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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 IN THE MATTER OF THE
EXTRADITION OF

13 CHRISTOPHER PHILIP AHN,
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15 A Fugitive from the
Government of the
16 Kingdom of Spain.

No.

19MJ 01523

COMPLAINT

FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST WITH
A VIEW TOWARDS EXTRADITION
(18 U.S.C. § 3184); ORDER THEREON

(FILED UNDER SEAL)

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18 TO: Honorable Jacqueline Chooljian
United States Magistrate Judge
19 Central District of California

20 I, JOHN J. LULEJIAN, being duly sworn, depose and state that I
21 am an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of
22 California and act for the United States in fulfilling its
23 obligations to the Government of the Kingdom of Spain pursuant to the
24 Treaty on Extradition between the United States of America and Spain,
25 U.S.-Spain, May 29, 1970, 22 U.S.T. 737; the Supplementary Treaty in
26 Extradition between the United States of America and Spain, signed
27 January 25, 1975; the Second Supplementary Extradition Treaty between
28 the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, U.S.-Spain,



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1 Feb. 9, 1998, S. Treaty Doc. No. 102-24 (1992); the Third
2 Supplementary Treaty between the United States of America and the
3 Kingdom of Spain, U.S.-Spain, Mar. 12, 1996, S. Treaty Doc. No. 105-
4 15 (1997); and the Instrument on Extradition between the United
5 States of America and Spain, as contemplated by Article 3(2) of the
6 Agreement on Extradition between the United States and the European
7 Union signed 25 June 2003, as to the application of the Treaty on
8 Extradition between the United States of America and Spain signed May
9 29, 1970, and the Supplementary Treaties on Extradition signed
10 January 25, 1975, February 9, 1988 and March 12, 1996, U.S.-Spain,
11 Dec. 17, 2004 S. Treaty Doc. No. 109-14 (2006), with Annex
12 (collectively the "Treaty"), with respect to the fugitive,
13 ^{PL}CHRISTOPHER PHILIP AHN ("AHN").

14 In accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 3184, I
15 charge on information and belief as follows:

16 1. That Article XI of the Treaty provides for the provisional
17 arrest and detention of alleged fugitives pending the submission of a
18 formal request for extradition and supporting documents.

19 2. That in accordance with Article XI of the Treaty, the
20 Government of the Kingdom of Spain ("Spain") has asked the United
21 States for the provisional arrest of AHN with a view towards his
22 extradition.

23 3. That according to the information provided by the
24 Government of Spain, AHN is being prosecuted for the following
25 offenses:

26 a. Breaking and Entering, in violation of Articles 202
27 and 203 of the Spanish Penal Code;
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1 b. Illegal Restraint, in violation of Articles 163 and
2 165 of the Spanish Penal Code;

3 c. Threats, in violation of Articles 169 and 171 of the
4 Spanish Penal Code;

5 d. Robbery with Violence and Intimidation, in violation
6 of Articles 237, 241, and 242 of the Spanish Penal Code;

7 e. Causing Injuries, in violation of Article 147 of the
8 Spanish Penal Code; and

9 f. Criminal Organization, in violation of Article 570 bis
10 of the Spanish Penal Code.

11 4. That on or about April 12, 2019, Judge Jose de la Mata
12 Amaya of the Central Court of Investigation No. 5, National High
13 Court, in Madrid, Spain, issued a warrant for AHN's arrest.

14 5. That the offenses for which AHN's provisional arrest are
15 sought were committed within the jurisdiction of Spain and are
16 covered by Article II of the Extradition Treaty.

17 6. That the warrant was issued on the basis of the following
18 facts:

19 a. On February 22, 2019, at approximately 8:10 a.m., AHN,
20 who is a United States citizen, arrived at the Adolfo Suarez-Madrid-
21 Barajas Airport from New York's John F. Kennedy International
22 Airport. While the Spanish authorities were processing him through
23 customs, they photocopied the photograph that appears on AHN's United
24 States passport (No. *****1236).

25 b. Later that day, at approximately 5:00 p.m., as
26 recorded on surveillance, Adrian Hong Chang called at the door of the
27 Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Madrid, Spain
28 ("the Embassy") and asked to see Y.S.S. the Embassy's Chargé

1 d'affaires. At that time, S.J.C., H.R.Y., and S.G.J. were working in
2 the Embassy's garden. S.J.C. opened the door, allowed Hong Chang to
3 enter the Embassy grounds, and asked him to wait on a bench in the
4 patio while he went to find Y.S.S.

5 c. When S.J.C. stepped away to find Y.S.S., Hong Chang
6 opened the door and allowed six individuals, including AHN
7 (collectively, "Hong Chang's group"), carrying knives, iron bars,
8 machetes, and imitation handguns, to enter the Embassy grounds. AHN
9 appears in photographs taken by security cameras as he entered the
10 Embassy.

11 d. Members of Hong Chang's group struck S.J.C., H.R.Y.,
12 and S.G.J., restrained them using shackles and cables, placed a bag
13 over S.J.C.'s head, and took the three men to the Embassy's meeting
14 room. Members of Hong Chang's group, including AHN, also attacked
15 and hit Y.S.S., and took him to a bathroom where they tied his hands
16 behind his back, placed a bag over his head, and threatened him with
17 iron bars and imitation handguns. Approximately 30 minutes later,
18 members of Hong Chang's group took Y.S.S. to the Embassy's meeting
19 room to join the other captives.

20 e. At the time of the attack, Y.S.S.'s wife and their
21 eight-year-old son were in a locked bedroom. Members of Hong Chang's
22 group forced the locked door open and entered the bedroom. Although
23 they did not restrain Y.S.S.'s wife or son, a member of Hong Chang's
24 group remained on guard to prevent either of them from leaving.

25 f. At the time of the attack, S.G.J.'s wife was on the
26 top-floor of the Embassy, and hearing the commotion downstairs, she
27 locked herself inside a room. When she heard hammering at the locked
28 door, S.G.J.'s wife attempted to escape via the room's terrace, but

1 in doing so, fell to the ground. Despite sustaining various
2 injuries, she was able to leave the Embassy compound. Once she was
3 on the street, a passerby helped her and requested police and medical
4 assistance.

5 g. When the police arrived, S.G.J.'s wife told them about
6 the attack on the Embassy. After establishing a security perimeter,
7 three police officers approached the Embassy and knocked on the front
8 door. Hong Chang, wearing a pin bearing the face of the North Korean
9 president on his jacket lapel and representing himself as a person in
10 authority at the Embassy, answered the door. Hong Chang informed the
11 police that there was no problem in the Embassy and that if a person
12 of North Korean nationality had been injured, the police needed to
13 inform the Consulate officially.

14 h. Inside the Embassy, three members of Hong Chang's
15 group took Y.S.S. to the basement. Two of the members of Hong
16 Chang's group identified themselves as belonging to a human rights
17 association or movement for the liberation of North Korea and urged
18 the captive Chargé d'affaires to leave North Korea. When Y.S.S. told
19 them that he would not betray or desert his country, all but one of
20 the members of Hong Chang's group left the basement. Shortly
21 thereafter, members of Hong Chang's group tied up Y.S.S. and placed a
22 bag over his head.

23 i. For several hours, the captives inside the Embassy,
24 except for Y.S.S.'s wife and son, remained bound. At times, members
25 of Hong Chang's group struck the captives. Members of Hong Chang's
26 group also systematically searched the Embassy. During the search,
27 they seized a couple of pen drives, two computers, two hard drives
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1 (one of which was used for storing images from the security cameras)
2 and a mobile telephone.

3 j. At approximately 9:40 p.m., five of the members of
4 Hong Chang's group left the Embassy in three Embassy vehicles.
5 Spanish authorities later found these vehicles abandoned at different
6 locations in Madrid.

7 k. Hong Chang, arranged for an Uber to take him to nearby
8 Toledo, Spain. At approximately 9:30 p.m., the requested Uber parked
9 near police in front of the Embassy. However, at approximately
10 9:40 p.m., "Oswaldo Trump" cancelled his Uber service. Approximately
11 six minutes later, "Oswaldo Trump" booked a new Uber service with a
12 pick-up at an address near the rear of the Embassy. Hong Chang and
13 the remaining member of his group left the Embassy through the rear.

14 l. At approximately 9:50 p.m., three North Korean
15 students approached the Embassy. When one of the students called at
16 the front door and received no response, he jumped over the fence and
17 went to assist the captives, most of whom still were tied up.
18 Shortly thereafter, Y.S.S. allowed the police to enter the Embassy
19 premises and investigate the incident. Adjacent to the rear of the
20 Embassy, the police discovered an Italian identity card in the name
21 "Matthew Chao," bearing a photograph of a person resembling Hong
22 Chang, which Spanish authorities have determined is a forgery. In
23 addition, the police discovered four machetes, imitation pistols,
24 cable ties, and defensive spray. Spanish authorities have determined
25 that Hong Chang purchased the items from a store in Madrid that sells
26 defense and security equipment on the morning of the Embassy attack.

27 m. The following day, February 23, 2019, Hong Chang
28 arrived in the United States from Lisbon, Portugal. On February 27,

1 2019, he met with representatives from the Federal Bureau of
2 Investigation ("FBI") in New York. During that meeting, Hong Chang
3 admitted that he, with others, had carried out the raid on the North
4 Korean Embassy in Spain days before. Hong Chang also provided
5 details of the attack. However, Hong Chang claimed that he and the
6 other individuals were carrying, but did not display, knives and
7 Airsoft pistols. He also turned over to the FBI items seized from
8 the Embassy.

9 n. After the attack of the Embassy, Hong Chang also met
10 with the FBI in Los Angeles and stated that AHN was one of the
11 members of the group who participated in the attack on the Embassy,
12 that he was approximately 37 years old and a former United States
13 Marine, and that he lived in Chino, California.

14 o. Y.S.S., the Embassy's Chargé d'affaires, identified
15 the photograph of AHN that appears in his LinkedIn profile as one of
16 the members of Hong Chang's group who struck him and helped restrain
17 him.

18 7. That I am informed and believe that AHN is a United States
19 citizen. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles,
20 AHN's driver's license (No. ****2270) lists his year of birth as
21 1981, and his address as one in Chino Hills, California.

22 8. That the Government of the Spain has represented that it
23 will submit a formal request for extradition supported by the
24 documents specified in the Extradition Treaty, within the time
25 required under the Extradition Treaty.

26 9. That AHN would be likely to flee if he learned of the
27 existence of a warrant for his arrest.

1 WHEREUPON, complainant requests that a warrant be issued, based
2 on probable cause, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
3 3184, for the arrest of CHRISTOPHER PHILIP AHN and the extradition
4 treaty between the United States and Spain, and that this complaint
5 and the warrant be placed under the seal of the Court, except as
6 disclosure is needed for its execution, until such time as the
7 warrant is executed.

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9 DATED: This 12th day of April, 2019, at Los Angeles, California.

10 Respectfully submitted,

11 NICOLA T. HANNA
United States Attorney

12 PATRICK R. FITZGERALD
13 Assistant United States Attorney
14 Chief, National Security Division

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16 JOHN J. LULEJIAN
Assistant United States Attorney

17 Attorneys for Complainant
18 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

19 Subscribed and sworn to before
20 me this 12 day of April, 2019.

21 JACQUELINE CHOOLJIAN

22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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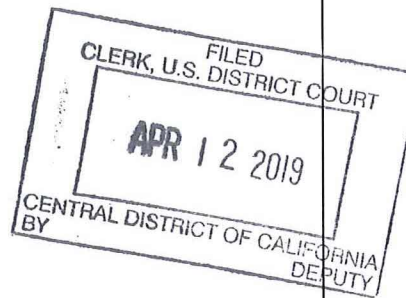
ORDER

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17 BEFORE ME, a United States Magistrate Judge for the Central
18 District of California, the complainant herein, John J. Lulejian, an
19 Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of
20 California, personally appeared on the 12 day of April, 2019, and
21 being duly sworn, deposed and stated on information and belief that
22 the facts contained in the complaint for an arrest warrant are true,
23 as he verily believes.

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1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based on probable cause, that a warrant
2 for the arrest of CHRISTOPHER PHILIP AHN may issue, pursuant to the
3 Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the
4 Kingdom of Spain, the provisional extradition request, and 18 U.S.C.
5 § 3184.

6 DATED: This 12 day of April, 2019.

JACQUELINE CHOOLJIAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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WARRANT OF ARREST

[Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3184]

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10 To any United States Marshal or other authorized officer:

11 You are hereby commanded to arrest CHRISTOPHER PHILIP AHN and
12 bring him forthwith before the nearest available United States
13 Magistrate Judge to answer a complaint charging him with being
14 subject to extradition to the Kingdom of Spain ("Spain") pursuant to
15 a warrant of arrest in Spain for (1) Breaking and Entering, in
16 violation of Articles 202 and 203 of the Spanish Penal Code;
17 (2) Illegal Restraint, in violation of Articles 163 and 165 of the
18 Spanish Penal Code; (3) Threats, in violation of Articles 169 and 171
19 of the Spanish Penal Code; (4) Robbery with Violence and
20 Intimidation, in violation of Articles 237, 241, and 242 of the
21 Spanish Penal Code; (5) Causing Injuries, in violation of Article 147
22 of the Spanish Penal Code; and

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(6) Criminal Organization, in violation of Article 570 bis of the Spanish Penal Code.

DATE

4/12/19

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

RETURN

Received _____, 2019, at _____, and executed by arrest of _____, at _____, on _____.

Dated: _____, 2019 _____ District of _____.

By: _____

Title: _____