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Grand Jury in open Court, in the presence
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DISTRICT COURT at Seattle, Washington

May 26, 2021

WILLIAM M. McCOOL, Clerk

By  Deputy

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

v.

WYATT AKRIDGE,
Defendant.

NO. **CR21-090 JLR**

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1
(Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances)

Beginning on a time unknown, but within the last five years, and ending on or around March 2, 2021, in King County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, WYATT AKRIDGE and others known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute controlled substances under Title 21, United States Code, Section 812, including N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (fentanyl), heroin, and cocaine.

It is further alleged that the offense involved 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (fentanyl).

1 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B),
2 and 846.

3 **COUNT 2**
4 **(Distribution of Fentanyl)**

5 On or about May 2, 2020, in King County, within the Western District of
6 Washington, and elsewhere, WYATT AKRIDGE did knowingly and intentionally
7 distribute N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (fentanyl), a
8 substance controlled under Schedule II, Title 21, United States Code, Section 812.

9 It is further alleged that this offense was committed during and in furtherance of
10 the conspiracy charged in Count 1, above.

11 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and
12 841(b)(1)(C).

13 **COUNT 3**
14 **(Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute)**

15 On or about March 2, 2021, in King County, in the Western District of
16 Washington, and elsewhere, WYATT AKRIDGE did knowingly and intentionally
17 possess with intent to distribute, controlled substances, including methamphetamine,
18 cocaine, and cocaine base, all substances controlled under Title 21, United State Code,
19 Section 812.

20 It is further alleged that this offense was committed during and in furtherance of
21 the conspiracy charged in Count 1, above.

22 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and
23 841(b)(1)(C) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

24 **COUNT 4**
25 **(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense)**

26 On or about March 2, 2021, in Seattle, within the Western District of Washington,
27 WYATT AKRIDGE did knowingly and intentionally possess a firearm, to wit, (i) a
28 Springfield Armory XD .40 caliber handgun; (ii) a B&T TP9-US 9mm caliber handgun;

(iii) a Springfield Armory Hellcat handgun; and (iv) a Pioneer Arms Corp handgun, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a Court of the United States, that is, Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, as charged in Count 1 of this Indictment, and Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute, as charged in Count 3 of this Indictment.

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

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

The allegations contained in Counts 1–4 of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture.

Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 1 of this Indictment, the defendant, WYATT AKRIDGE, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property that constitutes or is traceable to proceeds of the offense, as well as any property that facilitated the offense. This property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. \$2,180 in U.S. currency;
- b. A Springfield Armory XD .40 caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;
- c. A B&T TP9-US 9mm caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;
- d. A Springfield Armory Hellcat handgun and any associated ammunition; and,
- e. A Pioneer Arms Corp handgun and any associated ammunition.

Upon conviction of either of the offenses alleged in Counts 2 and 3 of this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21 United States Code, Section 853, any property that constitutes or is traceable to proceeds of the offense, as well as any property that facilitated the offense. This property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. A Springfield Armory XD .40 caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;
- b. A B&T TP9-US 9mm caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;

- c. A Springfield Armory Hellcat handgun and any associated ammunition; and,
- d. A Pioneer Arms Corp handgun and any associated ammunition.

Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Count 4 of this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), by way of Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms and associated ammunition that were involved the offense. This property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. A Springfield Armory XD .40 caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;
- b. A B&T TP9-US 9mm caliber handgun and any associated ammunition;
- c. A Springfield Armory Hellcat handgun any associated ammunition; and,
- d. A Pioneer Arms Corp handgun and any associated ammunition.

Substitute Assets. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

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

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1 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code,
2 Section 853(p), to seek the forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the
3 value of the above-described forfeitable property.

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5 A TRUE BILL:

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7 DATED:

5/26/2021

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9 *Signature of Foreperson redacted pursuant*
10 *to the policy of the Judicial Conference of*
11 *the United States.*

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FOREPERSON

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DEFENDANT STATUS SHEET

(One for each defendant)

I. CASE STATUS

Name of Defendant: Wyatt Akridge

Has defendant had initial appearance in this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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II. CUSTODIAL STATUS

If defendant had initial appearance, please check one of the following:

- ☐ Continue Conditions of Release
- ☐ Continue Detention
- ☐ Temporary Detention, a detention hearing has been scheduled for

III. ARRAIGNMENT

☒ Warrant to Issue (If so, please complete *Defendant Arrest Warrant Info Sheet*)

☐ Summons to be Issued for Appearance on

Defendant's Address:

☐ Letter to Defense Counsel for Appearance on

Defense Attorney's Name and address:

The estimated trial time is 4 days.

(Revised March 2018)