security Supervisor Ed Sawodniak that vendor Rich Engelken had discovered two plastic bags with one bag containing eight (8) counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's and one bag containing 44 counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's under a refrigerator in the lower section 112/113 of the stadium. This area is the same area where **STOPKOTTE** was initially detained by officers. In total, 91 counterfeit \$20 FRN's were recovered at the stadium, which are directly attributed to **STOPKOTTE**.
5. Following the recovery of the additional counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's at the stadium, **STOPKOTTE** stated "I want to cooperate." **STOPKOTTE** provided the following statement to investigators:

**STOPKOTTE** stated he was currently on Federal Probation for Money Laundering and Bank Fraud. **STOPKOTTE** stated he had served 37 months in federal prison in West Virginia following his arrest by the U.S. Secret Service in Nashville, TN. **STOPKOTTE** stated in early March 2018, he purchased approximately 200 counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's on the Dark Web site "Dream Market." **STOPKOTTE** stated he received the counterfeit in the mail a "couple days later" from a Columbus, OH postmark. **STOPKOTTE** stated he travelled to Phoenix, AZ approximately two weeks ago and attended a Hockey game where he uttered 15-20 of the counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's to vendors. **STOPKOTTE** stated he then travelled to Dayton, OH to attend a Dragon's Baseball Game and estimated that he passed 25-30 counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's to vendors. He acknowledged attempting to hide – as police were approaching him -- the above-mentioned two bags of counterfeit FRNs under the refrigerator also mentioned above. **STOPKOTTE** stated he worked alone and did not know the person that manufactured the counterfeit on the Dark Web. **STOPKOTTE** stated he had hidden additional counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's in the "cover for my boat" located in the rear of 6117 South

Shore Drive, Unionville, IN 47468. These counterfeit FRNs were later recovered by USSS agents in Indiana.

6. Continuing the same date, I contacted the Investigative Support Division of the U.S. Secret Service and confirmed **STOPKOTTE's** previous arrest and probation status.
7. Continuing the same date, **STOPKOTTE** completed a sworn written statement and a written Consent to Search for his residence, telephone and rental car. **STOPKOTTE** was arrested by the Dayton Police Department for violating the Ohio Revised Code section 2913.31, Forgery, and he is currently being held on this local charge in the Montgomery County Jail.
8. On 4/19/18, I contacted Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge Andrew Campion, Indianapolis, IN, and requested assistance in the recovery of the additional counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's referenced by **STOPKOTTE** which were hidden in his boat.
9. Continuing on 4/19/18, I contacted Raynell M. Adams, U.S. Probation Officer, 200 West Second Street, Dayton, OH, to inform him of the arrest of **STOPKOTTE** by the Dayton Police Department. Adams reported he would contact **STOPKOTTE's** federal probation officer, Jay Hardy, Indianapolis, IN, regarding this investigation.
10. Continuing on 4/19/18, ISA Christina Hale conducted a review of the Serial Numbers on all of the recovered counterfeit \$20.00 FRN's recovered by investigators in this investigation. A search of the USSS CFT database revealed an extensive passing history for the counterfeit \$20.00 FRN serial numbers recovered from **STOPKOTTE** and the Dragon's Baseball Stadium staff.

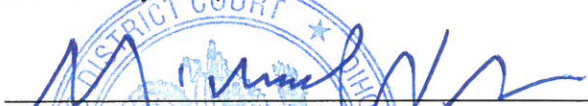
Based on the above information, on dates as outlined above, your Affiant believes that probable cause exists that on or about April 18, 2018, **KENNETH STOPKOTTE**, in the Southern District of Ohio, violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 472, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 473.

Further your Affiant sayeth naught.



Kevin Dye  
Resident Agent in Charge  
United States Secret Service

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



HON. MICHAEL J. NEWMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE