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Notice of Press Conference

PORTLAND, Ore.—Scott E. Bradford, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, will hold a press conference with FBI Special Agent in Charge, Douglas Olson, and Portland Police Bureau, Chief of Police, Bob Day on August 25, 2026, in Portland.

Date	Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Time	Camera preset and evidence viewing at 2:15 pm. Conference to begin at 3:00 pm.
Location	U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse 1000 SW 3 rd Ave. #600 Portland, OR 97204
Access	All credentialed media are invited to attend.
Photo/Video	Credentialed media are invited to use camera and audio equipment during the press conference. Livestreaming is permitted, but public Wi-Fi is not available. Use of camera and audio equipment is prohibited throughout the courthouse, except within the designated press conference area.
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U.S. Attorney's Office, in Partnership with Federal and Local Law Enforcement, Targets Fentanyl Trafficking in Downtown Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—United States Attorney Scott E. Bradford announced in a press conference today that, over the past three years, federal charges have been brought against more than 100 defendants for trafficking fentanyl in downtown Portland. Those arrests included seizures of more than 40 guns.

Starting in 2023, at a time when open-air drug markets were commonplace in downtown Portland and the county and state systems were unable to hold and prosecute these street-level fentanyl dealers, the U.S. Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) stepped in to federally prosecute fentanyl dealers in downtown Portland.

A unique aspect of this partnership involved a dedicated team that included an FBI special agent, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, PPB's Bike Squad, and PPB's Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) going on late-night missions to target fentanyl dealers in downtown Portland.

As a result, the U.S. Attorney's Office has charged more than 100 defendants for selling fentanyl in downtown Portland. Of these defendants, over 80% were illegal aliens from Honduras and Mexico unlawfully residing in Oregon. These cases have resulted in the seizure of more than 100 kilograms of fentanyl, 40 guns, and \$1.3 million in proceeds. That is enough fentanyl to kill 50 million people, or Oregon's population, 11 times.

After this project began additional law enforcement agencies became involved as dealers move from downtown to other areas. It has continued to be a growing partnership with local, state, and federal stakeholders in the broader Portland region.

"Our message is simple," U.S. Attorney Bradford said, "if you are dealing fentanyl in downtown Portland, you will be arrested, federally prosecuted, and go to federal prison." U.S. Attorney Bradford noted, "Three years ago, downtown Portland had notorious open-air drug markets and was in the news for all the wrong reasons. Downtown fentanyl dealers, many of whom were armed, were contributing to higher crime rates and overdoses. To many people, downtown Portland simply felt unsafe – and it was. As a result of these joint efforts, we are changing that." U.S. Attorney Bradford emphasized, "Our coordinated and dynamic law enforcement response, with local, county, state, and federal partners, is making a difference in downtown Portland—

reducing fentanyl trafficking, violent crime, and overdoses. We will continue to work with our partners to make Portland safe.”

“Our partnerships with the Portland Police Bureau, the Multnomah and Clackamas County Sheriff’s Offices, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office make all of this possible,” said FBI Portland Special Agent in Charge Doug Olson. “To anyone dealing dangerous drugs downtown: it’s not a matter of *if* we catch you—it’s *when*.”

A summary of a few of these downtown fentanyl cases are listed below:

United States v. Luis Carlos Moreno-Mencia, Case No. 3:23-cr-354

On December 9, 2024, Luis Carlos Moreno-Mencia pled guilty to possession with the intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing fentanyl.

According to court documents, on or about September 28, 2023, Moreno-Mencia possessed approximately 167 grams of fentanyl for purposes of further distribution. Moreno-Mencia also possessed a firearm.

On March 3, 2025, Moreno-Mencia was sentenced to 60 months’ imprisonment, followed by 4 years of supervised release. He is facing deportation back to Honduras.

United States v. Olvin Fabricio Diaz-Centeno, Case No. 3:23-cr-00301

On October 3, 2024, Olvin Fabricio Diaz-Centeno pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

According to court documents, Diaz-Centeno was working with others distributing fentanyl, in both powder and pills, within the greater Portland metropolitan area. On or about September 6, 2023, Diaz-Centeno and his co-defendant were arrested and a search of the vehicle they were in resulted in the seizure of approximately 1.2 kilograms of counterfeit M30 pills manufactured with fentanyl and 1 kilogram of Super Mannitol, a cutting agent used to mix with fentanyl for purposes of further distribution. A search of a storage unit Diaz-Centeno and co-defendant maintained resulted in the seizure of approximately 460 grams of counterfeit M30 pills manufactured with fentanyl and 2.1 kilograms of powdered fentanyl, as well as additional Super Mannitol. A search of their residence resulted in the seizure of three pistols; ammunition; and equipment for processing fentanyl for purposes of further distribution, to include vice presses, a scale, masks, Super Mannitol, and a blender.

On December 13, 2024, Diaz-Centeno was sentenced to 87 months’ imprisonment, followed by 3 years of supervised release. He is facing deportation back to Honduras.

United States v. Bexon Calix-Rivera, Case No. 3:24-cr-00232

On March 12, 2025, Bexon Calix-Rivera pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

According to court documents, from January 2023 through to June 2024 Calix-Rivera was arrested by police on multiple occasions. On June 4, 2024, PPB officers recognized Calix-Rivera from the encounter ten days prior. Officers observed Calix-Rivera carrying a hatchet and engaged in hand-to-hand drug transactions in downtown Portland. Officers attempted to detain Calix-Rivera, but he fled on foot. When officers apprehended Calix-Rivera, they seized fentanyl

powder, a firearm, and \$755 in cash. PPB officers booked Calix-Rivera in the Multnomah County Jail, and he was released the same day.

On June 11, 2024, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a six-count indictment charging Calix-Rivera with possession of fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine with the intent to distribute, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. On October 28, 2024 he made his initial appearance on the federal charges and remained in custody.

On June 5, 2025, Calix-Rivera was sentenced to 78 months imprisonment, followed by 4 years supervised release. He pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. He is facing deportation back to Honduras.

United States v. Cristian Laines-Hernandez, Case No. 3:25-cr-00405

On January 15, 2026, Cristian Laines-Hernandez pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

According to court documents, January 18, 2025, Laines possessed to distribute 45 bags of prepackaged fentanyl which weighed approximately 339 grams. He was arrested on state charges and released from custody on January 22, 2025. On September 8, 2025, as part of a separate drug trafficking investigation, Laines was arrested by officers from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Special Investigation's Unit on federal charges. The state case was adopted for federal prosecution. The defendant was held in federal custody since the September 8, 2025, federal arrest.

On May 11, 2026, Laines was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment, followed by 3 years of supervised release. He is facing deportation back to Honduras.

United States v. Matthew Eugene Garlock, Case No. 3:25-cr-00164

On May 27, 2026, Matthew Eugene Garlock pled guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to court documents, beginning on or about January 19, 2025, and continuing until on or about April 4, 2025, Garlock sold fentanyl in downtown Portland. Despite multiple arrests by local law enforcement, he continued distributing fentanyl. On each occasion he was arrested his fentanyl and firearm would be seized and he would then go out and acquire additional fentanyl to sell and an additional firearm for protection. A search of his residence resulted in the seizure of three pistols; ammunition; and equipment for processing fentanyl for further distribution, to include vice presses, a scale, masks, Super Mannitol, and a blender. On April 7, 2025, Garlock made his initial appearance on federal charges and was detained.

Garlock is in custody and scheduled for sentencing.

If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

If you or someone you know suffers from addiction, please call the Lines for Life substance abuse helpline at 1-800-923-4357 or visit www.linesforlife.org. Phone support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also text "RecoveryNow" to 839863 between 2pm and 6pm Pacific Time daily.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Oregon

United States of America)

v.)

Luis Carlos MORENO-MENCIA,)

Case No. 3:23-mj-00170)

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of September 28, 2023 in the county of Multnomah in the
District of Oregon, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and
 841(b)(1)(B)
 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

Offense Description

Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and
 substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.
 Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See affidavit of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent Bobby Gutierrez, which is attached and
 incorporated fully by reference.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/ By phone

Complainant's signature

Bobby Gutierrez, Special Agent, FBI

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1
 by telephone at 5:07 ~~xxxx~~ p.m.

Date: September 29, 2023City and state: Portland, Oregon

Youlee Jim You
Judge's signature

Hon. Youlee Yim You, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

3:23-mj-00170

DISTRICT OF OREGON: ss,

AFFIDAVIT OF BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint

I, Bobby Gutierrez, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

Introduction and Agent Background

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been since January 2021. I am currently assigned to the FBI's Portland Division and am part of the Transnational Organized Crime and Violent Gang Squad. I presently work a variety of criminal and national security matters, including the investigation of violent crimes, gangs and narcotics, in addition to the apprehension of federal fugitives. During my 21-week training at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, I received training in a variety of investigative and legal matters, including the topics of Fourth Amendment searches, the drafting of search warrant affidavits, and probable cause. In my current area of responsibility, I work with law enforcement officers who have experience and training in investigating coded communication involving the distribution of controlled substances and gang affiliations. I have used this training and experience, as well as the training and experience of other law enforcement officers familiar with this investigation, to demonstrate how these criminal enterprises plan, organize and carry out criminal activity.

2. Prior to being employed with the FBI, I was a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in the state of Arizona for approximately six years. As a LMSW, I was responsible for creating and implementing target treatment plans for court-ordered criminal offenders with a chronic history of substance use disorders, domestic violence, and child abuse. In addition to my employment as an LMSW, I was a behavioral health consultant for Medicare/Medicaid and oversaw medical and mental health treatment for patients residing in assisted living homes and

skilled nursing facilities. As a consultant, I was responsible for auditing medical treatment plans, levels of care, and medications to include psychotropic and Schedule II narcotic pain medications.

3. This affidavit is based upon a joint investigation conducted by the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Central Bike Squad, PPB Central Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Purpose of Affidavit

4. This affidavit is submitted to support a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Luis Carlos MORENO-MENCIA, a Hispanic male, date of birth 09/xx/1998 (hereinafter referenced as "MORENO") for committing the crime of Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a Mixture and Substance containing a Detectable amount of Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B) and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation 18 United States Code, Section 924(c).

5. I have obtained the facts set forth in this affidavit through my personal participation in the investigation described below; from oral and written reports of other law enforcement officers; and, from records, documents and other evidence obtained during this investigation. I have obtained and read official reports prepared by law enforcement officers participating in this investigation and in other related investigations.

