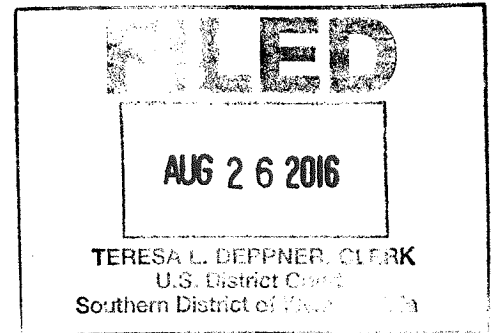


USA
v.
Bruce Lamar Griggs
3:16-mj-00075

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF CABELL, to-wit:

I, Paul Hunter, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

I am employed as a police officer with the Huntington Police Department, Huntington, Cabell County, WV, as of June of 1996 to present. I was previously assigned to the Patrol Division of the Huntington Police Department. I am currently assigned to the Huntington Police Department Drug and Vice Division and the Huntington FBI Drug Task Force and am federally deputized as a Task Force Agent with the FBI. As a Task Force Agent, I am an investigative law enforcement officer of the United States of America within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18 United States Code (U.S.C.), that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Section 2516 of Title 18 U.S.C.

I have routinely investigated numerous cases on the state and federal levels involving the trafficking, use, and possession of illegal controlled substances including marijuana, cocaine (HCL), cocaine base, heroin, and pharmaceuticals. I am also familiar with the appearance, packaging, paraphernalia, and distribution of marijuana, cocaine (HCL), cocaine base, heroin, pharmaceuticals,

and other commonly used street drugs. I have received specialized training during the basic officer academy at the West Virginia State Police Academy where part of course of study dealt with Criminal Investigations, Drug Identification Techniques, and the Laws Regulating Controlled Substances.

Based on information ascertained in this investigation, I believe there is probable cause to show that Bruce Lamar GRIGGS (hereinafter "GRIGGS") distributed heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, to [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") on or about August 15, 2016, in Huntington, Cabell County, and within the Southern District of West Virginia.

On that date, the Huntington Police Department responded to numerous calls involving individuals who had overdosed after using heroin in the area of St. Louis Avenue and Marcum Terrace in Huntington. Two of the individuals who had overdosed after using heroin were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]"). Officers and emergency personnel responded to the 400 block of St. Louis Avenue at approximately 3:39 p.m. where they located [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was administered naloxone, which is a medication used to block the effects of heroin and opioids, at the scene, and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were transported to the hospital.

Officers thereafter interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding the circumstances of the overdoses. [REDACTED] stated that on August 15, 2016, [REDACTED] purchased heroin from an individual named "Benz" in

the area of St. Louis Avenue and Marcum Terrace. [REDACTED] has identified a photograph of GRIGGS as the person [REDACTED] knows as Benz. [REDACTED] further stated that after [REDACTED] purchased the heroin from GRIGGS, [REDACTED] took the heroin to [REDACTED] at which point they both used the heroin and overdosed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

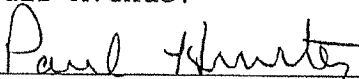
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that on August 15, 2016, they ([REDACTED]) purchased heroin from an individual [REDACTED] knew as "Ben" in the area of St. Louis Avenue and Marcum Terrace. [REDACTED] stated that after they purchased the heroin, they used the heroin and overdosed.

Officers have interviewed numerous witnesses who also overdosed from heroin on August 15, 2016. Witnesses stated that an individual named "Ben" and/or "Benz" was selling heroin in the area of St. Louis Avenue and Marcum Terrace. Witnesses stated that "Ben" and/or "Benz" was operating a white Chevrolet Cruze on August 15, 2016.

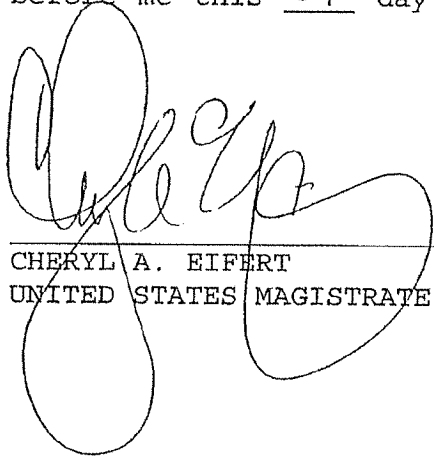
Officers have retrieved surveillance video from cameras maintained in the area of Marcum Terrace. Surveillance recordings from August 15, 2016, between approximately 2:09 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. show an individual matching the description of "Ben" and/or "Benz," who officers believe to be GRIGGS, arriving in the area of

St. Louis Avenue and Marcum Terrace in a white Chevrolet Cruze, meeting with numerous individuals, and engaging in activity that is indicative of hand-to-hand street level drug distributions. The recordings further show [REDACTED] walking to the area where GRIGGS was located at approximately 2:44 p.m. and shortly thereafter returning to the 400 block of St. Louis Avenue.



Paul Hunter
Task Force Agent, FBI

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of August,
2016.



CHERYL A. EIFERT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE