STATEMENT OF FACTS: ARSON

I, **Detective Joel Martinez, San Jose Police Department (badge #4117)** offer the following declaration as a synopsis of police reports, documents, interviews, and surveillance footage of a fire investigation assigned to San Jose Fire Department (SFPD) and the San Jose Police Assaults Unit case **#22-099-0645**. Based on reports, statements, video footage and evidence, I believe the following to be true.

Investigation:

On April 9, 2022, at approximately 1730 hours, a fire occurred at The Home Depot at 920 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. The immediate area is a mixed residential and business area with Steinbeck Elementary School in close proximity. At the time the fire started, there were at least 30 to 35 employees inside as well as many more customers. The fire burned down the Home Depot store and all the items inside the store, which resulted in over \$17 million dollars in loss so far. The fire extended to the surrounding areas that include a home located at 909 El Lisa Drive in San Jose, which damaged the roof and gutter; a shed and fence in the backyard of a home located at 883 Tallman Court in San Jose, and trees, tanbark, and mulch surrounding the area.

A witness identified suspect Gogue in a still photo as the person who was thwarted from stealing tools from Home Depot just after the fire started. The suspect was described as a male who was wearing dark or black clothing. The suspect had a face covering and was wearing sunglasses. The investigators learned that suspect Gogue made statements regarding starting the fire.

I am informed and believe the aforementioned facts to be true and believe that there is probable cause to believe that the Suspect committed aggravated arson.

Signed in San Jose, California on the 19 of April 2022 under penalty of perjury.

Detective Joel Martinez #4117

San Jose Police Department/Assaults Unit

STATEMENT OF FACTS: THEFTS

I, Detective Joel Martinez, San Jose Police Department (badge #4117) offer the following declaration as a synopsis of police reports, documents, interviews, and surveillance footage of the theft investigations by the San Jose Police Department case numbers: 22-021-04212, 22-021-0490, 22-041-0567, 22-062-0749, 22-098-0756, 22-092-0407, 22-092-0372, 22-087-0371, 22-100-0400, 21-296-0754.

Based on reports, statements, video footage, conferring with the assigned investigators and evidence, I believe the following to be true.

Investigation:

On 01/04/22 at approx. 8 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Kohl's shopping mall located at 890 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose, California 95123. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect steals 25 pairs of Men's Levis – stonewash jeans. Each jean was valued at \$59.50. He had 25 jeans x \$59.50 = \$1,487.50. Kohl's LPO was notified and reviewed video which showed D entering the store. Suspect selects multiple stacks of Levi Jean's from the Men's Levi department. Suspect does not appear to be concerned about price and size. Suspect stuffs jeans into the mesh bag until the bags are full, then he exits the store. Suspect passes all open and operating registers at 8:16 P.M. Suspect proceeded away from the vehicle he exited from About 30 seconds later another suspect is seen exiting the store.

On 01/12/22 at approx. 5:06 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Kohl's shopping mall located at 890 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose, California 95123. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect selects and enters the store and steals D steals 20 pairs of Levi jeans (10 – 559 Relaxed Str: Sub zero (each valued at \$59.5)); 5 pairs of 559 relaxed straight fit (each valued at \$59.50); and 5 pairs of 511 slim fit black indigo (each valued at \$69.5). Total \$1,240. Kohl's LPO notified about shoes emergency exist alarm sounding off Suspect enters the shoes department with two full bags of jeans and runs out via the emergency exit at 5:16 P.M.

On 02/10/22 at approximately 1:23 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Guitar Center store located at 5140 Cherry Ave in San Jose, California 95118. Store open during normal business hours. Reporting Party Robert Palermo provided statement and surveillance video. Suspect enters the "hi tech" section of the business and starts looking around. Suspect walks to the rear of the store where ethe electric guitars are located and looks around. Suspect walks over to the keyboard section and selects a large brown box against the mall and picks up the box. Suspect moves the box closer to the exit/entrance of the business and continues walking around. Suspect then exits the store with the large brown box. Walks pass all points of sales terminals. Suspect steals a Roland RD88 piano keyboard, valued at \$1,499.99 and is \$1,641.00 with tax. Suspect flees.

On 03/02/22 at approximately 5:00 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Guitar Center store located at 5140 Cherry Ave in San Jose, California 95118. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect steals a Schecter C1 Platinum electronic guitar valued at approximately \$1,167.88. Reporting party Aaron Cuenca provided a statement and allowed officers to provide surveillance

footage. Officer Andrew Jarek Estrella 162C immediately recognized Gogue based on prior cases. Suspect wearing a white face covering, dark green long sleeve button up shirt, black jeans, and gray sneakers. Suspect walks to the guitar sales floor portion and looks at display shelves/racks. Suspect walks to pedal section and looks/talks to an employee. (That employee was not working when CSO Estrella arrived). At approx. 5:12 PM, Suspect selects a blue guitar from the display rack in the guitar sales floor. D walks to the keyboard section and places the guitar behind a wall. (Similar to actions of 2/10/22 SJPD 22-041-0567). Suspect then continues walking around the store and selects a white box from display shelf. Suspect walks back to the keyboard and places white box where he placed the guitar. Then, Suspect grabs the guitar he previously left in the wall and leaves with the white box. Suspect walks out past pay terminals.

On 03/26/22 at approximately 1:00 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Sunglass Hut located in Oakridge Mall at 925 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, California 95123. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect steals six (6) sunglasses valued at approximately \$530 each. \$530 x 6 sunglasses with a total value \$3,180.00. Reporting Party Lacresha Bogle stated that Suspect had committed three (3) thefts from Sunglass hat in the span of one week (03/26/220 -04/02/22). She already filed reports and provided surveillance. At 12:56 PM on 4/8/22, Suspect enters the store and walks towards the rear display shelf in the business and begins looking at items. CSO Andrew Estrella 162C recognized him from prior cases. Suspect has short hair that appeared red on top, wearing a face covering, gray hoodie with "Giants" written on the front in black, gray jeans and black/white sneakers. Suspect begins grabbing sunglasses from the display shelf, walking them over to what was described by the witness as a "cleaning/try on station." Suspect tries on different pairs of sunglasses. Suspect then walks over to the station, grabs all the pairs of sunglasses he had place on the station and puts them into the front pocket of his hoodie and exits. Suspect does not pay.

On 03/29/22 at approximately 7:54 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Sunglass Hut located in Oakridge Mall at 925 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, California 95123. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect is in a blue face mask. Suspect steals five (5) sunglasses with a total value \$2,110.00. The reporting party provided a statement and video (surveillance video is Orchid core). D had prior report of theft at the store on 3/29/22. The witness makes this report on 04/02/22 and believes that Suspect was also involved in theft from that day (SJPD 220-920-327).

On 04/02/22 at approximately 7:54 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Sunglass Hut located in Oakridge Mall at 925 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, California 95123. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect is wearing a mask (appears to be a Halloween mask) that covered his full face/head. Suspect wearing a long sleeve black shirt, black pants, black shoes with red and white soles. Suspect grabbed multiple pairs of sunglasses valued at approximately \$5,048. The store manager, the reporting party, and a security officer confront Suspect. He runs out of the business and mall. The witness believes Suspect was possibly Asian and a male. Suspect was the same suspect from 3/29/22 (SJPD 22-092-0407) based on the shoes he was wearing.

03/27/22 at approximately 7:09 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters New Star Beauty Supply Store located inside of Eastridge Mall at 2200 Eastridge Loop San Jose, California 95122. The store

was open during normal business hours, but was two mintues from closing the store. The owner of the store told Suspect that he had 5 minutes to look around. Suspect walked around and asked the victim to see a wig. The victim had an employee retrieve the wig from the rear storage area and showed the suspect the wig. While the wig was placed at the checkout counter the victim started ringing up the wig for sale. The suspect grabbed the box containing the wig and ran towards the door. The door was locked due to the store being closed. The victim ran towards the defendant and told him to let go of the box. The suspect ignored the suspect and tried to unlock the door with his foot and eventually succeeded. The victim grabbed the box that was in Suspect's hands. The suspect forcefully pulled the item out of the victim's hand. The victim managed to take the top cover of the box. The suspect fled with the wig, valued at \$270.00.

On 04/02/22 at approximately 6:00 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Macys, located at 5411 Thornwood Drive in San Jose, California 95123. A loss prevention officer provided video surveillance. The reporting party described the suspect as an Asian male, approximately 5'11" and has dark brown hair with pink on it. The witness could not recall what Suspect was wearing. Suspect had \$600 worth of women's clothing in his hands when he reached the exist of the store. Suspect saw the witness near the exit and decided to drop the stolen property near the door.

SJPD CSO Gallion and Officer Brandon Cordero #4864 recognizes Suspect as a chronic thief. The reporting party stated that he would recognize Suspect based on multiple theft incidents and believed that a flyer was created with Suspect's photo from previous captured surveillance footage. Suspect confirmed that he "believed" that the photo of Suspect shows as in fact Suspect.

On 10/23/21 at approximately 5:30 P.M., Suspect Gogue enters Office Depot/Office Max store located at 1130 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose, California 95118. Store open during normal business hours. Suspect steals a new Epson printer from the store valued at \$500. The reporting party followed Suspect from a distance until Suspect entered a suspect vehicle, black early to mid 2000s Ford Explorer that was parked in the parking lot in front of Chick-Fil-A. RP saw Suspect drive the car eastbound on Blossom Hill Road and then northbound on Almaden Expressway. The witness described the suspect as an Asian male, in his 20s, heavy build, wearing black/camo sweater, black pants and black shoes.

I am informed and believe the aforementioned facts to be true and believe that there is probable cause to believe that the Suspect committed grand thefts and petty thefts.

Signed in San Jose, California on the 19 of April 2022 under penalty of perjury.

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