Summary of Probable Cause

6. Since the beginning of 2023, members of PPB NRT have conducted an ongoing investigation of multiple fentanyl dealers working primarily in the area of SW 6th Avenue and SW Washington Street to include neighboring streets in downtown Portland, Oregon. After conducting surveillance over the course of several weeks, Officer Arnold with PPB was able to identify

several unknown Hispanic males who were consistently in the area conducting hand-to-hand narcotics transactions. Officer Arnold identified these individuals by the clothing they wore, bags they carried, and physical characteristics such as body type, haircut, etc. Officer Arnold noted specific dates and times when narcotics transactions were conducted and developed probable cause to arrest these individuals. Further, Officer Arnold witnessed these individuals showing each other their phones, displaying money to each other, and showing each other bags of narcotics, which led him to believe they were working together in order to sell fentanyl.

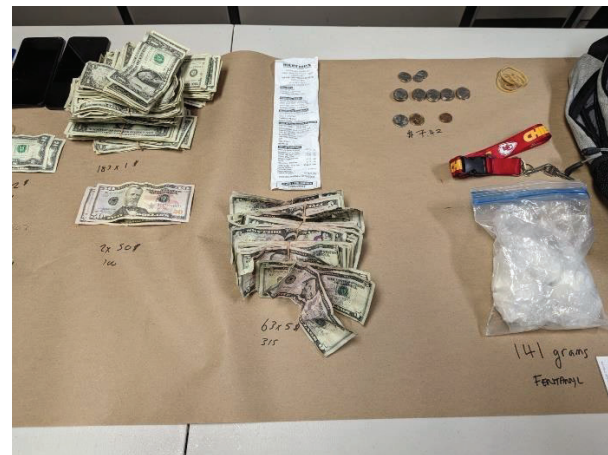
7. On September 28, 2023, PPB NRT and PPB Central Bike Squad Officers, with assistance from the FBI, conducted an operation to arrest the individuals identified by Officer Arnold. Surveillance was set up in the area of SW Park Avenue and SW Washington Street. During the surveillance, Officer Arnold was able to positively identify one of the unknown Hispanic males who he had previously developed probable cause to arrest for distributing narcotics. Officer Arnold described the male as a Hispanic male with a black jacket and grey pants. Officer Arnold stated that the male was wearing a backpack with an umbrella sticking out and making hand to hand exchanges consistent with fentanyl sales.

8. When PPB Officers approached, the unknown Hispanic male described above fled on foot and headed east bound. While on pursuit, Officer Arnold noticed that the unknown Hispanic male took off a gray and black backpack and threw it under a parked vehicle. While the other officers continued to pursue the unknown Hispanic male, Officer Arnold continued to maintain eyes on the backpack until one of the other officers was able come back to retrieve the backpack that was thrown.

9. The other PPB Officers who were in pursuit, were able to apprehend the unknown Hispanic male just eastbound from where he was originally spotted. Officers did note that while

on foot pursuit, the Hispanic male threw a small baggie containing a white powder in it away from himself. The unknown Hispanic male was then taken into custody along with evidence retrieved from the scene. The unknown Hispanic male initially told investigators his name was “Luis Antonio CRUZ” but was not found in any law enforcement database. Officers then used a Mobile Identification Device (MID) to digitally capture the unknown Hispanic male’s fingerprints and it identified him as Luis Carlos MORENO-MENCIA.

10. Following the arrest, PPB Officers began to search the contents of the backpack and discovered a loaded 9mm pistol with a magazine that contained 3 rounds of 9mm ammunition, a large amount of apparent drug packaging material, and several large blocks of what appeared to be fentanyl powder totaling an approximate weight of 141 grams. Officers also discovered a large amount of loose cash in various denominations which investigators believe to be proceeds from the sales of narcotics. PPB Officer Baer tested the suspected fentanyl using a Mobile Detect test kit and received a positive result for fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. Below are two photos of the evidence described above:



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11. Officers then inventoried the evidence obtained from MORENO’s person at the time of arrest to include the baggie that was thrown by MORENO. The items seized from

Affidavit of Special Agent Bobby Gutierrez

MORENO included large quantities of loose cash in various denominations and a digital scale with white residue. Officer Baer also field tested the baggie that was retrieved during the arrest which tested positive for fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. The approximate weight for the fentanyl powder was 26.9 grams. Below is a picture from the evidence described above:



12. In summary, PPB officers seized a combined approximate weight of 167.9 grams of fentanyl powder, \$2,243.42 USD, and a loaded firearm which investigators believe to be a ghost gun based on the physical structure of the weapon.

13. I am very familiar with how fentanyl dealers operate and I know that fentanyl traffickers are increasingly selling both bulk fentanyl powder, as well as counterfeit M30 prescription pills that are manufactured with fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. I know that fentanyl powder is typically a white to off-white powder. I also know that the counterfeit pills being sold are designed to replicate real 30 mg Oxycodone pills, which are round, often blue in color, and stamped with an “M” and “30” on them and weigh approximately 1/10th of a gram. I have seen and been involved in the seizure of tens of thousands of these counterfeit M30 pills and both field tests and forensic laboratory analysis conducted on samples of these pills have

