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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

AO 91 (Rev. 01/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Mexico

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United States of America
v.
Juan De Dios GERMAN-Soto
Ricardo OROZCO

Case No.

10-857 MJ

Defendant

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 of 03/25/2010 in the county of Sierra in the _____ District of New Mexico, the defendant violated 21 U. S. C. § 841 an offense described as follows:

Knowing and intentionally possess with intent to distribute approximately 4 pounds of methamphetamine.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

James Gimler TFO

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 03/26/3010

Judge's signature

City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Karen Molzen

Printed name and title

United States of America

V.

OROZCO, Ricardo Jr.

German-Soto, Juan De Dios ~~German~~

On March 25, 2010, at approximately 2:35 PM, Sierra County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn C. Hamilton was patrolling Interstate 25 in Truth or Consequences, Sierra County, New Mexico when he observed a white 2003 Chevy S-10 displaying Arizona license plate AJE-5421 traveling Southbound over the speed limit. Deputy Hamilton along with Officer Kelly Lowe and his assigned K-9 Primus, conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle near mile-marker 91 on Interstate 25. Deputy Hamilton identified the driver as Ricardo OROZCO and passenger Juan De Dios German SOTO. Deputy Hamilton as this time noticed the driver became very nervous and began wiping his hands on his pants and further noticed that his neck appeared to pulsate with each heartbeat. Deputy Hamilton issued OROZCO a traffic violation for speeding and while Deputy Hamilton issued the citation Officer Lowe conducted an open air sniff of the vehicle. Officer Lowe then advised Deputy Hamilton that his canine had alerted to the vehicle.

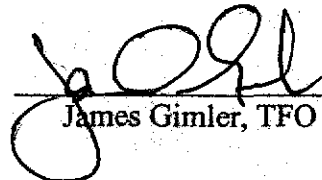
In post Miranda statements to Agent Daniel Vasquez GERMAN-Soto admitted to the vehicle containing methamphetamine which he referred to as "hielo". SOTO agreed to open the secret after market compartment. Agent Vasquez stated that the trap was opened and Agents observed four (4) bundles wrapped in cellophane. Agents then transported the vehicle along with both suspects to the DEA office in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

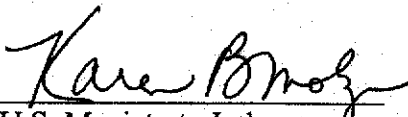
SOTO told agents while at the DEA office in Las Cruces, New Mexico that he received the 4lbs of methamphetamines and the vehicle in Mesa, AZ. He spoke with OROZCO and offered to pay OROZCO \$1,000 in US Currency to drive the vehicle from Mesa, AZ to Socorro, NM. SOTO stated that he advised OROZCO he was bringing "mandado" (which through my training and experience is a word commonly used as a code word for drugs) to New Mexico. SOTO told agents that the methamphetamine was advanced to him from a source in Mesa, AZ to which he owes approximately \$45,000.00.

The methamphetamine was field tested at the DEA office in Las Cruces, NM which showed a positive result.

AUSA Renee Camacho authorized Federal Prosecution on defendants.

Defendants were booked into the Dona Ana County Detention Center in Las Cruces, NM.


James Gimler, TFO



U.S. Magistrate Judge