facilities of interstate and foreign commerce, to wit: phone calls, text messages, emails, online postings, and online social media messaging and posting, to engage in a course of conduct that caused, attempted to cause, and would be reasonably expected to cause substantial emotional distress to individuals including:

- a. Placed the victims in reasonable fear of serious bodily injury, and
- b. Caused, attempted to cause, and would be reasonably expected to cause substantial emotional distress to the victims and the victims' immediate family members, in violation of a temporary or permanent civil or criminal injunction, restraining order, and no-contact order:

Count	Victim	Communication Methods	Dates of Course of Conduct
		Methous	Conduct
1	Victim-1	Phone calls, emails, text messages, online postings, social media messaging and posting	January 25, 2020 to March 5, 2021
2	Victim-2	Phone calls, emails, text messages	February 25, 2020 to March 5, 2021
3	Victim-3	Phone calls, emails, text messages, online postings, social media messaging and posting	July 12, 2020 to March 5, 2021

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 2261A(2)(A) and (2)(B), and 2261(b)(5) and (6).

And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following information:

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I, John Wurster, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

I am a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service (USSS) and have

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27 28 been so since June 21, 1999. I am currently assigned to the Seattle Field Office. I am a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Glynco, Georgia, and the USSS Special Agent Training Program located in Beltsville, Maryland. Prior to my employment with the USSS, I served in the United States Army as a Counterintelligence Special Agent. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from Brenau University. As part of my training with the USSS, I have received instruction on the investigation of financial crimes, including access device fraud, wire fraud and identity theft. I have also received training in the investigation of electronic crimes involving the use of computers and other electronic devices. In the course of my law enforcement career, I have investigated crimes ranging from the production and passing of counterfeit currency, identity theft, access device fraud, bank fraud and threats made against the President and Vice President of the United States, Former Presidents of the United States, and Presidential / Vice Presidential Candidates. As part of my duties while working with the Seattle Electronic Crimes Task Force, I have also investigated criminal violations relating to cyberstalking, child exploitation and child pornography, including violations pertaining to the illegal production, distribution, receipt, and possession of child pornography and material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. I am a member of the Seattle Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and work with other federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel in the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children.

2. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on my own personal knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals during my participation in this investigation, including other law enforcement officers; review of documents and records related to this investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein; and information gained through my training and experience.

DEFINITIONS

- 4. Based on my training and experience, I use the following technical terms to convey the following meanings:
- a. **IP Address:** An Internet Protocol address (or simply "IP address") is a unique numeric address used by devices, such as computers, on the Internet. An IP address is a series of four numbers, each in the range 0-255, separated by periods (e.g., 104.250.138.210). Every device attached to the Internet must be assigned an IP address so that Internet traffic sent from and directed to that device may be directed properly from its source to its destination. Most Internet service providers control a range of IP addresses (Also known as an IP Block).
- b. **Internet:** The internet is a global network of computers and other electronic devices that communicate with each other. Due to the structure of the internet, connections between devices on the internet often cross state and international borders, even when the devices communicating with each other are in the same state.
- c. **Browser:** A "web browser" or "browser" is a software program that allows a user to access web pages, primarily on the internet. Popular browsers include Google's Chrome browser, Mozilla Firefox, Apple's Safari and Microsoft's Edge and Explorer browsers.
- d. **Proxy**: A "proxy" service is an intermediary server or software program that provides a gateway to the internet. The proxy service may exist on the user's machine or on a separate server. Proxy services are commonly used to filter internet connection requests and to boost the performance of a computers system. A "reverse proxy" is used for protection and security and can mask information about the user's machine and location.
- e. **Virtual private networks (VPNs):** "Virtual private networks" are a category of proxy server that encrypt the information from the user to the proxy server, thereby masking the content and web destinations of that user.

SUMMARY OF THE CYBERSTALKING CAMPAIGN

5. The United States Secret Service and the Seattle Police Department (SPD) are investigating a widespread cyberstalking campaign believed to be carried out by Sumit Garg. SPD opened its investigation in approximately October 2020 when Victim-1

¹ The number of individuals behind the cyberstalking campaign has not been determined. Accordingly, I will refer to the actors behind the campaign as "the harasser(s)" throughout this affidavit.

presented evidence that she was receiving numerous emails of a threatening nature. SPD then identified other victims that had received apparently related, threatening emails, including attorneys, a prosecutor, and one investigator. On December 16, 2020, the Secret Service opened a criminal investigation based on information provided by SPD.

- 6. To date, I have only interviewed Victim-1 and Victim-2. Therefore I primarily base this affidavit on reports and records provided by SPD, records provided by internet service providers, harassing and/or threatening emails provided by the victims, and by court documents filed by the victims, Garg and Person-A.
- 7. This case involves multiple victims who have received threatening and harassing communications. The following chart lists a selection of the victims along with a short description of their connection to Garg and Person-A.

Victim-1	Victim-1 was a former roommate of Garg and Person-A. She filed a civil protection action against Garg. Person-A later filed a civil protection action against Victim-1. Garg improperly accessed Victim-1's diary and obtained non-public information about Victim-1's health and former relationships.
Victim-2	Victim-2 is Victim-1's uncle and lawyer.
Victim-3	Victim-3 is Victim-1's current boyfriend. At the time Victim-1 was roommates with Garg and Person-A, Victim-1 and Victim-3 were not in a relationship. During the harassment campaign, the harasser(s) set up multiple online accounts that impersonated Victim-3.
Victim-4	Victim-4 is a former boyfriend of Victim-1 who was mentioned in Victim-1's diary. During the harassment campaign, the harasser(s) set up multiple online accounts that impersonated Victim-4.
Victim-5	Victim-5 is a lawyer who represented Victim-1 in the civil protection actions.

Victim-6	Victim-6 is a forensics expert hired by Victim-1 in the civil litigation.
Victim-7	Victim-7 is Victim-1's current civil attorney.
Victim-8	Victim-8 is a former boyfriend of Victim-1 who was mentioned in Victim-1's diary. During the harassment campaign, the harasser(s) set up multiple online accounts that impersonated Victim-8.
Victim-9	Victim-9 is an SPD detective investigating Garg and Person-A. She is married to another SPD officer who is referred to in harassing emails.
Victim-10	Victim-10 is a lawyer who represented Person-A.

A. Victim-1's Initial Contact with Garg and Person-A

- 8. According to reports and documents provided by SPD, the cyberstalking campaign appears to have emanated from a dispute between Victim-1, Garg and Person-A regarding their shared housing situation. Starting in approximately October 2018, Victim-1 shared a two-bedroom apartment in Belltown with Person-A. Person-A's boyfriend, Sumit Garg, visited regularly. Victim-1 reports that she initially got along with both Person-A and Garg, and that Person-A eventually asked whether Garg could move into the apartment. After Victim-1 agreed, Garg moved into the apartment in January 2019.
- 9. Victim-1 reports that, after Garg moved in, his behavior changed. Among other things, he texted sexual references to her and gave her the nickname "Spicy." Victim-1 further reports that Garg made random outbursts to her and called her derogatory names. Garg later informed Victim-1 that he suffered from Intermittent Explosive Disorder and that the affliction caused the outbursts.

- 10. In January 2019, the roommates went on a trip together to Colorado. In Colorado, the three went to a hot spring where Person-A took pictures of them at the hot springs. One of the pictures was of Victim-1 in a running bra. Victim-1 and Garg asked Person-A to send them a copy of the pictures. (As explained later, this picture was used to create a LinkedIn profile that impersonated Victim-1.) During the trip, Garg apparently refused to let Victim-1 drive their rental car even though she had more experience with driving in snowy conditions. Garg subsequently crashed the car. In addition to having an argument regarding the crash, the roommates apparently also had a dispute over how to split the costs of the trip.
- 11. Victim-1 reports that Garg made sexual comments to her while they lived together. For example, around Easter 2019, Garg bought a hamburger for Victim-1 and gave it to her with a handwritten note, which stated, in pertinent part:

My Dear Spicy,

May this burger Cheer you up! Happy Easter!

There is a lot about you I might not know but I know enough to know if there is anything which remotely comes to sex for you, it is food! Ha Ha....

- 12. Garg also interjected himself into Victim-1's romantic life. Victim-1 reports that in May 2019, Garg became aware that she was going to go on a date. While she was on the date, Garg texted her the following message, apparently offering to cause physical harm to her date: "Ps: get this dude's address just in case we need it later. Don't be fooled by my malnourished physique[.] [I]f given the right motivation, I am fully capable of causing some damage."
- 13. On May 23, 2019, Garg sent Victim-1 the following text, "Hey, sorry I think I accidentally checked you out today."
- 14. On June 22, 2019, Garg used his personal email account, sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), to send Victim-1 the following email, Hey Spicy.

I have unblocked you from fb insta phone everything. I will always regret what I did today. I care a great deal about you but unfortunately I tend to hurt people I love the most. I will always help you and support you in the worst of

problems. I feel really guilty especially remembering how you were so nice even when I had a car accident. I truly hate myself. Nothing I can say will make up for anything but trust me as I do love and care about you a lot. I really wish I had anything but IED. Honestly, it is me who does not deserve anything friends, family, [Person-A] nothing so please treat those things as projection of my inabilities on you. You are absolutely lovely and a much better human being than I will ever be.

(emphasis in the original). That same day, Garg sent Victim-1 a message using Facebook Messenger which contained a picture of a woman in a wedding dress and a caption, "Who will be the prettiest bride in the future?" Garg then sent her a message saying, "Considering how you dress even on normal days – this will be you:)"

- 15. Victim-1 reports that her fear of Garg escalated in June 2019 when Victim-1 made plans for a friend to visit from out of state. Shortly before the visit, Garg apparently had a "violent outburst" in the apartment and said that the friend was not welcome. Frightened by the incident, Victim-1 left the apartment and stayed with her uncle, Victim-2.
- 16. Victim-1 left many personal items behind in the apartment, including a diary that had intimate details about prior relationships. The diary had the words "Hello Gorgeous" printed on the cover. As explained below, subsequent harassing messages made reference to materials in the diary. The following picture shows the cover of the diary:



15. Victim-1 reports that very few people had access to her diary, and that she did not give Garg or Person-A access to her diary. On October 5, 2020, SPD's Latent Print Unit conducted a fingerprint examination of the diary. Latent prints of Garg's right thumb, left index finger, left palm, left index finger, and right index finger were found on pages from the diary, thereby demonstrating that Garg entered into Victim-1's room without authorization and read her private diary without her knowledge or consent. This improper access provided Garg with the private details of Victim-1's life and romantic history that were repeatedly referenced during the subsequent cyberstalking campaign. Additionally, Victim-1 reported to SPD on April 4, 2020, that she had examined her diary and learned that complete pages had been torn from it.

B. Initial King County Litigation

- 16. On July 2, 2019, Victim-1 filed for a Temporary DV Protection order against Garg.
- 17. On July 12, 2019, Garg filed a declaration in opposition to the request for a protective order. In the declaration, Garg portrayed Victim-1 as an insensitive and self-

absorbed roommate. Garg alleged that: (1) Victim-1 was "incredibly cheap" and did not want to pay her portion of rent or expenses; (2) Victim-1 has never expressed any concern about being around Garg or Person-A; (3) Victim-1 was insensitive to Person-A undergoing cancer treatment; (4) Victim-1 sought the protective order in order to get out of the lease for the apartment they shared; and (5) Victim-1 indicated that Garg could be deported for not paying rent. Garg further alleged that Victim-1 revealed intimate details of her life to Garg. His declaration stated, in pertinent part:

Victim-1 has at times tried to go past the "roommate" status. She has told me about her boyfriends. She told me multiple time about sexual dreams she had about her employer. She confided in me she suffers from depression, ADHD, and bipolar disorder. This is not information I have sought out but I have tried to be a stable presence for her when her life seems very tumultuous.

- 18. That same day, Person-A also submitted a declaration denying Victim-1's allegations. Person-A repeated Garg's allegations and accused Victim-1 of acting inappropriately by "frequently talking to my husband about her sexual interests." Person-A alleged that Victim-1 was afraid of "catching" cancer from Person-A and wanted to break the lease.
- 19. Despite the declarations filed by Garg and Person-A, Garg decided to settle the action. On July 19, 2019, Garg signed a settlement agreement in which he agreed to have no direct or indirect contact with Victim-1. Garg further agreed that not to engage in stalking, cyberstalking, physical or electronic surveillance, among other things. After the settlement agreement was signed, Victim-1 agreed to dismiss her request for a Temporary DV Protection order against Garg.

C. Garg Seeks a Job with Victim-1's Employer

20. In August 2019, Victim-1 was informed by Garg's attorney that Garg had applied for a position with Victim-1's employer, Expedia. Garg's attorney sought Victim-1's consent for the application. Through her lawyer, Victim-1 conveyed her view that the application was inappropriate and was a potential violation of the settlement agreement. Victim-1's lawyer requested that Garg confirm that he would withdraw the application.

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When Garg did not respond, Victim-1 informed Expedia's Human Resource Department and provided them with a copy of the settlement agreement. Subsequently, Expedia did not hire Garg.

21. In November 2019, Person-A sent Victim-1's attorney an email, threatening to take retaliatory steps against Victim-1 because Expedia did not hire Garg. Subsequently, Person-A filed an action for a protective order against Victim-1.

D. Summary of the Harassment Campaign

- 22. Over an extended period, victims received over a thousand emails and other electronic communications from a multitude of online accounts, a selection of which are identified as the "SUBJECT ACCOUNTS" in this declaration. With the exception of SUBJECT ACCOUNTS 4 and 5, which are personal accounts used by Garg and Person-A, the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS were set up to impersonate various victims or to create the appearance that someone was attempting to frame Garg or Person-A. The harassment campaign involved death threats, rape threats, defaming messages, threats to reveal private information from Victim-1's diary, among many other communications designed to intimidate and harass the victims. The individual communications used to carry out the scheme are explained in greater detail below in Section H.
- 23. In summary, Victim-1 reports that, on or about November 2019, a charity with which she is publicly associated began to receive emails attacking Victim-1's character and alleging that she had affairs with married men. The emails were sent from accounts that integrated names of boyfriends that were identified in Victim-1's journal.
- 24. Starting in approximately January 2020, Victim-1 started receiving anonymous emails that referenced private information contained in her "Hello Gorgeous" diary, thereby indicating that the harasser(s) had accessed Victim-1's diary. After receiving harassing messages that referenced the title of the diary and content of the diary, Victim-1 examined her diary and noticed that entire pages of the diary had been ripped out.
- 25. Starting in approximately February 2020, the harassers(s) set up a variety of social media accounts that impersonated Victim-1 and current or former boyfriends of

Victim-1 who were mentioned in Victim-1's diary. Among other things, the harasser(s) used these accounts: (1) to send friend requests to Victim-1, her friends, and her co-workers; (2) to comment on posts made by Victim-1; and (3) to defame Victim-1. The harasser(s) also used the accounts to create the appearance that Garg and Person-A were also being harassed.

- 26. In addition, the harasser(s) set up dozens of email accounts that either impersonated the victims or were designed to make it appear that Garg and Person-A were being framed.
- 27. The harasser(s) took steps to put Victim-1 in fear that personal details from her diary would be revealed to the public. In addition, the harasser(s) also sought to embarrass and intimidate Victim-1 by setting up accounts that referenced her. For example, on September 25, 2020, Victim-1 received email notifications indicating that an account had been created with her email address on a pornographic website.
- 28. The harasser(s) used the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS to send scores of harassing and threatening emails to the victims. Among other things, the harasser(s) sent emails threatening to embarrass, rape and kill Victim-1. The harasser(s) also threatened to cause harm to family members of multiple victims. Notably, many of the messages were sent during the civil litigation and SPD's investigation of Garg, and explicitly attempted to intimidate the victims and obstruct the litigation and investigation.
- 29. Many of the communications sent from the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS appear to have used a read-receipt service called Mailtrack. According to Mailtrack's webpage, the service is an email tracking tool that uses a pixel-based tracking system to inform the user whether the user's sent emails have been opened, and how many times. Mailtrack's webpage states that over 1,300,000 customers use its services. Whereas communications from before and during the cyberstalking campaign show that both Person-A and Garg used the Mailtrack service, there is no indication thus far that any of the Victims used the service.²

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² The messages I have reviewed were provided by the victims to SPD or provided in filings submitted during the civil litigation. Because I have not been able to view the native versions of all of these emails, I have not been able to assess

30. More recently, the harassment campaign has expanded to include hundreds of emails being sent to King County judges, King County prosecutors, and numerous others. Many of these emails reference, in some fashion, Garg or the original victims.

E. Person-A Files a Retaliatory Petition for a Protection Order

- 15. On July 7, 2020, Person-A obtained a temporary protection order against Victim-1. Subsequently, on July 9, 2020, Person-A filed a petition for an order of protection against Victim-1, alleging that Victim-1 was cyberstalking her by sending her harassing and threatening communications through LinkedIn and email. In addition, Person-A claimed that Victim-1 had set up LinkedIn and Facebook accounts impersonating Garg, which were used to send defamatory messages to Person-A and others.³
- 16. Person-A claimed that, in April 2020, Victim-1 had encountered her at Olympic Sculpture Park and followed her home. Person-A also repeated the allegations that Victim-1 had frivolously filed the prior action to break the lease agreement. Person-A wrote: "My husband and I are scared of this woman. She has a history of bipolar disorder and had frequent outbursts against both my husband and I. She will not leave us alone and we are afraid that her behavior is escalating."
- 17. Victim-1 subsequently retained Victim-6 to conduct a forensic examination of the devices of Victim-1 and Victim-3. Victim-6's examination revealed that there was no evidence that Victim-1 or Victim-3 were engaged in electronic harassment of Garg or Person-A. Victim-6 proposed a protocol to allow her to examine Garg and Person-A's devices under which only systems files (as opposed to content) would be shared with Victim-1's legal team. Neither Garg nor Person-A produced their devices for examination.

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whether Mailtrack notations on the messages were actual confirmation receipts from Mailtrack or images placed on the emails to make it appear that the Mailtrack service was being used. Accordingly, where an email has a Mailtrack notation, I have indicated that the email "appears to have used the Mailtrack service."

³ On July 15, 2020, Victim-1 refiled her application for a protection order. Only July 16, 2020, the King County Superior Court issued a temporary protective order against Garg, restraining him from cyberstalking Victims 1 and 3. The King County Superior Court reissued the temporary protective order against Garg on July 30, 2020, October 1, 2020, November 19, 2020, and February 1, 2021.

18. On September 16, 2020, Victim-5 -- who is one of Victim-1's lawyers -- sent an email to Victim-10 -- who was one of Person-A's lawyers -- explaining that Victim-5 had received harassing emails targeting his children and sister. Victim-5 indicated that he would pursue all remedies available to him if the harassing conduct continued. After receiving the email from her lawyer (Victim-10), it appears that Person-A sent an email on September 16, 2020 to the King County District Court using the account classing [@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5). The email contained the following message:

Please make note of [Victim-5]'s threat and to my husband's case files. If [Victim-5] continues to threaten us, we will report him to the state bar and take this to social media forums. It is not just black lives which matter in this country. My husband might be an immigrant, but I am not and I very well know why they are targeting him. [Victim-5 needs] to know his boundaries.

The email was filed by the court and made part of the record.

19. On September 21, 2020, Garg filed a supplemental declaration in which he challenged aspects of Victim-6's forensic analysis. Among other things, Garg claimed that Mailtrack was a widely used service, that Mailtrack signatures could be removed or falsified, that it would be illogical for Garg to send harassing emails using his own name, and that Victim-6 had not identified any forensic artifacts indicating Garg or Person-A sent the harassing emails. Garg also indicated that he had been the victim of multiple phishing attacks on his online accounts and that multiple people in his "circle" had been emailed by someone impersonating Garg. Garg made a point to emphasize that he had technological expertise:

I am a current GIAC Forensic Examiner Certification (GCFE) Holder. I was a consultant at Stroz Friedberg, a consulting firm that specializes in digital forensics, mobile device and cell phone forensics, electronic discovery, data breach response, online fraud and abuse incident response, and commercial investigations worldwide. . . I am certified and have forensically examined hundreds of hard drives, phones, iPads, Macbooks, and other electronic devices. I have handled multiple data breach investigations involving millions of dollars for fortune 500 companies.

- 20. On September 24, 2020, Victim-10 withdrew from the case. Subsequently, on September 30, 2020, a new lawyer -- L.A. -- filed a notice of appearance on Person-A's behalf.
- 21. On September 26, 2020, Person-A filed a lengthy declaration alleging that Victim-1 and her lawyer were on a campaign to ruin the lives of Person-A and Garg. Person-A alleged that Victim-2 and Victim-5 had sent threatening emails to her lawyers and were on a vendetta against Garg. Person-A alleged, in pertinent part: "[Victim-2] ruthlessly pursues anybody who [Victim-1] asked him to. He is thinking like a relative, not like an objective attorney. His decisions are erratic, emotional, and vengeful. All we have ever done is refuse to pay her breakout lease fees and file in self-defense, but [Victim-2] has proven vengeful and heartless ever since, still trying to get my husband arrested somehow. Person-A also alleged that she believed that Victim-1 was harassing Garg because "she believes he has lesser rights as an immigrant." In addition, Person-A argued that the court should order a mental health evaluation and drug test for all the parties.

F. Garg Sneaks into Victim-1's Apartment Building

22. On October 10, 2020, Victim-1 received a text message from the number 206-580-0444 at 1905 hours. The message read:

I will fuck you
You fucked up bitch by
filing a false domestic
violence petition. I will
fuck you 100 times
I will get you pregnant
I will have anal
Your pussy is waiting for
my dick
Hi this is [Victim-1]
I will fuck your brains out
That black silk bra

23. At 1908 hours, security camera footage from Victim-1's apartment building captured a male in a dark jacket, grey jeans, and Nike sneakers sneak into the building by

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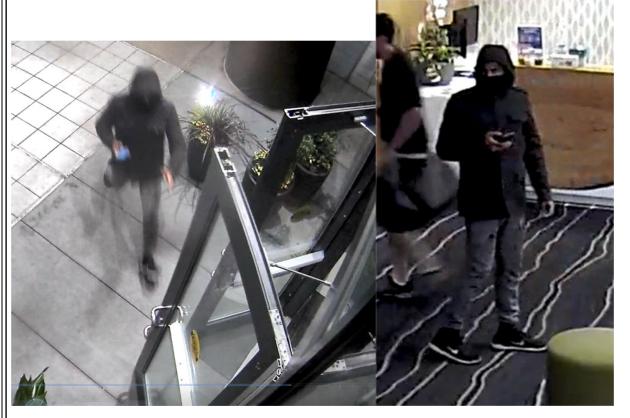
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running towards a closing door. The male held a smartphone and wore a black face mask. The video footage shows the man entered the building's lobby, looked confused about where to walk, and then veered away from the lobby's desk attendant to walk towards the sitting area of the lobby.



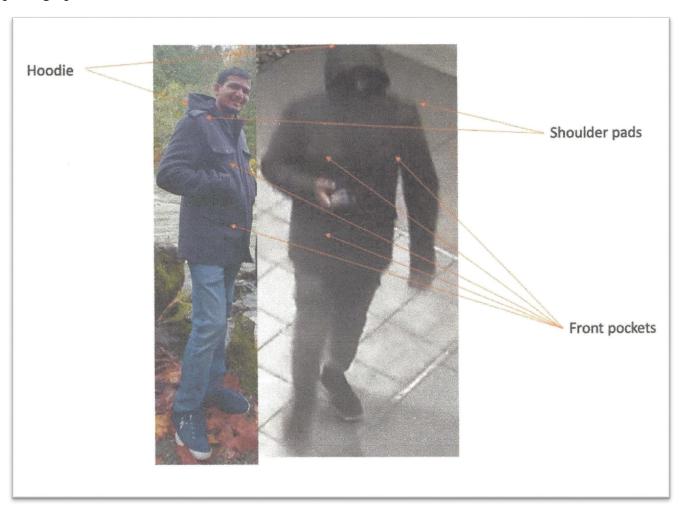
24. At 1909 hours, Victim-1 missed a call from 206-580-0444.

At 1911 hours, Victim-1 received an email from sumitgargied92[@]gmail.com 25. with the subject "Hey babe", which had three photographs attached to it. The photographs were of the building's lobby fireplace, seating area, and a deli connected to the building. The Exchangeable Image File (EXIF) data for the photos indicate that the photos were taken by a Google Pixel 3a phone on October 10, 2020, on or about the time the man entered the lobby. Google records indicate that a Google Pixel 3a phone was associated with Garg's personal email account (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), and -- as discussed below -- SPD later seized a Google Pixel 3a phone (SUBJECT CELLPHONE 1) from Garg.

26. At 1913 hours, Victim-2 (Victim-1's uncle) received a text message from 206-580-0444, that contained the following threats:

I will rape [Victim-1]
Then [XXXX]
Then your wife
Old man you are fucked.

27. On November 20, 2020, Victim-1 filed a declaration in Person-A's civil action, in which she stated that she recognized the man in the security footage as Garg. Person-A attached an exhibit to her declaration that was a side-by-side comparison of a still image from the video footage with a picture of Garg taken while Victim-1 and Garg were roommates. The comparison identified numerous similarities between the jackets in the photographs:



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On November 1, 2020, SPD arrested Garg at his residence, 4308 Southwest 28. 100th Street, Seattle, Washington 98146, without resistance and seized his Pixel 3a phone (SUBJECT CELLPHONE 1). While Garg was in custody, Person-A informed SPD that she had received more emails from accounts that had sent prior threatening messages. Person-A asked SPD to document the receipt of the emails because they showed that Garg could not have sent them while he was in jail. She also indicated that SUBJECT CELLPHONE 1 contained video evidence showing that Person-A and Garg received more emails while they were eating at a restaurant.⁴ SPD requested that Person-A keep the emails she received intact on her phone, and Person-A agreed to do so.

- 29. On November 6, 2020, Garg was charged by a felony information of one count of Cyberstalking, one count of Felony Stalking, and one count of Cyberstalking.
- 30. Notably, the harassing messages to many of the Victims stopped up until the day before Garg was released from custody.
- 31. On November 10, 2020, the King County Superior Court issued a Stalking Violence No-Contact order prohibiting Garg from having contact with Victim-1. The court also issued a no-contact order prohibiting Garg from having direct or indirect contact with Victims 2, 3, 5 and 6.
- On November 13, 2020, Garg was released with electronic monitoring. 32. Subsequently, Victim-1 received threatening text messages from 206-462-2978.
- 33. During the criminal proceeding, Garg's attorney indicated that Garg was willing to turn over his devices to the government for examination in order to prove his innocence. Garg subsequently turned over a passcode for SUBJECT CELLPHONE 1.

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⁴ I have not had the opportunity to examine the emails Person-A reports that she received. It is possible that Person-A and Garg engineered the sending of the emails using the email schedule function in Gmail, which allows a user to schedule emails to be sent at a prescribed time. See

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H. Garg and Person-A's Complaints Against Victim-1

- 34. During the harassment campaign, Garg and Person-A made multiple complaints to SPD against Victim-1. As a result of these complaints, SPD officers were dispatched to interview Garg and/or Person-A. Among other things, Garg and Person-A alleged that they were victims of harassment from Victim-1 and others. A non-exhaustive summary these complaints is provided below.
- 35. On June 27, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Garg and Person-A, who alleged that Victim-1 had bipolar disorder and had been harassing them through a series of Facebooks posts, emails, and text messages. They further alleged that the former roommates had had a dispute about rent, and that Victim-1 filed a fraudulent domestic violence action against Garg to get out of the terms of their lease. Garg showed the SPD officer screenshots on his laptop computer and alleged that Victim-1 had created multiple Facebook pages using Garg's name, and had made salacious posts. Among other things, the posts stated that Garg had been fired from his prior employer for having sex with his boss. Garg also showed the officer an email sent to Person-A from an account created to impersonate Garg, that stated, "Bitch, I'll fucking kill you." During the interview, Person-A recounted several incidents where she alleged that Victim-1 had followed Person-A while she was walking in Olympic Park in an apparent attempt to intimidate Person-A. Person-A, also alleged that Victim-1 had harassed Person-A's lawyer, and possibly others. Garg and Person-A indicated that the harassment from Victim-1 had been accelerating at a concerning rate.
- 36. On July 14, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Person-A. Person-A indicated that she had an anti-harassment order against Victim-1. She alleged that Victim-1 and Victim-3 were sending harassing messages and indicated that she was concerned that Victim-1 and Victim-3 would come to her apartment.
- 37. On September 21, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Person-A. Person-A alleged that Victim-1 had violated a temporary restraining order by sending threatening communications. Person-A further alleged that Victim-1 had set up a fake email account and had impersonated her husband. Person-A showed the SPD officer copies of the emails in

question, that were sent from the email account sumitgargied90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7).

- 38. On October 13, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Garg and Person-A. Garg and Person-A repeated the allegation that Victim-1 had created false email accounts to harass them. Garg reported he was receiving text messages from random phone numbers which contained personal information, such as Garg's work email address, the address of Garg and Person-A's new house, and the phrase "jail time." Garg and Person-A reported that mail had disappeared from their mailbox, and Person-A stated that she thought Victim-1 may have followed them home one day.
- 39. On October 26, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Garg and Person-A. Garg indicated that Victim-1 and her ex-boyfriend were harassing him. Garg also alleged to have received text messages and emails with death threats.
- 40. On October 31, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Garg and Person-A. During the interview, Garg and Person-A received multiple emails on their phones, some of which were from the address hutcm143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 35) and sumitgargied92[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9).⁵ The emails contained various offensive and threatening texts. Garg denied that he created the accounts or wrote the emails. Person-A also reported that, earlier in the week, she had made a purchase at a deli, and later received emails from hutcm143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 35) mentioning seeing Person-A at the deli. Person-A indicated that she remembered seeing a woman she thought resembled Victim-1 inside the deli.
- 41. On November 8, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Person-A. Person-A indicated that when she was leaving the parking lot of the Safeway on 3900 S Othello Street the previous day, she saw Victim-1 standing across the street, staring at her. Person-A indicated that she received a text message earlier in the day on November 8, 2020 from an

⁵ Based on training and experience, I know that certain tools can be used to schedule or delay the sending of emails and other communications. Accordingly, the fact that Garg and Person-A received messages during the interview does not demonstrate that they were victims of harassment.

unknown number saying: "Hey bitch. How's jail treating him." Person-A said that she later received a message from a different number stating: "I saw you at the Safeway at Othello! Not staying home anymore? Lol."

- 42. On November 24, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Person-A. Person-A reported that she had received numerous harassing text messages. One of the text messages made reference to the fact that Garg had to wear an electronic ankle monitor, and another message contained a death threat.
- 43. On December 6, 2020, an SPD officer interviewed Person-A. Person-A indicated that she had been receiving harassing emails all day from Victim-1. One email, apparently, indicated that the sender had left something in Person-A's mailbox. When she checked the mailbox she found an envelope with a quote on it that had appeared in an email she had received. After Person-A indicated that she was afraid to remove the envelope from the mailbox, the SPD officer collected it and noted that it contained photographs that had been sent to Person-A earlier by email.

I. Person-A Submits False Evidence to Make it Appear that Person-A and Garg are Victims of Harassment

- 44. In the civil action she brought against Victim-1, Person-A repeated her accusations that Victim-1 and Victim-3 were harassing Person-A and Garg. In declarations and in live testimony, Person-A alleged that Victim-1 physically stalked her and attempted to intimidate her. For example, Person-A alleged that Victim-1 sent her harassing emails and then put the harassing materials in the mailbox outside her house in December 2020. I have reviewed evidence showing that it would have been impossible for Victim-1 to have stalked or harassed Person-A in-person after November 21, 2020. Namely, I have reviewed copies of airline tickets indicating that Victim-1 and Victim-3 flew from Washington State to New York State on November 21, 2020 and did not return until January 9, 2021.
- 45. Person-A also alleged that Victim-1 suffered from mental illness and that Garg had driven her home from a psychiatrist appointment while they were living together. On December 10, 2020, Victim-1 filed a declaration refuting this allegation. Among other

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things, Victim-1 produced evidence showing that she had driven her home from a colonoscopy, not a psychiatrist visit.⁶

- 46. On December 16, 2020, the King County District Court issued an order denying Person-A's request for a protective order and dismissed her petition. The court found that the parties had failed to identify by a preponderance of the evidence the person who had sent the harassing messages. The court also found that Person-A had failed to show by a preponderance of the evidence that Victim-1 had harassed Person-A.
- 47. Subsequently, on December 23, 2020, an anonymous email service account sent an email to Victim-1, with the message, "Merry Christmas!" The subject line of this email was the address in New York of Victim-1's mother, who Victim-1 was visiting.

J. Garg's Recent Arrest

- 48. On February 26, 2021, SPD executed a warrant to search the residence shared by Garg and Person-A and a warrant to arrest Garg. A large number of electronic devices were seized from the residence.
- 49. It is my understanding that the King County Superior Court Judge had concerns about Garg's danger to the community, but determined that Garg could be released provided that his attorney developed a plan for him to not have access to the internet.

K. The SUBJECT ACCOUNTS

- 50. As explained above, the harasser(s) used numerous online accounts to carry out the cyberstalking campaign. Hundreds of emails were sent from these accounts and directed toward multiple victims.
- 51. SPD has gathered a limited set of log information that identifies the IP addresses used by some of the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS. A Secret Service Network Intrusion Forensics Analyst (NIFA) has conducted a preliminary analysis of this log information and determined that many of the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS used IP addresses associated with

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⁶ In a recent interview, I had the opportunity to ask Victim-1 about this event. Victim-1 explained that she is not bipolar, does not suffer from a mental illness, and never indicated to Garg or Person-A that she suffered from a mental illness. Victim-A further explained that it was Person-A, not Garg, who drove her home form the colonoscopy.

domestic and foreign Virtual Private Network services.⁷ These services effectively mask the IP address of the user of the VPN services. Accordingly, it appears that the harasser(s) exercised a degree of sophistication in how they accessed the SUBJECT ACCOUNTS and used them in a manner that masked their location and identity.

- 52. The NIFA's preliminary analysis shows, however, that the harasser(s) may have made some missteps. For example, sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4) appears to be a personal email account that Garg used before and after the cyberstalking campaign started. Log information for SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4 shows that the account was accessed from IP addresses associated with VPN services used to send the harassing messages. For example, the log information shows that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, sumitgargied90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7), hutcml143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9) all connected with the same IP address (107.181.180.163), which belongs to a VPN service.
- 53. The log information further shows that a computer that was logged into Garg's personal account (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4) accessed IP address 107.181.180.163 on September 16, 2020, and then logged out of the account. Subsequently, the harasser(s) logged into sumitgargied90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7). This indicates that the harasser(s) had common control of the accounts, and presents evidence that Garg was one of the harasser(s).
- 54. The following summary addresses only a selection of accounts and messages that were used to carry out the cyberstalking campaign:
- 1. hgorgeous5[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 1), hellogorgeous5[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 2), and hellogorgeous43[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 3)

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⁷ Preliminary investigation indicates that IP addresses used to send many of the harassing messages belong to server hosting companies that lease server space to ProtonVPN. Proton VPN is a Swiss company that provides VPN services. As the investigation of these IP addresses is ongoing, I will refer to the various IPs as VPN services rather than attributing them to a single VPN service provider.

- 55. Starting in January 2020, Victim-1 started receiving numerous emails from multiple Gmail accounts. The accounts contained some variation of the words "Hello Gorgeous", that appear on the cover of Victim-1's diary.
- 56. For example, on or about January 25, 2020, Victim-1 received an email from hgorgeous5[@]gmail.com that listed the names of three of Victim-1's former or current boyfriends, along with details about each relationship that were contained in the diary. The email also listed the name of a charity that Victim-1 supported, and asked threateningly, "do they know about your sex life?"
- 57. Google records indicate that hgorgeous5[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 1) was created on January 25, 2020, and deleted the same day.
- 58. Google records indicate that hellogorgeous5[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 2) is associated with hellogorgeous43[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 3), among other accounts.
- 59. The names of SUBJECT ACCOUNTS 1-3 make explicit reference to Victim-1's diary, and thereby appear to be designed to put Victim-1 in fear that the harasser(s) had access to confidential and potentially embarrassing information contained in the diary.

2. Sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4) and cl [@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5)

- 60. SUBJECT ACCOUNTS 4 and 5 appear to be personal email accounts used by Sumit Garg and Person-A.
- 61. On February 25, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, sent an email to Victim-2, complaining that Victim-1 was harassing him and his wife. On the same day, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5 responded to the email from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, stating, in pertinent part, "This is an abuse of law. She knows her lawyer uncle will protect her no matter what Please handle [Victim-1] as the law applies even to kids of lawyers." Approximately three hours later, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4 sent an email to Victim-2, stating, in pertinent part:

I should inform you at this point what your client [Victim-1] is doing is "Cyber Harassment". I expect nothing less than a detailed account of why this

happened, how this happened, and an affirmation of this never happening again. I would not be tolerating any form of harassment by your client. I expect nothing less than a sincere apology from you for sending such lewd messages to my wife. If [Victim-1] refuses to stay away from me and my family, I would be forced to take legal action

The email went on to paraphrase a variety of Washington State stalking statutes.

Notably, the emails from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4 and 5 used the Mailtrack service.

- 62. A preliminary analysis of IP log records indicates that, on September 15, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, utilized IP address 185.107.95.228, which is associated with one of the VPN services based in the Netherlands that was used to send harassing messages. The analysis also indicates that, on September 16, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, utilized IP address 107.181.180.163, which is associated with a VPN service based in the United States, that was also used to send harassing messages. This IP overlap indicates that the user of SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4 had access not only to other SUBJECT ACCOUNTS, but also to the VPN services that were used to facilitate the cyberstalking campaign.
- 63. In support of her request for an order against Victim-1, Person-A submitted copies of a number of emails involving SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5 in which she corresponded with SPD regarding her complaints against Victim-1. Notably, some of these emails appeared to use the Mailtrack service.

3. Ci @gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6)

- 64. Ci [@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6) was set up to mimic Person-A's personal email account and to facilitate the harassment scheme.
- 65. On November 15, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 sent an email to Victims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, and 10, in addition to the King County District Court. The email stated, in pertinent part:

Even I can't save you from my husband now. From one woman to another, if I were you I would leave Washington ASAP. I wish you had listened to me a year ago, but you didn't and filed a false DV instead. You turned him into a criminal.

You should really listen to me this time before its too late. I will continue to lie for Sumit even if he rapes you or you get tormented by hitmen he hired. Your obsession with him is going to get you killed or worse.

66. On November 19, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 sent an email to the King County District Court, copying Victims 1, 7, 9 and 10, with the subject, "Arrest Sumit." The email contained the following message:

Dear Clerk,

I have been lying to the court and hiding the truth about my husband.

I was violently beaten by Sumit and raped. He threatened to kill me if I did not lie to the court. I hate [Victim-1] for fucking my husband but her DV petition is not false.

Thanks,

Person-A

The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service. Subsequently, on December 11, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 forwarded the email to Victim-3 and addresses associated with Victim-1's employer.

- 67. On December 2 and December 3, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 sent a series of emails to Victims 1, 2, 5-7, and 9 with a variety of threats. One of the emails contained pictures and names of Victim-7's family members, and stated that the family members "will pay for your insults against my lawyer today." Another email threatened, "[Victim-7], one more inappropriate comment on my lawyer and my husband will destroy your family like he did with [Victim-2]." Another email referred to Victim-9, and stated, "This chinese cunt is not going to be able to save you from his wrath."
- 68. On December 10, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 sent an email to Victim-1 and Victim-2, with the subject line, "Daddy Issues Frequently Come with Mommy Issues." The email stated, in part, "If you had neglectful or abusive parents, you might have mommy issues too . . ."
- 69. On December 10, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 6 sent an email to Victim-9, copying Victims 1, 2, 3, and 10, in addition to sumitgargied92[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT

You should really listen to me this time before it's too late. I will continue to lie for Sumit even if he rapes you or you get tormented by hitmen he hired. Your obsession with him is going to get you killed or worse.

74. Google records indicate someone using Person-A's name created cile [@]gmail.com on November 15, 2020. IP records show that the account was accessed from IP addresses associated with five separate VPN services.

4. Sumitgargied90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7)

- 75. Sumitgargied90[@)]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7) appears to be set up as a variation of Sumit Garg's personal account (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), but with the addition of the letters "ied." It is possible that these letters are a reference to the disorder -- intermittent explosive disorder (IED) -- that Garg referenced in his prior communications with Victim-1. On September 15, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent an email to Victim-2, Victim-1, and Victim-5, stating, "Your niece's boyfriend is fucked old man!"
- 76. On September 16, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent an email to Victim-2, Victim-1, and Victim-5, stating, "You know what I love about [Victim-1]? It is her ass but you probably had a ride yourself by now [Victim-2]?"
- 77. On or about September 16, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent a series of emails to Victim-2 and others, threatening to put pictures of Victim-5's family members and Victim-1's sister on a pornographic website.
- 78. On September 19, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent an email to Victim-1, Victim-2, and Victim-5, "Dear old motherfuckers, . . . You fucked around with the wrong guy." The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 79. On October 4, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent an email to Victim-1 and seattle.kcdc[@]kingcounty.gov, stating, "Please find the court papers against your boyfriend [Victim-3]". The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 80. Also on October 4, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent Victim-1 and Victim-2 a series of threatening and vulgar emails. Among other things, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7

threatened to reveal intimate details from Victim-1's diary, and threatened, "I will bring you to your knees old man." The emails appeared to use the Mailtrack service.

81. On October 5, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 sent Victim-2 and Victim-1 an email with the subject line, "look at that pussy wow . . ." The email forwarded a picture of Victim-1, and contained the following statement:

I can't believe I only fucked this one just a few times [Victim-2], she is as crazy in bed I fucked her for an hour straight on a couple occasions and she still craved for more. Her cravings are insatiable even with a 27 year's dick let alone an old man in his late 90's.

The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.

82. Google records indicate that "Sumit Garg" created SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 on September 16, 2020. IP records indicate that the account utilized a wide variety of VPN services to send the harassing massages.

5. sumitgargied91[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8)

- 83. Sumitgargied91[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8) is another in a series of accounts that incorporates Sumit Garg's name and the letters "ied." The choice in account names shows that the harasser(s) were deliberately setting up sequential accounts to send harassing and threatening emails.
- 84. On October 5, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8 sent an email to Victims 2 and 5 stating, "M...'s ass is better than [Victim-1's] anyday. How have I missed this one?" Investigation has determined this is likely a reference to Victim 1's supervisor. Subsequently, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8, forwarded the email to Victims 1, 2, and 5, and wrote: "The lesson for all of you Don't ever abuse the law next time." The emails appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 85. On October 5, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8 sent Victims 1, 2 and 5 a series of emails that contained lewd comments about Victim-5's wife.

- 86. Also on October 5, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8 sent Victim-1 an email that had the website of Victim-1's apartment building in the subject line. The email threatened, "Keep working on that pussy. Can't wait." The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 87. On October 12, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8 sent Victim-2 an email with the subject line, "No country for old men."
- 88. Google records indicate that "Sumit Garg" created SUBJECT ACCOUNT 8 on October 5, 2020. Google records indicate that the account has been deleted.

6. sumitgargied92[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9)

- 89. Sumitgargied92[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9) was the next sequential account set up to further the harassment campaign.
- 90. On October 10, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to seattle.kcdc[@]kingcounty.gov and Garg's attorney stating, "I Sumit Garg admit to raping [Victim-1]. Please leave [Person-A] and arrest me." Subsequently, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 forwarded the email to Victims 1, 2, and 5 along with a picture of an unidentified female. This picture is similar to pictures of an unknown female which were emailed to victims by SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11. Victim-1 has advised these are not pictures of herself. The following morning, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 forwarded the email chain to Victim-6, who is a forensics expert hired by Victim-1's legal team in connection with the civil action. The email threatened, "your kids next." SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 immediately forwarded the same email to Victim-1 to ensure that Victim-1 was aware that a member of her legal team was being harassed and threatened. All of these emails appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 91. On October 11, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victims 1, 2, 5 and 6 with the subject line, "[Victim-6] you are fucked." The email contained the following threat: "[Victim-6], I will do the same to your family as I have done to your fuck buddy's [Victim-2]." The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.

I got angry. I hit and raped her. I belong in prison. Thanks,
Sumit Garg

- 99. Also on October 30, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victims 1-3, and the King County District Court, stating: "[Victim-1], One night, I'm going to fuck your brains out like I used to when we were roommates and there is nothing the courts will be able to do to stop me." On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 forwarded the email with the message: "The rooftop [of Victim-1's apartment building] is amazing. This is where I will fuck you when we meet." Shortly later, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 forwarded the email to Victims 1, 2, and 7, the King County District Court, and sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4). The email stated in pertinent part, "Soon they will have video footage of me fucking you on that rooftop. It is a promise."
- 100. On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victims 1-3. The email stated, in pertinent part, "A girl went on a walk and never came back. A roommate with a grudge ended her misery."
- 101. On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victim-1, sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), and classification (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5), with the following threat, "I will first rape you and then kill you."
- 102. On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victim-1, an SPD mailing list, and sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), with the following threat: "[Victim-1], one night, I'm going to fuck your brains out like I used to when we were roommates and there is nothing the courts will be able to do to stop me."
- 103. On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 sent an email to Victims 1, 2, 3, and 7, with the subject line, "Hey babe." The email stated, in pertinent part:

That bathrobe always used to drive me crazy.

I will make you pay for a false DV petition and for ruining my wife's life while in chemo.

You will never abuse the law once I'm done with you. No more of these false DV petitions from [Victim-1].

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119. Google records indicate that "Sumit Garg" created SUBJECT ACCOUNT 10 on December 3, 2020. IP records show that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 10 used numerous VPN services to send harassing messages.

8. Sumitqarg9o[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11)

- 120. Sumitqarg9o[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11) appears to mimic the name of SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4, except with the substitution of a Q instead of a G and the substitution of the letter o instead of a zero.
- 121. On November 15, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11 sent an email to Victims 1, 2, 5, and 9, with the subject line, "Don't be scared." The email contained the following message:

"Spicy",

Do you really think a few days in jail was going to scare me?

Don't be scared. I won't kill you.

It is too easy and not nearly enough punishment for your crimes.

I have other ideas to take care of you.

Mr. [Victim-2], as for you, you won't see 2021. I recommend enjoying every day you can from what I'm hearing you are with Ms. [Victim-1]. Garg

That same day, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11 forwarded the email to Victim-1's work account. The email appears to have used the Mailtrack service.

- 122. On November 16, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11 replied to the same email, copying Victims 1-3, 5, 7, and 10. The email threatened, "I'm downstairs sweetheart!"
- 123. On December 2, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11 sent an email to Victims 1, 2,5, 7, 9, and 10, which incorporated the "Don't be scared" email thread. The email contained two pictures of Victim-1 with work colleagues. Under the first picture, the sender wrote, "PUSSY SWEET PUSSY." Under the second picture, the sender wrote, "PUSSY I will EAT that pussy."
- 124. On December 2, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 11 sent an email to Victim-1 with the subject line, "You are so fucked cunt." The email contained pictures of Victim-1's

9. Sumitqarq93[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 12)

140. On January 11, 2021, sumitqarq93[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 12) forwarded an email chain to Victim-1 with the subject line, "How might epilepsy affect sex?" The email stated, "[Victim-1's Sister's Name] is next." SUBJECT ACCOUNT 12 then forwarded the email to Victim-1's sister, and then forwarded that message to Victim-1 to make certain that Victim-1 was aware that her sister had been sent the email. The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.

10. Hutcml143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13) and Hutcm143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 35)

- 141. It appears that the harasser(s) set up Hutcml143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13) to impersonate Victim-1's actual Gmail account. On September 27, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 sent an email to Victim-2, which forwarding an email chain that made it appear that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 7 (sumitgargied90[@]gmail.com) had sent Victim-1 a list of Victim-2's family members, as well as her own. The email stated, "This came. He is after our entire family. He is taking revenge for his wife." A subsequent email to Victim-2 asked, "What should we do? Who should we subpoena?" The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service. The emails appear to be an attempt to trick Victim-2 into believing that the email had come from his niece/client, and possibly to prompt Victim-2 to reveal confidential information. Notably, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 then forwarded the email chain to Victim-1's actual Gmail account.
- 142. On October 1, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 sent Victim-2 an email stating, "I'm still getting text messages like 'cravings' [and] 'wanna fuck'. I have not told anyone these dreams except in my diary. What if he leaks this diary?" The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service. Approximately 12 minutes later, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 forwarded the email to Victim-1 and Victim-2, along with a link to a pornographic website.

- 143. Google records indicate that someone using Victim-1's name set up SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 on September 9, 2020. IP records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 13 accessed a wide variety of VPN services that were used to send harassing messages.
- 144. It appears that the harasser(s) also set up Hutcm143[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 35) to impersonate Victim-1's actual Gmail account. As previously stated, Garg and Person-A reported to SPD that they received multiple offensive and threatening communications from both SUBJECT ACCOUNT 35 and SUBJECT ACCOUNT 9 on October 31, 2020.

11. Hutcml761[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 14)

- 145. On April 12, 2020, Victim-1 received an email from hutcml761[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 14). The account's name mimics Victim-1's actual email address but with a slight variation. The subject line of the email was, "Hello Gorgeous." There was no other text in the email. The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 146. Google records indicate that the account was created shortly before sending the above-described email, and deleted shortly afterwards.

12. Hutcml786[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15)

- 147. On September 14, 2020, Victim-1 filed a motion in King County District Court to compel Person-A to produce devices for forensic examination. Hours later, Victim-1's attorneys began receiving harassing emails from hutcml786[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15). SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 sent an email to Victim-2 and Victim-5 indicating that fake profiles had been set up for Victim-5's children. Subsequently, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 sent Victim-2 and Victim-5 pictures of Victim-5's children.
- 148. On October 11, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 sent an email to Victim-2 and Victim-5, with the subject line, "Fake profiles for . . ." The email contained the following message: "Sumit raped me." The email appears to have used the Mailtrack service. SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 then forwarded the email to the King County District Court, and then to Victim-1.

- 149. On October 11, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 sent an email to Victim-1 and the King County District Court, with the subject line, "Rape." The email contained the following message, "Sumit Garg raped me 4 times."
- 150. On October 11, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 sent an email to Victim-2 and Victim-5, indicating that Garg had put a member of Victim-5's family on a pornographic website. SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 later forwarded the email to Victim-1.
- 13. Google records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 15 was created on approximately September 14, 2020 and subsequently deleted on October 12, 2020. Cg1095563@gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 16)
- 151. SUBJECT ACCOUNT 16 was created to appear to be an account used by Victim-3, who is Victim-1's current boyfriend. On July 12, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 16 sent an email to Victim-1's email account stating, in pertinent part, "I took care of your maniac roommates. They won't bother you again!" The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 152. As part of the King County litigation, Person-A's lawyer filed a declaration that attached an email that had been forwarded from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5. The forwarded email was sent on July 12, 2020, from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 16 to SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5, with the subject line, "This will go viral." The email appears to contain a screenshot of a Facebook account set up to impersonate Victim-3, and which posted the following message: "Sumit Garg is harassing my girlfriend [Victim-1]. His wife [Person-A] filed false charges against her. He raped my girlfriend!"
- 153. Another email attached to the declaration filed by Person-A's lawyer was an email sent from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 16 to SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5 on July 14, 2020, with the subject line, "Drop charges." The email stated:

My name is [Victim-3]. Drop charges against my girlfriend [Victim-1]. I know everything about you and your husband. I know he had sex with my girlfriend. He will go to jail and I will leak your pictures on social media. I will send them to your parents. I will do anything for [Victim-1]. This is my final warning before I start leaking your pictures. Don't fuck with me.

154. Google records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT was created on July 12, 2020, and deleted on July 14, 2020.

14. travisbieber96@gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17)

- 155. On March 24, 2020, Victim-1 received an email from travisbieber96@gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17). SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17 was setup to appear to be an account used by Victim-4, a former boyfriend of Victim-1. The email asked, "Did you send me a friend request on FB?" The name on the account identifying the sender and the sender's name in the email address are spelled differently. The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 156. On April 12, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17 forwarded an email to Victim-1 that had been sent to Victim-2. The email had the subject line, "Virginity Loss," and included a picture of Victim-1 and Victim-4.
- 157. Victim-1 reports that she contacted Victim-4 and confirmed that he did not sent the email, and way not involved with any of the cyberstalking described herein.
- 158. Google records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17 was created on March 24, 2020 and deleted on April 13, 2020.

15. Travisbieber61[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18)

- 159. SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 was another account set up to create the appearance that it was associated with Victim-1's former boyfriend, Victim-4. On October 29 and 30, 2020, the harasser(s) used multiple SUBJECT ACCOUNTS, including SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18, to create a fictional conversation between Victims-4, Victim-8, and Sumit Garg under the subject line, "Past boyfriend to another." In the fictional conversation, the harasser[s] referenced details from Victim-1's diary and made a number of lewd and degrading comments. Among other things, the harasser[s] joked about getting Victim-1 pregnant. Victims 1 and 2 were copied on the extensive email thread.
- 160. Similarly, on October 30, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 copied Victim-1, Victim-2, and sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4) on a fictional

conversation between Victim-4 and Victim-8 that referenced details from Victim-1's diary and sexual acts with Victim-1.

- 161. On October 31, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 sent an email to sumitgarg90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 4), copying Victims 1 and 2, with the subject line, "Did you fuck [Victim-1]?" The email contained the following question: "Hey, you gotta tell me if you nailed [Victim-1]?"
- 162. On November 1, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 sent an email to Victims 1 and 2 and victor32b85[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19), stating that "Garg has her on video taking a shower lol."
- 163. That same day, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 sent an email to Victims 1 and 2 and victor32b85[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19), that asked, "Did you tape us having sex?"
- 164. On December 10, 2020, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 sent an email to Victim-2, copying Victim-1 and SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18, with the subject line, "Sumit is threatening to rape you." The email asked, "Man! Are you not satisfying her cravings?"
- 165. Google records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18 was created using Victim-4's name on October 27, 2020.

16. victor32b85[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19)

- 166. On January 9, 2021, victor32b85[@]gmail.com ("SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19) forwarded an email chain to Victim-1 and Victim-2, with the subject line, "Past boyfriend to another." The email chain was a continuation of the fictional conversation between Victim-3, Victim-4, and Victim-8, contain lewd and salacious comments about Victim-1. The emails in the chain appeared to use the Mailtrack service. That same day, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19 forwarded a number of prior harassing emails to Victim-1 and others.
- 167. On January 9, 2021, Victim-1 received a notification that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19 was inviting her to a video meeting.

- 168. On January 9, 2021, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19 forwarded an email chain to Victim-1 with the subject line, "Sumit is threatening to rape you." The email appeared to use the Mailtrack service.
- 169. On January 11, 2021, SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19 sent forwarded an email to Victim-2, that had been sent by travisbieber61[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 18), asking, "Did you tape us having sex?"

17. travisvictor90[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 20)

- 170. Victim-1 reports that, in April 2020, she was informed by a non-profit foundation which she supported that the non-profit had received disparaging emails about Victim-1 from the accounts travisvictor90@gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 20) and victor32b85[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 19). One of the emails expressed shock that the foundation would list Victim-1 as an influencer on its website and accused Victim-1 of having adulterous relationships. The email asked, "this is the kind of person you have as a role model?"
- 171. The foundation also received an email from travisbieber96@gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 17) containing similar accusations about Victim-1. The email objected to an interview of Victim-1 that appeared on the foundation's website and threatened to "expose" the foundation if the interview were not removed:

Did you ever run a background check on her before publishing this? We had an affair and now she blackmails my wife to tell her about the nature of our sexual relationship. This is the kind of people you have on your fucking website. I have proofs, photos and if this interview is not removed, I would not hesitate to expose your forum.

18. Tbk0848[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 21)

172. On September 15, 2020, Tbk0848[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 21) sent an email to Victim-1, asking, "Miss my cock?" SUBJECT ACCOUNT 21 then responded to the email with the following message: "I miss fucking you so much [Victim-1]. One more night. I know you want it bad."

19. Sumitgargied[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 22)

- 173. In her petition, Person-A claimed that Victim-1 had set up multiple accounts that were used to impersonate Garg and to send harassing emails. Person-A attached a number of these emails to her petition. One printout shows that sumitgargied[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 22) sent an email to clefton[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5) on June 27, 2020 that stated, "Sumit fucked me 11 times . . . I haven't seen you in a while lol. Are you not taking walks to the bay anymore!!" The email appears to have used the Mailtrack service.
- 174. Google records indicate that SUBJECT ACCOUNT 22 was created on June 27, 2020, and was deleted on July 21, 2020.

20. Hutcml765[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 23)

- 175. Attached to Person-A's petition was a printout of an email from hutcml765[@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 23) to classif [@]gmail.com (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5) that was sent on June 28, 2020. The email stated, "Your husband loved fucking me so much!" The email appears to have used the Mailtrack service.
- 176. Also attached to Person-A's petition was another email sent from SUBJECT ACCOUNT 23 to SUBJECT ACCOUNT 5 on June 28, 2020. The email stated, "Your husband will spend the rest of his life in jail and probably be deported so I hope you're happy being alone. I'm going to ruin your lives." The email appears to have used the Mailtrack service.
- 177. Google records indicate that the account was created shortly before sending the above-referenced emails, and was deleted on July 12, 2020.

22. LinkedIn Account Using Victim-1's Name (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 24)

178. In February 25, 2020, a co-worker of Victim-1 informed her that a suspicious LinkedIn account (SUBJECT ACCOUNT 24) had been created using Victim-1's name and likeness, and was making attempts to communicate with Victim-1's co-workers. Victim-1

Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that SUMIT GARG did, with intent to harass and intimidate numerous victims, commit the crime of Cyberstalking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 2261A(2)(A) and (2)(B), and 2261(b)(5) and (6).

John Wurster, Affiant

Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

Based on the Complaint and Affidavit sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant(s) committed the offenses set forth in the Complaint.

Dated this ____ 5th ___ day of March, 2021.

HON. MARY ALICE THEILER United States Magistrate Judge