confirmed the presence of fentanyl within them. I know a typical user of fentanyl will either buy powdered fentanyl or counterfeit M30 pills that they will then burn the substance on a piece of tin foil and inhale the fumes. Sometimes a user will simply ingest the pills or inhale the powdered fentanyl as is. Since different weighs of powdered fentanyl sell for different amounts, I know that drug dealers selling fentanyl powder will often possess a scale to weigh the amount of powder fentanyl they are selling. I also know drug dealers selling powdered fentanyl, which they possess in bulk/larger amounts, will often possess additional packaging materials to repackage the drugs they are selling to their customer. These M30 pills can sell on the street to a user for as little as .25 cents a pill. Depending on their level of addiction, I know that a typical fentanyl user buying pills may buy and use between one (1) and 20 pills a day, and sometimes more. I know that a user of powdered fentanyl will typically buy it in quantities of less than a gram and use it in quantities of less than 1/10 of a gram. I also know that dealers of pills will often buy pills in bulk quantities and then repackage the pills into smaller quantities. I know that dealers of powdered fentanyl will often buy fentanyl in larger quantities and then break off and sell it in smaller quantities of a gram or less. I know that a person possessing over one-hundred grams of fentanyl powder does not possess the powder for personal use but rather such a quantity clearly indicates that it is possessed for purposes of further distribution.

14. I have been involved in multiple drug missions targeting fentanyl dealers operating in downtown Portland, Oregon where firearms have been recovered and have talked with other investigators who have also been involved in similar missions where firearms have been recovered. I know from my training and experience that drug traffickers possess guns as “tools of the trade” in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities for a variety of reasons, to include: First, having an accessible gun provides defense against anyone who may attempt to rob the

trafficker of their drugs or drug profits; Second, possessing a gun, and letting everyone know that you are armed, lessens the chances that a robbery will even be attempted; Third, having a gun accessible during a transaction provides protection in case a drug deal turns sour; Fourth, the visible presence of a gun during the transaction may prevent the deal from turning sour in the first place; and, Fifth, having a gun may allow the drug trafficker to defend the “turf” area from which lower-level dealers operate for the trafficker.

15. Following the seizure and arrest, I was then asked to interview MORENO in the Spanish language as I am native Spanish speaker. I then advised MORENO of his *Miranda* rights in Spanish using FBI form FD-395.15 “Notification De Derechos” in the presence of Officer Yoo. MORENO acknowledged his *Miranda* rights and agreed to answer questions. MORENO was interviewed in Spanish and stated the following:

- MORENO initially denied any knowledge of drugs seized during his pursuit with officers.
- MORENO denied owning the backpack that was retrieved during the pursuit.
- I explained to MORENO that the officers involved in the pursuit saw him throw the backpack prior to his detainment but denied the backpack to be his.
- I explained to MORENO that the officers saw him conduct hand to hand exchanges prior to his pursuit and then saw MORENO throw a white baggie of narcotics prior to his arrest. MORENO then told me that he was customer and was in the area looking to buy crystal meth. I asked MORENO why the baggie that was retrieved tested positive for fentanyl and not crystal meth and he said he did not know.

- I asked MORENO about the large amount of loose US currency that was in his possession, and he told me it was money that he got from working construction jobs.

16. PPB Officers told me that MORENO had two cellular phones with as well and I brought these two phones to MORENO. MORENO described owning one of the two phones which was a black Samsung phone. I asked MORENO if we would give consent for investigators to search his phone to help corroborate his story and he agreed. In the presence of MORENO, I searched his phone but did not see any conversations related to drugs in the short time that MORENO allowed me to search his phone. Shortly thereafter, I terminated the interview and MORENO was lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center.

Conclusion

17. Based on the foregoing, I have probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that Luis Carlos MORENO-MENCIA has committed the crimes of Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a Mixture and Substance containing a Detectable amount of Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B) and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation 18 U.S.C Section 924(c). I therefore request that the Court issue criminal complaints and arrest warrant for MORENO.

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18. Prior to being submitted to the Court, this affidavit, the accompanying complaint, and the arrest warrant were all reviewed by Assistant United States Attorney Scott Kerin. AUSA Kerin advised me that in his opinion the affidavit and complaint are legally and factually sufficient to establish probable cause to support the issuance of the requested criminal complaint and arrest warrant.

By phone pursuant to Fed R. Crim. P. 4.1
Bobby Gutierrez Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone at 5:07 pm on September 29, 2023.



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3:23-cr-00301-SI

v.

INDICTMENT

**OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO,
And**

**21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi)
and 21 U.S.C. § 846
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)**

EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEAS,

Forfeiture Allegations

Defendants.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**COUNT 1
(Conspiracy with the Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)
(21 U.S.C. § 846)**

Beginning in 2023, and continuing to on or about September 6, 2023, in the District of Oregon, **OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO and EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEAS**, defendants herein, combine, conspire, confederate and agree together, with each other, and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to possess with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, a Schedule II controlled substance;

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

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COUNT 2
(Possession with the Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(vi))

On or about September 6, 2023, in the District of Oregon, **OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO and EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEGAS**, defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide a Schedule II controlled substance;

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(vi).

COUNT 3
(Possession of Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime)
(18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A))

On or about September 6, 2023, in the District of Oregon, **OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO and EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEGAS**, defendants herein, did knowingly possess firearm(s), to wit, (1) a black Glock 19 bearing serial number BCWT271; (2) a black Ruger EC9S pistol bearing serial number 45555709; and (3) a Black Kahr P9 pistol bearing serial number G013416, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl as alleged in Counts 1 and 2 of this indictment;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

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FIRST FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Upon conviction of the controlled substance offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2, **OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO and EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEAS**, defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the said violations and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of said violations, including but not limited to the following: a money judgment for a sum of money equal to the amount of property representing the amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the controlled substances distributed as alleged in Counts 1 and 2.

If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (4) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

SECOND FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Upon conviction for offense alleged in Count 3, **OLVIN FABRICIO DIAZ-CENTENO and EDIS ODALIS CENTENO BANEAS**, defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the firearms and ammunition involved in each offense, including without limitation:

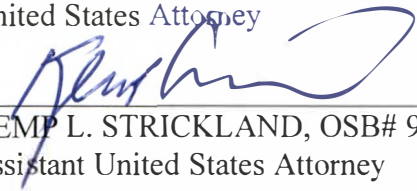
- (1) A black Glock 19 bearing serial number BCWT271.
- (2) A Black Ruger EC9S pistol, serial number 45555709; and
- (3) A Black Kahr P9 pistol bearing serial number G013416.

Dated: September ¹⁹____, 2023

A TRUE BILL

OFFICIATING FOREPERSON

Presented by:
NATALIE K. WIGHT
United States Attorney


KEMP L. STRICKLAND, OSB# 961185
Assistant United States Attorney

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**3:24-cr-00232-IM****v.****INDICTMENT****BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA,****21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi)****21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i)****Defendant.****21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)****18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)****Forfeiture Allegations****UNDER SEAL**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)

(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi))

On or about January 25, 2023, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N- [1- (2-phenylethyl) -4-piperidinyl] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance. The Grand Jury further charges that this violation involved 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(vi).

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COUNT 2
(Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin)
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(i))

On or about January 25, 2023, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance. The Grand Jury further charges that this violation involved 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(i).

COUNT 3
(Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine)
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C))

On or about January 25, 2023, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

COUNT 4
(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C))

On or about May 24, 2024, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N- [1- (2-phenylethyl) -4-piperidiny] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

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COUNT 5
(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C))

On or about June 3, 2024, to June 4, 2024, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N- [1- (2-phenylethyl) -4-piperidiny l] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

COUNT 6
(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense)
(18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i))

On or about June 3, 2024, to June 4, 2024, in the District of Oregon, the defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** unlawfully and knowingly possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime that may be charged in a court of the United States, namely the offense charged in Count Five of this indictment.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

FIRST FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Upon conviction of any of the offenses set forth in Counts One through Five of this indictment, defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, any and all property constituting, or derived from any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the aforesaid violation and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of the violations alleged in any offense set forth in Count Ones through Five of this Indictment.

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SECOND FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Upon conviction of the offense in Count Six, defendant **BEXON JAVIER CALIX-RIVERA** shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the firearm(s) and ammunition involved in that offense, including without limitation:

- One Glock 48 firearm, with serial number AHCM139
- Ten rounds of ammunition from Glock 48 firearm and associated magazine

Dated: June 11, 2024

A TRUE BILL.

OFFICIATING FOREPERSON

Presented by:
NATALIE K. WIGHT
United States Attorney


CASSADY A. ADAMS, CO Bar #48807
Assistant United States Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Oregon

United States of America
v.

Cristian Laines Hernandez

Case No. 3:25-mj-00249

*Defendant(s)***CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 18, 2025 in the county of Multnomah in the
 District of Oregon, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section*21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and
841(b)(1)(B)*Offense Description*Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and
substance containing a detectable amount of Fentanyl, a Schedule II
controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Task Force Officer Nathan Hibbs.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/ By Phone

Complainant's signature

Nathan Hibbs, Task Force Officer, FBI

*Printed name and title*Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone at 3:57 a.m./p.m.Date: 09/09/2025*Judge's signature*City and state: Portland, Oregon

Hon. Jeffrey Armistead, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

3:25-mj-00249

DISTRICT OF OREGON, ss:

AFFIDAVIT OF NATHAN HIBBS

Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant

I, Nathan Hibbs, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:

Introduction and Agent Background

1. I am a Task Force Officer (TFO) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a special deputation to investigate and enforce violations of Title 18 and Title 21 of the United States Code, which includes firearm and controlled substances offenses. I am a Police Detective employed by the City of Gresham Police Department, assigned as a criminal investigator to the Gresham Police Department (GPD) Investigations Division. I am a sworn police officer and have been for more than 19 years. I am currently assigned to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office's (MCSO) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigating narcotics related crimes. I have conducted multiple investigations into weapons offenses and drug trafficking offenses. Through this training and experience, I have become familiar with the manner in which drug traffickers operate to carry out their criminal activity.

2. I submit this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrants for Cristian Laines Hernandez (**LAINES**) for committing the felony offense of Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a Mixture and Substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, all in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B) (hereinafter the Target Offense). As set forth below, there is probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that **LAINES** committed the Target Offense.

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Applicable Law

3. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally possess with intent to distribute or distribute a controlled substance.

Statement of Probable Cause

4. On September 8, 2025, I and other SIU investigators stopped a vehicle, here in the greater Portland, Oregon metropolitan area, in relation to an ongoing fentanyl investigation. The passenger in the vehicle was identified as **LAINES**. The driver of the vehicle and **LAINES** both consented to a search of the vehicle. Hidden in the center console area investigators located 16.4 gross grams of fentanyl in two packages. The fentanyl was later tested using a presumptive field test and the test indicated positive for fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. I have found that these field tests are a reliable method of testing controlled substances with subsequent forensic analysis repeatedly confirming the results. The fentanyl was located directly next to where **LAINES** had been seated. **LAINES** was also in possession of \$2,840 in U.S. currency.

5. While on the stop I reviewed a police report written by a Gresham Police Department Officer on January 18, 2025. On January 18, 2025, a Gresham Police Department Officer observed **LAINES** driving a vehicle without a license plate in the City of Gresham, Oregon. The officer observed **LAINES** drive out of an apartment complex parking lot. The officer stated in his report that he had received information from federal and local narcotics investigators stating the apartment complex **LAINES** was leaving had seen an increase in drug traffickers frequenting that apartment complex. The officer observed **LAINES** commit a traffic violation and the officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle. **LAINES** identified himself to the officer with a Honduras identification card. **LAINES** had no driver's license or insurance for the vehicle. The officer noted **LAINES** had an air freshener hanging over each of the doors of

the vehicle and one hanging from the mirror. The officer stated he knew drug traffickers to use air fresheners to conceal drug odors from police detection K9's.

6. The location where the vehicle stopped was blocking vehicular traffic. The officer ordered a tow for the vehicle. The officer used a native Spanish speaking officer to also request consent from **LAINES** to search the vehicle. **LAINES** consented to the search of the vehicle. The officer also needed to inventory the vehicle for the tow.

7. In searching the vehicle, the officer located a red and blue purse Tommy Hilfiger brand purse in the center console. Inside the purse the officer located approximately 45 bags of suspected fentanyl. About 33 of the bags weighed approximately three (3) grams per bag, about nine (9) of the bags weighed approximately 13 grams per bag, and about three (3) of the bags weighed approximately 26 grams per bag. In total, the bags of fentanyl weighed approximately 339 gross grams (approximately 11.96 ounces), including the bags they were packaged in. **LAINES** was also found in possession of \$1,319 in U.S. currency. Officers later used a presumptive test on an amount of the suspected fentanyl found in the vehicle and the test indicated presumptive positive for fentanyl.

8. Officers arrested **LAINES** on state charges and lodged him in jail.

9. After reviewing the prior report and based on the most recent incident, I arrested **LAINES** on federal probable cause for the January 18, 2025, Gresham Police Department investigation.

10. I know that fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance and an extremely powerful synthetic opioid that is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. I know that 2 mg. of fentanyl can be a potentially fatal dose. I know that fentanyl traffickers regularly buy and sell bulk fentanyl powder. I know a typical user

of fentanyl will either buy powdered fentanyl or counterfeit M30 pills that they will then burn it on a piece of tin foil and inhale the fumes. Sometimes a user will simply ingest the pills or inhale the powdered fentanyl. I know that fentanyl addicts on the street do not regularly stockpile large amounts of fentanyl but rather tend to buy a small amount of what they need and then resupply themselves when they run out. I know that a user of powdered fentanyl will use it in quantities of less than 1/10 of a gram and will regularly buy it in amounts of less than a gram up to a couple of grams at a time. I know that dealers of powdered fentanyl will often buy fentanyl in larger quantities and then break off and sell it in smaller quantities of a gram or less. I know that a person possessing over 10 grams of fentanyl powder does not possess the powder for personal use but rather such a quantity indicates that it is possessed for purposes of further distribution.

Conclusion

11. Based on the foregoing, I have probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that Cristian Laines Hernandez (**LAINES**) committed the felony offense of Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a Mixture and Substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, all in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(the Target Offense). I therefore request that the Court issue a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for **LAINES** for committing the Target Offense.

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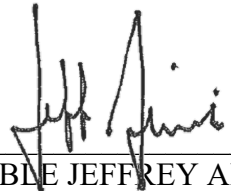
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12. Prior to being submitted to the Court, this affidavit, the accompanying complaint and the arrest warrant were all reviewed by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Scott Kerin, and AUSA Kerin advised me that in his opinion the affidavit and complaint are legally and factually sufficient to establish probable cause to support the issuance of the requested criminal complaint and arrest warrant.

By phone pursuant to Fed R. Crim. P. 4.1
Nathan Hibbs, Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone at 3:57 pm on September 9, 2025.



HONORABLE JEFFREY ARMISTEAD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Oregon

United States of America

v.

MATTHEW EUGENE GARLOCK

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Case No. 3:25-mj-00095

*Defendant(s)***CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 4, 2025 in the county of Multnomah in the
District of Oregon, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section**Offense Description*21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and
841(b)(1)(B)
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1) Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of a Mixture and
Substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance; and,
(2) Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit of FBI Special Agent Bobby Gutierrez.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.*/s/ By Phone**Complainant's signature*

Bobby Gutierrez, Special Agent, FBI

*Printed name and title*Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone at 7:11 pm.m./p.m.Date: April 5, 2025*Youlee Yim You*
*Judge's signature*City and state: Portland, Oregon

Hon. Youlee Yim You, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Case No. 3:25-mj-00095

DISTRICT OF OREGON: ss,

AFFIDAVIT OF BOBBY GUTIERREZ

Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint

I, Bobby Gutierrez, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

Introduction and Agent Background

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been since January 2021. I am currently assigned to the FBI's Portland Division and am part of the Transnational Organized Crime and Violent Gang Squad. I presently work a variety of criminal and national security matters, including the investigation of violent crimes, gangs and narcotics, in addition to the apprehension of federal fugitives. During my 21-week training at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, I received training in a variety of investigative and legal matters, including the topics of Fourth Amendment searches, the drafting of search warrant affidavits, and probable cause. In my current area of responsibility, I work with law enforcement officers who have experience and training in investigating coded communication involving the distribution of controlled substances and gang affiliations. I have used this training and experience, as well as the training and experience of other law enforcement officers familiar with this investigation, to demonstrate how these criminal enterprises plan, organize and carry out criminal activity.

2. Prior to being employed with the FBI, I was a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in the state of Arizona for approximately six years. As a LMSW, I was responsible for creating and implementing target treatment plans for court-ordered criminal offenders with a chronic history of substance use disorders, domestic violence, and child abuse. In addition to my employment as an LMSW, I was a behavioral health consultant for Medicare/Medicaid and oversaw medical and mental health treatment for patients residing in assisted living homes and

skilled nursing facilities. As a consultant, I was responsible for auditing medical treatment plans, levels of care, and medications to include psychotropic and Schedule II narcotic pain medications.

3. This affidavit is based upon a joint investigation conducted by the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Central Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), PPB Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit (NOC), United States Attorney's Office (USAO), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Purpose of Affidavit

4. This affidavit is submitted to support a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for **Matthew Eugene Garlock**, a Caucasian male, date of birth 07/XX/1979 (hereinafter referenced as "GARLOCK") for committing the crimes of:

- Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of Mixture and Substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); and,
- Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c).

5. I have obtained the facts set forth in this affidavit through my personal participation in the investigation described below; from oral and written reports of other law enforcement officers; and, from records, documents and other evidence obtained during this investigation. I have obtained and read official reports prepared by law enforcement officers participating in this investigation and in other related investigations.

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Confidential Informant

6. This investigation involves the use of a Confidential Informant (CI) who provided the information by his/her own free will. CI is working with Investigators and provided actionable information to law enforcement in exchange for consideration on their pending criminal charges. No promises or guarantees were made by investigators to gain CI's cooperation. CI has previously been arrested for Domestic Assault/Strangulation, Stalking/Intimidation, Harassing Communications, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Paraphernalia with the intent to use, Possession of Controlled Substances with the Intent to Distribute, and Theft. CI is specifically aware of the methods of packaging and the prices of the controlled substances because CI has used and/or has had associates who use these and other types of illegal drugs and has accurately described this information to Investigators. CI has provided information that led to arrests and seizure of contraband. Based on CI's ability to conduct recorded, drug-related phone calls with a target individual, and observations of physical surveillance that corroborate CI's ability to order narcotics from a target individual, Investigators believe the information CI has provided to be credible and reliable

Summary of Probable Cause

7. Since the beginning of 2024, members of PPB NRT have conducted ongoing investigations of fentanyl dealers working primarily in the area of downtown, Portland, Oregon to include neighboring communities. These missions have been aimed at reducing the amount of fentanyl in downtown Portland, Oregon. These same missions in return, has shown a reduction in drug overdoses and the criminal activity associated to the sales of narcotics, to include a reduction in gun violence.

8. In March of 2025, Investigators met with the CI who provided information on a fentanyl dealer operating in Portland, Oregon by the name “Ohio.” CI informed Investigators that the CI knew that “Ohio” was selling fentanyl for \$1,000 an ounce and had also heard numerous fentanyl customers reference “Ohio” as a fentanyl dealer. The CI provided the number 503-xxx-4461 (Target Cellphone) which was being used by “Ohio” and which people would call to order fentanyl from “Ohio.”

9. Using the information above, Investigators searched the Target Cellphone in various law enforcement databases and discovered that the Target Cellphone had been previously identified by PPB Investigators belonging to a Mathew Eugene Garlock (**GARLOCK**). I made contact with PPB Investigators who informed me that **GARLOCK** had an extensive criminal history involving the sales of narcotics, to include while in possession of a firearm. PPB informed me that they were very familiar with **GARLOCK**.

10. According to PPB Investigators, **GARLOCK** was arrested on January 19, 2025, by PPB, after being found in possession of fentanyl, a .380 caliber pistol, and bulk US Currency. On February 12, 2025, **GARLOCK** was arrested again by PPB during an undercover drug buy after **GARLOCK** had agreed to sell fentanyl to Investigators. **GARLOCK** who was in possession of fentanyl during the arrest, consented to a search of his apartment located on NW Naito Parkway, Apt #xxx, Portland, Oregon, known as The Yards at Union Station. A search of the residence revealed additional narcotics, digital scales, packaging material and a pistol.

11. On April 3, 2025, PPB NRT officers arrested an individual in downtown Portland, Oregon who provided them with information on a fentanyl dealer operating in Portland, Oregon who went by the name “Ohio,” a.k.a. “Matt.” The individual had been arrested for a warrant and minor drug charges. In lieu of being formally charged the individual said they were willing to

provide information about a fentanyl dealer they knew as “Ohio.” The individual told Investigators that they had routinely bought fentanyl from “Ohio.” The Individual told Investigators that “Ohio” conducted fentanyl deals at the “The Yards” apartment complex and the individual had witnessed seeing a firearm at “Ohio’s” apartment as recently as March 31, 2025. Investigators showed the individual a photo of **GARLOCK**, and the individual positively identified him as “Ohio,” a.k.a. “Matt.”

