

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Western

DISTRICT OF

North Carolina

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Michael Stewart Freeman
1953 Woodcrest Avnue
Charlotte, North Carolina

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Case Number: 3:06 MJ TC IN COURT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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(Name and Address of Defendant)

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
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I, the undersigned complainant state that the following is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge and belief. On or about April 5, 2006 in Mecklenburg County, in the Western District of North Carolina defendant(s) did,

(Track Statutory Language of Offense)

by force and violence, or by intimidation, took from the person of another, money belonging to, or in the care, custody, control, management, or possession of Wachovia Bank, 2910 South Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina; and took and carried away, with intent to steal or purloin, over \$1,000 in cash, belonging to, or in the care, custody, control, management, or possession of Wachovia Bank, 2910 South Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 2113(a)

I further state that I am a(n) Task Force Agent with the FBI and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of this complaint: x Yes [ ] No

Signature of Complainant (Handwritten signature)

James M. Sanders Sr.
Printed Name of Complainant

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

April 6, 2006
Date

at Charlotte, North Carolina
City and State

David C. Kessler, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judge

Signature of Judge (Handwritten signature)

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WESTERN DISTRICT  
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I, James M. Sanders Sr., being duly sworn, do hereby state the following facts:

I am a Detective for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, State of North Carolina, and a Special Federal Officer/Special Deputy-US Marshal assigned to the Charlotte Safe Streets Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). As such, I investigate violent crimes, including bank robberies, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (b) (d).

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at approximately 1:34 p.m., Michael Stewart Freeman (FREEMAN) entered the Wachovia Bank, located at 2910 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC. FREEMAN approached Wachovia Bank Teller Sio Espinal (ESPINAL), and implied that he had a firearm and demanded money. FREEMAN received currency and a dye pack from ESPINAL. FREEMAN fled from the bank on foot.

On the same day, April 5, 2006, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) received information from Pamela Freeman (PAMELA), who resides at 1953 Woodcrest


1 Avenue, Charlotte, NC. PAMELA advised that her brother had  
2 brought dye-stained money to her house. CMPD Officers  
3 responded to PAMELA's residence and collected the dye-  
4 stained money.

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6 On Thursday, April 6, 2006, Michael Freeman  
7 attempted to voluntarily turn himself in to the Mecklenburg  
8 County Jail,. CMPD Detectives Sanders and Snider responded  
9 to the jail and met FREEMAN. FREEMAN stated that he wanted  
10 to turn himself in for the bank robbery that he committed  
11 the previous day. FREEMAN agreed to voluntarily go to the  
12 CMPD Law Enforcement Center at 601 E. Trade Street,  
13 Charlotte, NC, to discuss the bank robbery. FREEMAN was  
14 placed in an interview room and an "Advice of Rights" form  
15 was reviewed with FREEMAN. FREEMAN signed the waiver of  
16 rights form, and verbally indicated that he understood his  
17 rights and agreed to talk about his activities, without a  
18 lawyer present. CMPD Detectives Sanders and Snider  
19 witnessed the waiver of rights form by signing below  
20 FREEMAN's name.

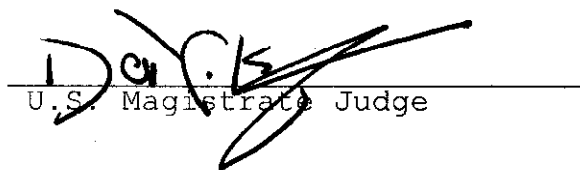
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22 FREEMAN stated that on Wednesday, April 5, 2006,  
23 at about 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., he had entered the Wachovia  
24 Bank and approached a teller. FREEMAN stated that he told  
25 the teller to give him the money. FREEMAN stated that he  
26 might have told the teller something about having a gun.  
27 FREEMAN stated that he obtained cash, left the bank, and  
28 walked down the road behind the bank. FREEMAN stated that

1 a "dye bomb" exploded and stained the money with red dye.  
2 FREEMAN stated that he went to buy crack cocaine with some  
3 of the money from the bank, and then went to his sisters  
4 house at 1953 Woodcrest Avenue. FREEMAN stated that he  
5 changed his clothes and left some of the dye stained money  
6 at the house.

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8 The victim business, Wachovia Bank, is insured by  
9 the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, certificate  
10 number 33869, which was issued April 1, 2002. The loss to  
11 the bank was \$3874.99 in United States Currency.

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16 James M. Sanders Sr.  
17 Task Force Officer  
18 Federal Bureau of  
Investigation  
Charlotte, North Carolina

19 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January,  
20 2006.

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22 U.S. Magistrate Judge

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