

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 v.) Cr. No. *15CR10043-*
)
) 18 U.S.C. §922(k) --
 MERHAWI BERHE,) Possession of a Firearm with
 A/K/A "HOWIE,") an Obliterated Serial Number
 Defendant.)
) 21 U.S.C. §924(d) and 28 U.S.C.
) §2461(c) --Criminal Forfeiture
) Allegations

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. §922(k) -- Possession of a Firearm
with an Obliterated Serial Number)

The Grand Jury charges that:

In or about the Fall and Winter of 2012, at Cambridge, and elsewhere in the District of Massachusetts,

MERHAWI BERHE, A/K/A "HOWIE,"

the defendant herein, knowingly possessed a firearm, to wit: a Ruger model P95 9mm pistol, which had the importer's and manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, and altered, and which had previously been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(k).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

(18 U.S.C. §924(d) and 28 U.S.C. §2461(c))

The Grand Jury further charges that:

1. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 1 of this Indictment,

MERHAWI BERHE, A/K/A "HOWIE,"

the defendant herein, shall forfeit to the United States all firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of the offense.

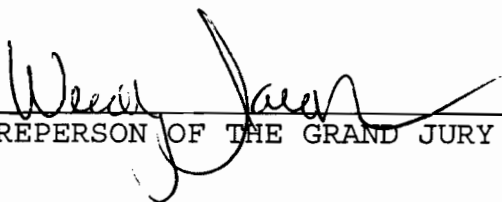
2. If any of the property described in paragraph 1, above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant--


- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intention of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated in Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the property described in paragraph 1.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL,

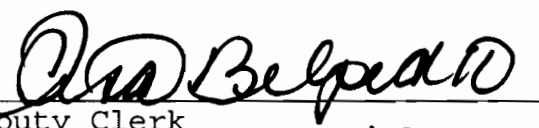

FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY


PETER K. LEVITT
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

March 10, 2015

Returned into the District Court by the Grand Jurors and
filed.


Deputy Clerk
12:48p.

Place of Offense: _____ Category No. II Investigating Agency FBI

City Cambridge MA Related Case Information: 15CR10043

County Middlesex Superseding Ind./ Inf. _____ Case No. _____
Same Defendant _____ New Defendant _____
Magistrate Judge Case Number _____
Search Warrant Case Number _____
R 20/R 40 from District of _____

Defendant Information:

Defendant Name Merhawi Berhe Juvenile: Yes No

Is this person an attorney and/or a member of any state/federal bar: Yes No

Alias Name "Howie"

Address (City & State)

Birth date (Yr only): _____ SSN (last4#): _____ Sex _____ Race: _____ Nationality: _____

Defense Counsel if known: _____ Address _____

Bar Number _____

U.S. Attorney Information:

AUSA Peter K. Levitt Bar Number if applicable _____

Interpreter: Yes No List language and/or dialect: _____

Victims: Yes No If yes, are there multiple crime victims under 18 USC§3771(d)(2) Yes No

Matter to be SEALED: Yes No

Warrant Requested Regular Process In Custody

Location Status:

Arrest Date _____

Already in Federal Custody as of _____ in _____

Already in State Custody at _____ Serving Sentence Awaiting Trial

On Pretrial Release: Ordered by: _____ on _____

Charging Document: Complaint Information Indictment

Total # of Counts: Petty _____ Misdemeanor _____ Felony 1

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I hereby certify that the case numbers of any prior proceedings before a Magistrate Judge are accurately set forth above.

Date: 3/10/15 Signature of AUSA: Peter K. Levitt

District Court Case Number (To be filled in by deputy clerk): _____

Name of Defendant Merhawi Berhe

U.S.C. Citations

	<u>Index Key/Code</u>	<u>Description of Offense Charged</u>	<u>Count Numbers</u>
Set 1	<u>18 USC 922(k)</u>	<u>Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number</u>	<u>1</u>
Set 2	<u>18 USC 924d; 28 USC 2461c</u>	<u>Forfeiture Allegation</u>	
Set 3	_____	_____	_____
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