12. Using the information above, on April 4, 2025, PPB Investigators sought and obtained a state search warrant for **GARLOCK**’s residence at The Yards at Union Station apartment complex in Portland, Oregon. That same day, out of abundance of caution and due to the recent information regarding a firearm in **GARLOCK**’s residence, PPB Investigators called **GARLOCK** to meet with them, as they had previously done. **GARLOCK** agreed to meet Investigators at the predetermined meeting location and he was subsequently arrested when he showed up. After being arrested, **GARLOCK** was advised of his Constitutional *Miranda* rights. **GARLOCK** acknowledged understanding his rights and he was driven back to his residence, where he was read the search warrant for his apartment. Prior to executing the warrant, **GARLOCK** was asked where Investigators would find the narcotics and firearms and **GARLOCK** told Investigators the narcotics would be inside a safe near in his bedroom and the gun would be in the front room near a coffee table.

13. Following this information, on April 4, 2025, Investigators executed the search warrant on **GARLOCK**’s apartment, which is located within Portland, Oregon, and inside they discovered and seized various drug packaging and paraphernalia; digital scales; a loaded Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm pistol with serial number HMT400; and, a safe that contained

approximately 8,760 in bulk U.S. Currency and a prepackaged amount of suspected fentanyl.

Below are images of the seized items:



14. Upon completion of the warrant, Investigators transported the seized evidence to PPB's Penumbra Kelly Building located at 4735 E Burnside St, Portland, Oregon. Investigators weighed the suspected powdered fentanyl and then tested it using a MobileDetect test kit and received a positive (+) result for fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. I have found MobileDetect to be a reliable way to field test-controlled substances with subsequent forensic analysis regularly confirming the initial results. The fentanyl weighed approximately 71 grams, to include packaging.

15. In summary, Investigators seized approximately 71 grams of fentanyl to include packaging, approximately 8,760 in bulk U.S. Currency believed to from the sale of narcotics, and a loaded Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm pistol with serial number HMT400.

16. Following his arrest and the execution of the search warrant, **GARLOCK** was lodged in a detention cell while Investigators prepared to conduct an interview. **GARLOCK**, who had previously acknowledged his *Miranda* rights, agreed to continue talking with Investigators. Below is a summary of what **GARLOCK** told the Investigators:

- **GARLOCK** confirmed he was still selling fentanyl.
- **GARLOCK** said he had bought approximately five (5) ounces from his "Honduran" source of supply, for which he paid \$4,500.
- When **GARLOCK** was asked about the pistol located in his apartment he told Investigators he carried the firearm for protection because he carried a lot of cash.
- Investigators asked why people referred to him as "Ohio," and **GARLOCK** told Investigators he was from Sandusky, Ohio.

17. Shortly thereafter, Investigators terminated the interview. **GARLOCK** was subsequently lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center on federal charges.

18. I very familiar with how fentanyl dealers operate, and I know that fentanyl traffickers are increasingly selling both bulk fentanyl powder and counterfeit prescription pills manufactured with fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance. I know that fentanyl powder is typically a white to off-white powder. Since different weights of powdered fentanyl sell for different amounts, I know that drug dealers selling fentanyl powder will often possess a scale to weigh the amount of powder fentanyl they are selling. I also know drug dealers selling powdered fentanyl, which they will often possess in bulk/larger amounts, will often possess additional packaging materials to repackage the drugs they are selling to their customer. Depending on their level of addiction, I know that a user of powdered fentanyl will typically buy it in quantities of less than a gram and use it in quantities of much less than 1/10 of a gram. I know that dealers of powdered fentanyl will often buy fentanyl in larger quantities and then break off and sell it in smaller quantities of a gram or less. I know that a person possessing approximately 70 grams of fentanyl powder does not possess it for personal use but rather such a quantity clearly indicates that it is possessed for purposes of further distribution.

19. I have also been involved in multiple drug missions targeting drug dealers operating in Portland, Oregon where firearms have been recovered and have talked with other investigators who have also been involved in similar missions where firearms have been recovered. I know from my training and experience that drug traffickers possess guns as “tools of the trade” in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities for a variety of reasons, to include: First, having an accessible gun provides defense against anyone who may attempt to rob the trafficker of their drugs or drug profits; Second, possessing a gun, and letting everyone know that you are armed,

lessens the chances that a robbery will even be attempted; Third, having a gun accessible during a transaction provides protection in case a drug deal turns sour; Fourth, the visible presence of a gun during the transaction may prevent the deal from turning sour in the first place; and, Fifth, having a gun may allow the drug trafficker to defend the “turf” area from which lower-level dealers operate for the trafficker.

Conclusion

20. Based on the foregoing, I have probable cause to believe, and I do believe, that Matthew Eugene **GARLOCK** has committed the felony crimes of:

- Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 grams or more of Mixture and Substance containing Fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); and,
- Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)

21. I therefore request that the Court issue a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for **GARLOCK**.

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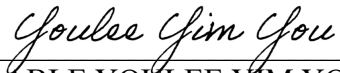
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By phone pursuant to Fed R. Crim. P. 4.1
Bobby Gutierrez, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone at 7:11 p.m. on April 5, 2025.



HONORABLE YULEE YIM YOU
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE