

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

GO# 2020-8000292

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DEFENDANT

Last Name PORTER	First Name RICHARD	Middle JASON	DOB 05/13/1971	Arrest Date 01/02/2020	Arrest Time 11:20 pm
Armed with UNARMED					
Location of Arrest 8700 PENA BLVD					

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT

Name ZIEGLER, RICHARD M.	Serial No. P05032
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ORIGINAL PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENTS AND ALL AFFIDAVITS FOR ARREST WARRANT

I am a police officer for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, and have knowledge regarding the arrest/incident of the above named party for the below listed offense, which offense occurred on or about the date of 01/02/2020 at 8:06 pm at or near the location of 8700 PENA BLVD in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

VIOLATIONS(S)	DESCRIPTION
18-9-115	INV HOLD-ENDANGERING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION[026468]

The probable cause of the arrest of the above-named individual is as follows:

[BWC/ACTD. On 1/2/20 at approximately 2000hrs I responded to Gate A46, Concourse A - 8700 Pena Blvd, of Denver International Airport on a disturbance call on a plane preparing to depart.

On arrival I spoke with the complainant, [REDACTED] (06/[REDACTED]/99), who related she was sitting on the plane when another passenger, Richard Porter (05/13/71) began talking to her about things she found troubling. She related Mr. Porter was talking about where the safest part of the plane was in a crash, where the exit rows were, how to react in an emergency, etc.

She then saw him texting on his phone and glanced over and saw that he was sending a text message to the effect of: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] She took this to mean he was threatening people, possibly herself, and others on the plane directly, and that he intended to do something to cause the plane to crash and kill everyone aboard. She immediately contacted the flight crew and relayed her concerns.

Frontier Airlines removed the passenger from the flight, at which point I made contact with Mr. Porter and briefly spoke with him about the reason for the contact, on BWC. Mr. Porter immediately identified himself as a "DOD Employee" and seemed incensed that he was being contacted in the first place. He was nonetheless compliant. I asked Mr. Porter if I could take a look at his phone, he replied that would be fine. When Mr. Porter handed me his phone it was locked, I pointed this out and asked him to unlock it for me, he did so.

I immediately opened the text messaging app and the final message sent, to a party listed as [REDACTED] said the following, verbatim: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A prior message relates his drinking for the night where he states that he had two shots of whiskey. When I asked him if he had anything to drink, he initially said [REDACTED]

I pointed the message out to Mr. Porter and told him this was the reason he was being contacted. He seemed to shrug it off and stated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This all occurred when the plane was on the ground, with the doors open, in Denver, Colorado.]

Paper Documents sent for Scanning:

Advisement [No] Victim Statement(s)[Yes] How many? [1]

Witness Statement(s) [No] How Many? []

Request for Presumptive Screening[]

Miscellaneous

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DOMV Additional Required Information:

Medical Release (HIPPA)/Victim Diagram (from DOMV Case Summary)[]

ID of Suspect (Photo of w/victim signature on back) []

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I affirm this information to be true and correct.

Officer: ZIEGLER, RICHARD M. Serial No: P05032