UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Honorable Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J.

HAZIR BURWELL, a/k/a "Hazzy," and JAIZON BENNETT, a/k/a "Glizzy" Mag. No. 22-9024

I, Daniel Shim, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

Daniel Shim Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Daniel Shim attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 4.1(b)(2)(A) on January 5, 2022, in the District of New Jersey

Honorable Cathy L. Waldor United States Magistrate Judge

Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances)

On or about January 5, 2022, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

HAZIR BURWELL, a/k/a "Hazzy,"

knowingly and intentionally did possess with the intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

COUNT TWO

(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime)

On or about January 5, 2022, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

HAZIR BURWELL, a/k/a "Hazzy,"

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the possession with intent to distribute controlled substances charged in Count One of this Criminal Complaint, did knowingly possess a firearm.

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

COUNT THREE

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances)

On or about January 5, 2022, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

JAIZON BENNETT, a/k/a "Glizzy,"

knowingly and intentionally did possess with the intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

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

COUNT FOUR

(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime)

On or about January 5, 2022, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

JAIZON BENNETT, a/k/a "Glizzy,"

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the possession with intent to distribute controlled substances charged in Count Three of this Criminal Complaint, did knowingly possess a firearm.

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

ATTACHMENT B

- I, Daniel Shim, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and other evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this Complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.
- 1. Since at least as early as in or around February 2021, law enforcement has been investigating a criminal enterprise that operates in the area of Evergreen Avenue and Hanford Street, known as "Seth Boyden" or the "500 block," referencing the Seth Boyden Housing Complex—a nearby abandoned housing project. The investigation has been centered on drug distribution and acts of violence that have occurred on and around Hanford Street, a dead-end block just north of Evergreen Avenue.
- 2. During the course of the investigation, which has included fixed and mobile surveillance, social media reviews, and the utilization of confidential sources, among other investigative techniques, law enforcement has determined that Hazir Burwell, a/k/a "Hazzy" ("BURWELL"), and Jaizon Bennett, a/k/a "Glizzy" ("BENNETT"), are members and associates of this criminal enterprise who distribute controlled substances and commit acts of violence for and on behalf of the enterprise.
- 3. For example, on or about March 11, 2021, BENNETT and BURWELL—along with two other members and associates of the criminal enterprise—committed a shooting in Newark, New Jersey, during which they both fired multiple rounds while occupying a stolen vehicle and while involved in a high-speed pursuit. The investigation has further revealed that BENNETT and BURWELL distribute controlled substances in the area of Hanford Street and elsewhere.
- 4. As a result of the March 2021 shooting, BENNETT and BURWELL were charged in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, with multiple crimes, including aggravated assault and weapons offenses. On or about January 5, 2022, law enforcement arrested BENNETT and BURWELL as a result of the arrest warrants issued in relation to these charges. Pursuant to lawful searches of the residences of BENNETT and BURWELL, which searches were conducted in conjunction with these arrests, law enforcement recovered controlled substances and firearms.

- 5. Specifically, BURWELL was arrested in his bedroom, which was likewise found to contain approximately 188 glassine envelopes of suspected heroin; approximately twenty-four jugs of suspected cocaine base; a 9mm Smith & Wesson M&P semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number EX2832, which was loaded with nine rounds of 9mm ammunition; two extended magazines capable of holding thirty rounds of ammunition; and a drum magazine capable of holding fifty rounds of ammunition.
- 6. BENNETT was arrested in his bedroom, which was likewise found to contain approximately fifty glassine envelopes of suspected heroin and a 9mm Taurus G2C handgun with a defaced serial number, which was loaded with eight rounds of 9mm ammunition.