UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ADOLFO TAMEZ
a/k/a "Wally"
JAIME RODRIGUEZ SANDOVAL
a/k/a "Pancho"
IVAN ALVARADO
a/k/a "TN"
JOSUE RIVERA ROSARIO
JESUS GONZALEZ-SALCEDO
a/k/a "Chuy"
ANTONIO GONZALEZ
FNU LNU
a/k/a "CHEPE"
CESAR RAMOS
OMAR MARTINEZ
a/k/a "Chilango"

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: 6:12-mj- 1050-01-09

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original.
SHERYL L. LOESCH, Clerk
United States District Court
Middle District of Florida
By: Deputy Clerk

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Beginning on or about a date unknown to the United States, but no later than in or about April 2011, and continuing to in or about February 2012, in Orange County, in the Middle District fo Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants did,

Knowingly Conspire to Possess With Intent to Distribute More than 1,000 Kilograms of Marijuana

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841 (b)(1)(A)(vii). I further state that I am a Special Agent with Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Complainant
FBI S.A. Kevin Farrington

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

February 6th, 2012 at Orlando, Florida

Gregory J. Kelly
United States Magistrate Judge
Name & Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

1050-01-09

State of Florida
County of Orange

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MASTER AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS AND SEARCH WARRANTS

I, Kevin M. Farrington, being duly sworn, depose and state that:

Introduction

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Orlando Resident Agency. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States, within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18, United States Code, and am empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2516(1).

2. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since January 1999. During my employment with the FBI, I have participated and assisted in drug and money laundering investigations, during the course of which I have done physical and wire surveillance, been the affiant on search warrants, executed search warrants, collected evidence, and have reviewed and analyzed taped conversations and records of drug traffickers. Therefore, I am familiar with some of the manners in which illegal drugs are imported and distributed, the methods of payments for such drugs, and the efforts of persons involved in such activity to avoid detection by law enforcement, as well as some of the methods used to finance drug transactions and launder drug proceeds.

3. I have participated in investigations of violations of various federal and state statutes, including violations of Title 18 and 21 of the United States Code. These investigations have resulted in arrests of individuals who have received and distributed controlled substances and have conspired and aided and abetted to do so, including cocaine, marijuana, heroin, and methamphetamine.

4. I have also participated in or conducted investigations wherein I identified co-conspirators through the use of telephone records and bills, financial records, drug ledgers, and other documents. I have also participated in the debriefings of many of those individuals who were arrested and cooperated with the government in regards to various violations of Title 18 and Title 21 of the United States Code.

5. I have directed confidential sources and cooperating witnesses to successfully infiltrate criminal enterprises and conduct intelligence gathering, participate in consensual recordings, and conduct purchases of controlled substances and contraband. I have executed search warrants for controlled substances and contraband, and have conducted surveillance in connection with criminal enterprise investigations. I have received extensive on-the-job training concerning investigative procedures and strategies related to various criminal enterprises, to include drug trafficking organizations. I am familiar with the

operation of illegal drug trafficking organizations in the Orlando, Florida area and in other places in the United States. I have participated in court-ordered interceptions of wire communications involving cellular telephones, and I have been the affiant on previous interceptions of wire communications involving cellular telephones. I am familiar with the ways in which criminal enterprises, including narcotics traffickers, conduct their business, including methods of importing and distributing narcotics, money laundering, the use of telephones to facilitate their illegal activity, and the use of coded communications to conduct drug transactions.

6. Based upon my training and experience, I am aware that it is common for drug traffickers and distributors:

a. to keep large amounts of U.S. Currency in order to maintain and finance their on-going narcotics business;

b. to keep books, records, receipts, notes, ledgers, airline tickets, bank records, money orders, and other papers relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation, and distribution of illegal controlled substances. These individuals commonly front (provide illegal controlled substances on consignment) illegal controlled

substances to their clients and thus keep some type of records concerning monies owed. The aforementioned books, records, receipts, notes, ledgers, airline tickets, bank records, money orders, etc., are maintained where the narcotics trafficker has ready access to them such as his/her person, his/her residences and offices, in his/her motor vehicles or place of operation, or in storage facilities;

c. to secrete contraband, precursor chemicals and glassware, proceeds of drug sales, and records of drug transactions in secure locations within their residences, businesses, properties, automobiles, and within rented storage units for ready access and to conceal same from law enforcement authorities;

d. to conceal in residences, businesses, properties, automobiles, and within rented storage units, caches of drugs, currency, financial instruments, precious metals, jewelry, and other items of value and/or proceeds of drug transactions, and evidence of financial transactions relating to obtaining, transferring, secreting, or spending of large sums of

money made from engaging in narcotics trafficking activities;

e. to amass proceeds from the sale of drugs to attempt to legitimize these profits through foreign and domestic banks and their attendant services, securities, cashier's checks, money drafts, letters of credit, brokerage houses, real estate, shell corporations, and business fronts;

f. to keep books, papers, and electronic devices that reflect names, addresses and/or telephone numbers of their clients and associates in the trafficking organization;

g. to photograph themselves, their associates, their property, and their operations and the controlled substances, and that these traffickers usually keep these photographs in their possession;

h. to keep paraphernalia for manufacturing, importing, packaging, weighing, and distributing narcotics that include but are not limited to, glassware, precursor chemicals, scales, plastic bags, and other packaging materials;

i. to utilize telephones, cellular telephones, digital pagers, utilities, automobiles, motel rooms,

apartments, houses, and storage units which have been obtained by third parties (straw purchasers) or obtained in false names to hinder law enforcement investigations and to avoid seizure laws;

j. to keep handguns, assault rifles, ammunition, and other weapons in their residences, businesses, automobiles, and storage units to safeguard supplies of drugs and the fruits of narcotics dealings; and

k. to purchase and/or title their assets in fictitious names, aliases or the names of relatives, associates, or business entities to avoid detection of these assets by the government. Even though those assets are in other persons' names, the drug dealers continue to use those assets and exercise dominion and control over them.

7. This affidavit does not contain all facts known to me concerning this investigation, but only those facts that I believe necessary to establish probable cause to arrest the named subjects for the federal controlled substances violations described below and to search the residences listed below in order to secure evidence of violations of federal controlled substances laws.

Purpose of this Affidavit

8. This affidavit is being submitted to establish probable cause to arrest

a. Adolfo TAMEZ, also known as "Wally;"

b. Jaime Rodriguez SANDOVAL, also known as "Pancho;"

c. Ivan ALVARADO, also known as "TN;"

d. Josue Rivera ROSARIO;

e. Jesus GONZALEZ-Salcedo, also known as "Chuy;"

f. Antonio GONZALEZ;

g. FNU LNU, also known as "CHEPE;"

h. Cesar RAMOS; and

i. Omar MARTINEZ, also known as "Chilango;"

for violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute in excess of 1000 pounds of marijuana. In addition, this affidavit is being submitted in support of applications to search:

a. 4753 Florence Street, Apopka, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "RAMOS' residence," and further described in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference;

b. 31731 Niles Street, Sorrento, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "SANDOVAL's residence," and further

described in Attachment B, which is incorporated herein by reference;

c. 5410 Lee Ann Drive, Orlando, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "**GONZALEZ-Salcedo's residence**," and further described in Attachment C, which is incorporated herein by reference;

d. 4350 North Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida, hereinafter referred to as "**ROSARIO's stash house**," and further described in Attachment D, which is incorporated herein by reference;

e. 3211 Silver Lake Court, Kissimmee, Florida, hereinafter "**ALVARADO's residence**," and further described in Attachment E, which is incorporated herein by reference;

f. 2369 Ellen Lane, Apopka, Florida hereinafter "**CHEPE's residence**," and further described in Attachment F, which is incorporated herein by reference; and

g. 36 West Albatross Street, Apopka, hereinafter referred to as "**GONZALEZ's residence**," and further described in Attachment G, which is incorporated herein by reference;

for evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, which are further described in Attachment H, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Structure of this Affidavit

9. This affidavit is divided into separate sections to present the information contained herein to the Court. First, I provide a "Background of the Investigation" that gives an overview of the drug trafficking organization that is the subject of this affidavit. Second, I provide an overview of the "Confidential Sources and Sources of Information" used during this investigation. Third, I provide a "Brief Background of the Subjects and Search Sites," in which I introduce each of the targets of this affidavit and the related search locations. Fourth, I provide, as the beginning of the "Basis for Probable Cause," the description of the "Initial Investigation of CS-2, **RAMOS**, and **MARTINEZ**." Fifth, I provide "The Arrest and Initial Cooperation of CS-2," which primarily contains a summary of certain information from the initial de-brief of CS-2 following CS-2's cooperation in this investigation. Sixth, I detail certain aspects of "The Investigation Following CS-2's Cooperation." Seventh, I describe the investigation concerning the "Receipt of Marijuana Proceeds from the Local Distributors." Eighth, I detail the events surrounding the "January 28, 2012 Seizure of 700 pounds of Marijuana." Ninth, and finally, I provide

information concerning "The Current Anticipated Delivery of Marijuana," which is at least one shipment of at least 1,500 pounds of marijuana that is currently located in the vicinity of Panama City, Florida, awaiting final delivery on or about February 6, 2012.[1]

Background of the Investigation

10. FBI, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are investigating members of the Gulf Cartel[2] and other conspirators based in McAllen, Texas, and in Central Florida who are transporting marijuana from McAllen, Texas and then distributing that marijuana in Central Florida. This investigation has revealed that Daniel Nunez is a McAllen, Texas-based drug trafficker who facilitates the transportation and distribution of marijuana for the Gulf Cartel. Under Nunez, **Adolfo TAMEZ**, also known as "**Wally**," coordinates shipments of marijuana to Florida, in loads of up to 3,000 pounds of marijuana per shipment. **TAMEZ** also coordinates the transportation of cash narcotics proceeds from Florida to Texas for the Gulf Cartel. Currently,[3] marijuana is shipped in bulk from McAllen, Texas to Panama City, Florida, and is

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1 In addition, attached to this affidavit are an Index and a Table of Contents.

2 The Gulf Cartel operates as a Mexican drug-trafficking and money laundering organization that also engages in violent acts in Mexico.

3 Over the last three years, the Nunez organization has also used locations in Central Florida, including the location on Ondich Road in Apopka, Florida described in this affidavit, as the distribution hub for the shipments of marijuana from McAllen, and the shipment of cash proceeds from the sale of that marijuana to McAllen.

then picked up and further distributed in Central Florida and Jacksonville, Florida to local marijuana distributors. Once the marijuana is sold by the local distributors, the cash proceeds from the sale of the marijuana is picked up from the local distributors and then transported to Panama City, Florida for shipment to McAllen, Texas. Once the cash is dropped off in Panama City, Florida, a new load of marijuana is picked up there for further distribution to the local distributors, and the cycle of marijuana distribution continues.

11. During this investigation, FBI-Orlando utilized one source of information (SOI-1) and two cooperating sources (CS). One of those cooperating sources, CS-2, who is described further in the following paragraphs, was a target of this investigation and worked with **TAMEZ** as the distribution hub for the marijuana transported to Central Florida, and also collected the proceeds from the sale of that marijuana in Central Florida for shipment back Texas. As described above, CS-2 and other conspirators transported the marijuana between Panama City, Florida and the local distributors, and then transported the cash proceeds from the sale of the marijuana from the local distributors back to Panama City, Florida. Specifically, CS-2, in conjunction with **Jesus GONZALEZ-Salcedo**, also known as "**Chuy**," **Jaime Rodriguez SANDOVAL**, also known as "**Pancho**," **Omar MARTINEZ**, also known as "**Chilango**," and other conspirators

distributed the marijuana to, and collected the proceeds from, the local distributors, who included **Ivan ALVARADO**, also known as "**TN**," **Josue Rivera ROSARIO**, **FNU LNU**, also known as "**CHEPE**," **Antonio GONZALEZ**, and other conspirators.

Confidential Sources and Sources of Information

12. In February 2011, SOI-1 voluntarily contacted law enforcement. SOI-1 has no criminal record in the United States which I could locate, and has not been paid for his/her information. SOI-1 is a former participating member of the criminal enterprise and appears to be motivated by a dispute with the organization regarding money. Before this investigation began, SOI-1 assisted CS-2, Daniel Nunez, and others in the receipt, offload, and distribution of marijuana shipments in excess of 1,000 pounds per shipment from Texas to the vicinity of Apopka, Florida and in the counting of the cash proceeds from the sale of that marijuana. SOI-1's information has been corroborated by other confidential sources, physical surveillance, consensually-recorded conversations, public databases, and drug seizures. For these reasons, I believe SOI-1's information is reliable.

13. Cooperating Source-1 (CS-1) offered to cooperate with law enforcement in April 2011 in exchange for payment. CS-1 is a convicted felon with a felony conviction in 2005 for Shooting Weapon/Missile into a Dwelling. CS-1 is a documented gang member

in the state of Florida. CS-1 has received payment for CS-1's assistance to this investigation. CS-1's information has been corroborated by consensual monitoring, including the use of an audio-recording device to record in-person meetings, surveillance, public databases, drug seizures, and information from other confidential sources. For these reasons, I believe CS-1's information is reliable.

14. CS-2 is cooperating with law enforcement in the hopes of maintaining CS-2 and CS-2's family's deferred-action immigration status. In late November 2011, Florida Highway Patrol arrested CS-2 for driving without a license and resisting arrest in Sumter County, Florida. Following CS-2's arrest, CS-2 pled guilty to a misdemeanor violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1325, and was eventually sentenced to one month time served. CS-2, CS-2's mother, father, spouse, and two children are aliens residing in the United States illegally. According to CS-2, CS-2's parents were kidnapped by the Los Zetas Cartel in Mexico, and CS-2 fears their return to Mexico. CS-2's deferred-action immigration status allows CS-2 to remain in the United States to cooperate with law enforcement. CS-2's information has been corroborated by other confidential sources, physical surveillance, and consensually recorded conversations. In addition, on January 13, 2012, consensual wire intercepts began on two cellular telephones used by CS-2. Those consensual wire

intercepts have also corroborated the information provided by CS-2, and have allowed agents to monitor CS-2's telephone communications with Daniel Nunez, **TAMEZ**, and the other conspirators identified in this affidavit. For these reasons, I believe CS-2's information is reliable.

Brief Background of the Subjects and Search Sites

15. **Adolfo TAMEZ**, also known as "**Wally**," resides in McAllen, Texas, and coordinates the delivery of marijuana shipments in excess of 1,000 pounds per shipment from McAllen to Florida. **TAMEZ** works under the direction of Daniel Nunez in McAllen. **TAMEZ**'s role and involvement in this investigation has been confirmed through consensually intercepted calls between **TAMEZ** and CS-2, and surveillance in McAllen done in conjunction with the geo-location data of a cellular phone used by **TAMEZ** that is currently being obtained via a search warrant authorized in the Orlando Division of the United States District Court. See 6:12-mj-1027-KRS. On February 2, 2012, based upon earlier face-to-face meetings CS-2 has had with the person he knows as "**Wally**," CS-2 identified a picture of **TAMEZ** as the individual CS-2 speaks on the phone with, and knows in person, as "**Wally.**"

16. **Jesus GONZALEZ-Salcedo**, also known as "**Chuy**," resides in Orlando, Florida and was a driver of marijuana and drug proceeds for

Nunez's organization.[4] Agents have confirmed **GONZALEZ-Salcedo's** identity by physical surveillance used in conjunction with other investigative tools, such as the intercept of communications between CS-2 and **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** over the consensual wire intercept of CS-2's phones. In addition, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** was intercepted on multiple telephone calls in furtherance of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy during the consensual wire interception of CS-2's telephones, and CS-2 identified **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** from a photograph as the person whom he spoke to during those intercepts and as the person he knows from face-to-face meetings as "**Chuy**." On January 28, 2012, based upon information provided by CS-2, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol while attempting to deliver approximately 700 pounds of marijuana from Holopaw, Florida to Apopka. In a post-Miranda interview with DEA and FBI,

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4 For ease of reference, the group participating in the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit will be referred to as "Nunez's organization." Nunez and others are subjects of a wider investigation in the Southern District of Texas, and it is anticipated that Nunez and others will be charged and arrested at approximately the same time as the targets described in this affidavit for whom I am now seeking arrest warrants. In addition, other persons mentioned in this affidavit as residing in Panama City, Florida are the subjects of an investigation in the Northern District of Florida, and it is anticipated those persons will be charged and arrested at approximately the same time as the targets described in this affidavit. The descriptive term "Nunez's organization" as used in this affidavit has no substantive value or applicability to those other investigations, and is used simply as descriptive shorthand to identify the marijuana-trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

GONZALEZ-Salcedo acknowledged that he was aware he was transporting marijuana, but made statements to the agents that the agents knew to be false from surveillance, the consensual interception of **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** over CS-2's telephones, and a debrief of CS-2. In addition, according to CS-2, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** is in possession of a handgun. A check by HSI determined that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** is in an illegal immigration status, and cannot lawfully possess firearms in the United States. Further, based on the information contained in this affidavit, I believe **GONZALEZ-Salcedo's residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

17. **Jaime Rodriguez SANDOVAL** resides in Sorrento, Florida, and assists in the receipt, offload, and delivery of the marijuana shipments from McAllen to Florida, as well as the transport and storage of the cash proceeds from the sale of that marijuana. **SANDOVAL** is also responsible for coordinating the delivery of marijuana in excess of 500 pounds per shipment to Panama City, Florida, as well as collecting proceeds from the sale of that marijuana.[5] According to CS-2, **SANDOVAL** stores drug ledgers, scales

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5 When the marijuana is transported from McAllen to Panama City, a portion of that marijuana is then transported to Central Florida and Jacksonville as described in this affidavit. Another portion of the marijuana transported to Panama City remains in Panama City for further distribution by local distributors in Panama City that are the subjects of the investigation in the Northern District of

for weighing marijuana, a money counting machine, and drug proceeds at **SANDOVAL's residence**. In approximately December 2011, **SANDOVAL** organized the storage of approximately 700 pounds of marijuana in Osceola County, Florida for the organization while CS-2 was in law enforcement custody, and prior to CS-2 cooperating with law enforcement. In addition, **SANDOVAL** was intercepted on multiple telephone calls in furtherance of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy during the consensual wire interception of CS-2's telephones, and CS-2 identified **SANDOVAL** from a photograph as the person whom he spoke to during those intercepts and as the person he knows from face-to-face meetings as "**Jaime**" or "Pancho." Based upon the information in this affidavit, I believe that **SANDOVAL's residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

18. **Omar MARTINEZ** resides in Apopka, Florida and participated in the receipt, offload, and delivery of the marijuana shipments from McAllen to Florida. According to CS-2, **MARTINEZ** organized the offload location for a shipment of 2,798 pounds of marijuana from McAllen to Florida, which shipment the Apopka Police Department interdicted prior to delivery. **MARTINEZ** was also detained and

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Florida. In addition to assisting the Nunez organization in Central Florida, Sandoval is responsible for the coordination of the marijuana shipments to local distributors in Panama City that are not the subject of this affidavit.

identified by law enforcement on the evening of that marijuana seizure when he passed by the scene of the seizure. Both CS-1 and CS-2 have identified **MARTINEZ** from a photograph as a participant in the marijuana trafficking conspiracy. **MARTINEZ**'s participation in the marijuana trafficking conspiracy has also been confirmed by consensually recorded face-to-face meetings with CS-1 and corroborated by information later provide by CS-2.

19. **Josue Rivera ROSARIO** resides in Jacksonville, Florida. According to CS-2, **ROSARIO** routinely receives approximately 500 to 600 pounds of marijuana per shipment from Nunez's organization, and occasionally supplied firearms to the organization as a source of partial payment for his drug debts. **ROSARIO** was intercepted on multiple telephone calls during a consensual wire interception of CS-2's telephones coordinating the payment and pick-up of $180,000 of drug proceeds, and CS-2 identified **ROSARIO** from a photograph as the person with whom he was speaking on those intercepts and whom CS-2 knows as "**Josue.**" On January 25, 2012, CS-2 traveled to **ROSARIO's stash house** to successfully collect the $180,000 in marijuana proceeds from **ROSARIO**, and based on the information contained in this affidavit, I believe that **ROSARIO's stash house** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

20. **Ivan ALVARADO**, also known as "**TN**," resides in Kissimmee, Florida and is a convicted felon. According to CS-2, **ALVARADO** routinely received 600 to 800 pounds of marijuana per shipment from this organization. **ALVARADO** was intercepted on multiple telephone calls during the consensual wire interception of CS-2's telephones coordinating the payment and pick-up of $100,000 of drug proceeds, and CS-2 identified **ALVARADO** from a photograph as the person with whom he was speaking on those intercepts, and whom CS-2 knows from face-to-face meetings as "**TN**." While under law enforcement surveillance and using a consensual recording device, CS-2 traveled to **ALVARADO's residence** and met with **ALVARADO** to pick-up the $100,000. There, **ALVARADO** also discussed being in possession of 200 pounds of marijuana from another unidentified marijuana supplier. **ALVARADO** has told CS-2 that **ALVARADO** could acquire firearms for CS-2 and his organization. Further, based on the information contained in this affidavit, I believe that **ALVARADO's residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

21. **Antonio GONZALEZ** resides in Apopka, Florida. According to CS-2, **GONZALEZ** was routinely supplied with 100 to 300 pounds of marijuana per shipment by Nunez' organization. While under law enforcement surveillance and conducting a consensual recording, CS-2 traveled to **GONZALEZ's residence** with **GONZALEZ** and other

conspirators for the purpose of collecting approximately $12,000 in drug proceeds. **GONZALEZ** also agreed to receive approximately 400 pounds of marijuana from CS-2 on January 28, 2012, but, as described further in this affidavit, law enforcement seized that marijuana from **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** before it could be delivered. Further, based on the information contained in this affidavit, at this location, I believe that **GONZALEZ's residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

22. **FNU LNU**, known to CS-2 as "**CHEPE,**" resides in Apopka, Florida, where **CHEPE** routinely received approximately 300 to 400 pounds of marijuana per shipment from Nunez's organization. **CHEPE** was intercepted on multiple telephone calls in furtherance of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy during a consensual wire interception of CS-2's telephones, and CS-2 identified the person he knows from face-to-face meetings and on those intercepts as **CHEPE** in a surveillance photograph taken by law enforcement during this investigation. On January 26, 2012, while under law enforcement surveillance and conducting a consensual recording, CS-2 met with **CHEPE** at **CHEPE's residence** for the purpose of collecting approximately $80,000 of drug proceeds from **CHEPE**. In addition, **CHEPE** was intercepted in multiple telephone calls with CS-2, agreeing to accept approximately 300 pounds of marijuana with an intended date

of delivery of January 28, 2012, but, as described further in this affidavit, law enforcement seized that marijuana from **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** before it could be delivered. Further, based on the information contained in this affidavit, I believe **CHEPE's residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

23. **Cesar RAMOS** resides in Apopka, Florida. According to SOI-1, CS-1, CS-2, **RAMOS** participated in the receipt, offload, and delivery of the marijuana shipments from McAllen to Florida, and CS-1 and CS-2 identified **RAMOS** from a photograph. On April 12, 2011, **RAMOS** was arrested by the Apopka Police Department while transporting 408 pounds of marijuana in furtherance of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy. In a post-Miranda interview, **RAMOS** acknowledged that he knew there was marijuana in the vehicle, and that he knew the marijuana weighed 400 pounds because he had "weighed it." Further, based upon the information in this affidavit, I believe that **RAMOS' residence** contains evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the marijuana trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

FACTS ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE

Initial Investigation of CS-2, RAMOS, and MARTINEZ

24. In February 2011, FBI-Orlando initiated an investigation into the marijuana trafficking activity of CS-2, **RAMOS**, and others in Central Florida. At that time, prior to CS-2 agreeing to

cooperate with law enforcement, SOI-1 identified CS-2, **RAMOS**, and others as working with a Texas-based marijuana supplier named Daniel Nunez in furtherance of the trafficking of thousands of pounds of marijuana. According to SOI-1, CS-2 and **RAMOS** took receipt of monthly shipments from Nunez of over 1,000 pounds of marijuana per shipment, which were delivered in semi-trucks or U-Haul trucks to large open areas in Apopka, such as nurseries. CS-2 and **RAMOS** then distributed the marijuana to established local distributors in Florida. According to SOI-1, each of the marijuana shipments produced between $800,000 and $1,000,000 in cash drug proceeds. According to SOI-1, and a later debrief of CS-2, **RAMOS** and CS-2 would often bury that money in the backyard of **RAMOS' residence** until it was ready for shipment back to McAllen. In addition, SOI-1 stated that trucks and vans would often park behind the fence of **RAMOS's residence** in Apopka in order to load marijuana into the vehicles for delivery to local distributors. SOI-1 also stated, and CS-2 later confirmed, that **RAMOS** also purchased and maintained firearms at **RAMOS' residence.**

25. On April 12, 2011, the Apopka Police Department stopped **RAMOS** while he was driving a white Ford F-250 pick-up truck with approximately 408 pounds of marijuana in the bed of the truck. **RAMOS** was arrested, and in a post-Miranda interview, **RAMOS** stated he knew there was 400 pounds of marijuana in the truck because he had weighed

the marijuana. Recovered within the truck was a map of Ondich Road, Apopka, and receipts for delivery of construction materials to 3129 Ondich Road, Apopka. Subsequent investigation determined that 3129 Ondich Road, Apopka, is located in a rural area on a piece of property similar in appearance to a ranch or farm.

26. On May 9, 2011, a semi-truck left 3129 Ondich Road, Apopka. The semi-truck was registered to Cynthia Garza of MKA Logistics, 2010 Western Drive, Apartment 4, Edinburgh, Texas. Law enforcement in McAllen, Texas, later determined this was the sole vehicle registered to MKA Logistics. On June 3, 2011, that same semi-truck was stopped in the vicinity of Corpus Christi, Texas, with approximately 3,400 pounds of marijuana. Over two months later, on August 20, 2011, that same semi-truck was stopped in the vicinity of Falfurrias, Texas with approximately 1,294 pounds of marijuana.

27. In May 2011, CS-1 was introduced to **MARTINEZ** through mutual acquaintances. CS-1 knew from mutual acquaintances that **MARTINEZ** sold cocaine and marijuana. On June 7, 2011, CS-1 recorded a meeting with **MARTINEZ** in Apopka.[6] During that meeting, **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 that "his boss" was nervous because "they had one of those things - GPS adapters that you stick on the truck." According to **MARTINEZ**,

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6 The recorded meetings involving CS-1 were conducted in Spanish, and were translated from Spanish into English by Spanish speaking linguists. The translations were reviewed by FBI-TFO Jose Rodriguez, who is fluent in Spanish.

his boss was going to bring the truck to **MARTINEZ** and take a vehicle from **MARTINEZ**. CS-1 was then present when **MARTINEZ's** boss arrived at **MARTINEZ's** house in a white GMC pick-up truck. In a later debrief, CS-1 identified CS-2 from a photograph as **MARTINEZ**'s boss who had arrived that day in the white GMC pick-up truck.[7] After CS-2 left, **MARTINEZ** explained to CS-1 that, "I take 800 to 1000 fucking pounds and this one goes behind me," by which CS-1 believed **MARTINEZ** meant he would drive the marijuana and the white GMC pick-up truck would escort the shipment of marijuana.

28. On June 13, 2011, CS-1 recorded a meeting with **MARTINEZ**. **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 that his group had "about two million buried from the shipments that have arrived." By this, CS-1 believed **MARTINEZ** meant that Nunez's organization had $2,000,000 generated from previous marijuana shipments that were currently buried, similar to the information initially provided by SOI-1 and later confirmed by CS-2. In addition, **MARTINEZ** stated that "the fucking trailer can't take everything. It only takes from one . . . if they send you 2000 pounds that's one million dollars that you have to unload." Based upon a debriefing of CS-1, my knowledge of this investigation and experience, I believe that **MARTINEZ** explained that Nunez's organization in Florida would unload 2000 pound marijuana shipments

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7 CS-1 and CS-2 are not aware of each other's cooperation with law enforcement, and CS-2 was not cooperating with law enforcement at that time.

and send cash, as much as $1,000,000, back to Texas. This exchange of marijuana and money between Texas and Florida members of Nunez's organization was later corroborated by CS-2 during CS-2's January 2, 2012 interview.

29. On June 23, 2011, CS-1 recorded a meeting with **MARTINEZ**. During that meeting, **MARTINEZ** told CS-1, "I work with the ones from the Gulf, with - with El Chapo" and "I work with people that are with El Chapo."[8] Based upon my knowledge of this investigation, and the knowledge of other investigators participating in this investigation, I believe that **MARTINEZ** was aware that his organization is the Gulf Cartel in Mexico, and that the Gulf Cartel is aligned with Joaquin Guzman Loera, who is commonly referred to as "El Chapo." CS-2 confirmed this information during CS-2's January 2, 2012 interview.

30. On August 23, 2011, CS-1 recorded a meeting with **MARTINEZ**. **MARTINEZ** discussed marijuana shipments from Nunez's organization, and stated that, "I came down with a trailer, there were two black guys." CS-1 asked how the marijuana was transported, and **MARTINEZ** replied "in a trailer," and "with vegetables." CS-1 asked "how do you hire these people" and "do they know what the fuck?" **MARTINEZ** replied "yes, it's the same people." CS-1 told **MARTINEZ** that CS-1

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[8] Chapo Guzman is head of the Sinaloa Cartel, which along with the Gulf Cartel and La Familia has aligned as the "Nuevo Federacion" against the Zetas.

had assumed the group was comprised solely of Mexicans. **MARTINEZ** replied "they're all Mexican, but the chauffeurs and all are from here." **MARTINEZ** then stated "black guys, yes," and "the black guys arrive and fucking shit." Based upon a debriefing of CS-1 and my knowledge and experience, Nunez's organization used African-American males to drive the marijuana. When **MARTINEZ** noted that these drivers were from "the same people," I believe that he meant that they were a part of Nunez's organization, though their primary role was driving the marijuana shipments. In addition, based upon a debriefing of CS-1 and my knowledge and experience, Nunez's organization transported the marijuana shipments concealed within vegetables on a trailer.

31. On August 28, 2011, **MARTINEZ** met CS-1 and told CS-1 that Nunez's organization would receive a marijuana shipment in the vicinity of Apopka, that day. Later in the day on August 28, 2011, **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 that he was still waiting for the shipment to arrive. Those two meetings were not recorded.

32. On August 29, 2011, **MARTINEZ** met CS-1 and told CS-1 that a marijuana shipment had arrived into the Apopka area on August 28, 2011, and that a second shipment was due to arrive that day. **MARTINEZ** also told CS-1 that the "boss" from Texas was in the Apopka area to discuss the prices for these shipments. This meeting was not recorded due to a malfunction of the recording equipment. As

described later in this affidavit, CS-2 corroborated what **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 about the "boss" being in the Apopka area. Specifically, CS-2 stated that Nunez and **ADOLFO TAMEZ**, known to CS-2 as "**Wally**," were in the Apopka area in relation to the shipment **MARTINEZ** described.

33. Based upon the information obtained from CS-1 in the foregoing paragraphs about a marijuana shipment on August 29, 2011, law enforcement established surveillance in the vicinity of Apopka. On August 29, 2011, at approximately 10:09 p.m., agents saw a semi-truck with Tennessee license plates closely following a white Ford Expedition bearing a Texas tag, which is registered to Ricardo J. Ortiz and Marisol Ortiz. This was the same white Ford Expedition and Texas license plate that agents had seen at 3129 Ondich Road, Apopka, Florida, on May 9, 2011, as described earlier in this affidavit. As the semi-truck proceeded onto Jones Road, the Apopka Police Department stopped the semi-truck for traffic violations. The driver of the semi-truck was an African-American male who identified himself as Michael Lott, and produced a Tennessee Commercial Driver's license with that name. Lott stated that he was delivering a load of produce to Pompano Beach, Florida, and that he had picked up the produce in McAllen, Texas. Lott then provided written consent to search the truck, and an Apopka Police Department K-9 officer alerted to the presence of narcotics on the trailer

attached to the semi-truck. When law enforcement searched the trailer, they found approximately 2,798 pounds of marijuana concealed within the middle of a load of produce, as described previously by **MARTINEZ** to CS-1. Lott was then arrested by the Apopka Police Department, and is currently detained pending the resolution of those state charges.

34. During the traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of the 2,798 pounds of marijuana, the Apopka Police Department stopped **MARTINEZ** as he drove by the on-going traffic stop in a 2005 white GMC truck. Later that evening, **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 that CS-2 had requested **MARTINEZ** to drive by the traffic stop to see what was happening at the place where the semi-truck was pulled over. CS-2 later confirmed that CS-2 requested **MARTINEZ** drive by the stopped semi-truck.

35. On September 8, 2011, at my direction, CS-1 met with **MARTINEZ** and showed **MARTINEZ** a newspaper article concerning the August 29, 2011 seizure described in the foregoing paragraphs. After seeing the article, **MARTINEZ** commented, "Our poison." When **MARTINEZ** saw the photograph of Lott in the newspaper, MARTINEZ stated that, "Yeah that is the guy." CS-1 then stated that the seized marijuana was a large amount, and **MARTINEZ** replied "that is why the boss is really pissed off. You don't think they will kill an asshole because of this bullshit? It's $2 million." CS-1 asked if **MARTINEZ**

was concerned the driver would cooperate with law enforcement, and **MARTINEZ** replied "they will kill him." Based upon a debriefing of CS-1 and my knowledge and experience, I believe that **MARTINEZ** confirmed the approximately 2,798 pounds of marijuana seized on August 29, 2011 is tied to his organization, and that **MARTINEZ** knew the identity of the driver of the shipment. The seized marijuana was worth $2 million. Finally, **MARTINEZ's** organization would attempt to murder the driver if he cooperated with law enforcement.

The Arrest and Initial Cooperation of CS-2

36. In late November 2011, Florida Highway Patrol arrested CS-2 for driving without a license and resisting arrest in Sumter County, Florida. Following CS-2's arrest, CS-2 pled guilty to a misdemeanor violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1325, and was eventually sentenced to one month time served. Following CS-2's conviction, I believe that CS-2 would have been deported to Mexico, absent CS-2's cooperation in this investigation.

37. On January 2, 2012, FBI-TFO Jose Rodriguez and I interviewed CS-2, who was then in the custody of immigration authorities.[9] In a post-Miranda interview, CS-2 told me that he was

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9 Prior to my interview of CS-2, CS-2 had provided information concerning the Nunez organization to HSI agents, but I am relying upon my interview of CS-2 for the initial information CS-2 provided to law enforcement. At the time I interviewed CS-2, I did not know whether CS-2 had obtained CS-2's deferred action immigration status, but I have since learned that he had already obtained that status.

a Florida-based member of the Gulf Cartel. For approximately three years, CS-2 had worked as a driver of marijuana and money for a Gulf Cartel cell in Central Florida, and was supplied with marijuana by Nunez. According to CS-2, in approximately December 2010 or January 2011, CS-2 began to coordinate the delivery of marijuana shipments in excess of approximately 1,000 pounds per shipment from Texas into Central Florida and Jacksonville for Nunez's organization. CS-2 also collected payment for these shipments from established local distributors of the Gulf Cartel in Florida. CS-2 coordinated the delivery of the proceeds to Nunez and other individuals acting at Nunez's direction in the vicinity of McAllen. CS-2 also explained that Nunez worked for Gulf Cartel leaders in Reynosa, Mexico, but also had connections to Chapo Guzman of the Sinaloa Cartel.

38. As a part of CS-2's cooperation, CS-2 agreed to a consensual wire intercept of two of CS-2's telephones that CS-2 used to communicate with, and in furtherance of the objectives of, the Nunez organization. That consensual wire interception began on January 13, 2012.

Cesar Ramos

39. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that **RAMOS** was involved in the distribution of marijuana shipments for Nunez's organization until his arrest in April 2011 while transporting 400 pounds of marijuana for Nunez's organization.

RAMOS is currently on pre-trial release for state charges in Orange County, Florida for that arrest. CS-2 stated that at the time **RAMOS** was arrested, **RAMOS** was transporting 400 pounds of marijuana to **FNU LNU**, who CS-2 knows as **CHEPE**, who then lived on Willow Street in Zellwood, Florida. CS-2 stated that **RAMOS** still spoke with, and was friendly with, members of the Nunez organization in Texas. For example, CS-2 explained that Nunez told CS-2 that when **RAMOS**' legal issues were resolved, **RAMOS** would be re-joining Nunez's organization either in Apopka or in McAllen. At the initial de-brief, CS-2 stated that **RAMOS** still had approximately $800,000 in cash buried at his residence, which were proceeds from the marijuana distribution that belonged to Nunez.

Omar Martinez

40. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that **MARTINEZ** delivered marijuana shipments to various customers of Nunez's organization and routinely transported 800 to 1000 pounds of marijuana per shipment, while CS-2 and others followed him in an escort vehicle. **MARTINEZ** also occasionally received approximately 200 pounds of marijuana from Nunez's organization to distribute to his own customers. CS-2 also explained that **MARTINEZ** had previously traveled with CS-2 to the Jacksonville area to pick up firearms from the Jacksonville-based local distributor **JOSUE RIVERA ROSARIO**, which firearms were provided as partial payment of marijuana proceeds from

ROSARIO to Nunez's organization. CS-2 stated that **ROSARIO** provided CS-2 with two AR-15-type rifles, two AK-47s, a SCAR-type rifle, extra magazines for the weapons and two ballistic vests. CS-2 stated he had acquired those firearms at the direction of Nunez, and the firearms were to be sent back to Texas on an upcoming semi-truck. CS-2 told me that the firearms were being stored in a white van registered to **MARTINEZ**, and located on a property in the Apopka area. Corroborating that information from CS-2, in September 2011, **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 that he had traveled to Jacksonville with CS-2 to pick up firearms for Nunez's organization. Further, on October 24, 2011, and November 2, 2011, **MARTINEZ** posted pictures of himself on Facebook posing with three firearms, including what appear to be the SCAR and the two AK-47s.

41. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 also explained that **MARTINEZ** had organized and arranged the offload location for the August 29, 2011 shipment of the 2,798 pounds of marijuana seized by law enforcement as described earlier in this affidavit. Corroborating what **MARTINEZ** told CS-1 about the Texas "boss" being in the Apopka area, CS-2 stated that Nunez and **ADOLFO TAMEZ**, known to CS-2 as "**Wally**," were in the Apopka area during the seizure, and had traveled with CS-2 to the vicinity of the offload location. Nunez told CS-2 to remove **MARTINEZ** from his organization after the seizure of the 2,798 pounds of marijuana.

Jaime Rodriguez Sandoval

42. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that **SANDOVAL** assists in the receipt, offload, and delivery of the marijuana shipments from McAllen to Florida, as well as the transport and storage of the marijuana proceeds from the sale of that marijuana. In addition, **SANDOVAL** is responsible for coordinating the delivery of marijuana in excess of 500 pounds per shipment to Panama City, Florida, as well as collecting proceeds from the sale of that marijuana. In addition, CS-2 has worked together with **SANDOVAL** and others to seal the cash proceeds from the marijuana sales in bags, and then bury those bags in the ground at **SANDOVAL's residence** for safe keeping. According to CS-2, the Nunez organization routinely stores drug ledgers, scales for weighing marijuana, a money-counting machine, and marijuana proceeds at **SANDOVAL's residence**. Specifically, CS-2 noted that those items are usually buried in the ground near a large garage structure at **SANDOVAL's residence**. During a debriefing on January 30, 2012, CS-2 confirmed those items were still at **SANDOVAL's residence**.

Jesus Gonzalez-Salcedo

43. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** is a driver of marijuana and marijuana proceeds for Nunez's organization. **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** would drive marijuana to local distributors for the organization and collect marijuana

proceeds from the local distributors wherever the organization required, including Apopka, Jacksonville, Kissimmee, and Panama City. At the direction and authorization of Nunez, and prior to cooperating with law enforcement, CS-2 paid **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** for his work. CS-2 last paid **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** about $15,000 or $15,500 on approximately November 29, 2011. In addition, according to CS-2, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** has a handgun that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** stores at **GONZALEZ-Salcedo's residence**. CS-2 last saw that handgun in September or October 2011 in the bedroom of **GONZALEZ-Salcedo's residence**. A check by HSI determined that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** is in an illegal immigration status, and cannot lawfully possess firearms in the United States.

Adolfo Tamez

44. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that "**Wally**" in Texas served as CS-2's primary point of contact with Nunez's organization. Nunez had instructed CS-2 to deal primarily with **Wally**. CS-2 did not know **Wally**'s full and true identity, nor did CS-2 know where **Wally** lived in Texas. However, CS-2 had met in person with **Wally** on several occasions. According to CS-2, **Wally** coordinated incoming marijuana shipments to Florida, as well as directed CS-2's collection of marijuana proceeds from the local distributors in Central Florida and Jacksonville.

The Investigation Following CS-2's Cooperation

45. On January 9, 2012, at approximately 4:20 p.m., FBI-TFO Jose Rodriguez watched **RAMOS** rent a U-Haul car dolly from a U-Haul rental store in Apopka. Two days later, on January 11, 2012, heading west on Interstate 10 in Jackson County, Louisiana, the Jackson County-Louisiana Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Team stopped **RAMOS** for traffic violations. **RAMOS** was towing a vehicle on a U-Haul car dolly. **RAMOS** told the officer that he was towing the car for a friend and was traveling to Laredo, Texas. **RAMOS** also stated there was no currency in either his vehicle or the vehicle being towed. **RAMOS** then provided written consent for a search of both vehicles. Law enforcement then found 10 packages covered in black electrical tape and yellow spray sealant foam inside the spare tire on the towed vehicle. Each of the packages contained U.S. currency, with a total amount of $49,713 recovered. FBI agents assigned to the Pascagoula, Mississippi office then arrived and attempted to interview **RAMOS**. **RAMOS** refused to speak to the interviewing agents, and signed a "Consent to Forfeiture" form disclaiming any ownership of either the money or the towed vehicle.

46. On January 13, 2012, FBI, HSI and the Apopka Police Department seized two AR-15-type rifles, two AK-47s, a SCAR-type rifle, extra magazines for the weapons and two ballistic vests on a property in the Apopka are, just as CS-2 described to me during

CS-2's cooperation, which was detailed earlier in this affidavit. As CS-2 had explained to me, the firearms were stored in a white van registered to **MARTINEZ**.

47. On January 13, 2012, at approximately 7:22 p.m., CS-2 called **TAMEZ**, and the conversation was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone.[10] **TAMEZ** asked CS-2 if CS-2 had "started to collect the checks." CS-2 explained that he would check with the marijuana distributors in Florida and give **TAMEZ** an approximate figure of how much money was available to be collected and sent to Texas. **TAMEZ** responded, "Alright man, so I'll call you early tomorrow before meeting with this man so you can tell me approximately, so I can tell him approximately." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe **TAMEZ** asked CS-2 if he had started to collect money from the local Florida marijuana distributors related to a previous marijuana shipment. I believe that once **TAMEZ** received that information from CS-2, **TAMEZ** would pass the information to Nunez.

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10 The calls intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phones were translated from Spanish to English by Spanish speaking monitors. The translations used in this affidavit were verified by HSI SA Ismael Blas, who is a fluent Spanish speaker.

48. On or about January 14, 2012, CS-2 met with **RAMOS** at **RAMOS' residence**. **RAMOS** did not tell CS-2 about the traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of the money in Louisiana, nor did CS-2 have independent knowledge of those events. **RAMOS** told CS-2 that the $800,000 at **RAMOS' residence** had been returned to Nunez in Texas while CS-2 had been in custody. Based upon my knowledge and experience, and the knowledge and experience of other agents involved in this investigation, the **RAMOS** vehicle stop and cash seizure on January 11, 2012 and subsequent failure by **RAMOS** to discuss this matter with CS-2, indicated that **RAMOS** likely still has access to bulk cash derived from his involvement in the conspiracy. Further, I believe **RAMOS' residence** contains evidence of Ramos' participation in the conspiracy, to include the concealed marijuana proceeds, and documents such as financial records, telephone numbers, and drug ledgers, as well as firearms.

49. On January 14, 2012, at approximately 2:52 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **TAMEZ** that was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. CS-2 stated, "I'll complete about five or six and the old ones from up there are missing." CS-2 further explained, "I have another- another three or four from the old guys up there." **TAMEZ** then instructed CS-2 to "go ahead and talk to him and call me back to make sure, so I can tell the man." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by

the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that CS-2 had raised approximately $500,000 to $600,000 from the local marijuana distributors in Florida. I believe this did not include local distributors who lived in Panama City, Florida, whom CS-2 and **TAMEZ** referred to as "the old guys," who had an additional $300,000 to $400,000 to give to CS-2. Finally, I believe **TAMEZ** instructed CS-2 to complete his estimate of the proceeds available so **TAMEZ** could provide that information to Nunez.

50. On January 16, 2012, at approximately 6:31 p.m., CS-2 made a call to **TAMEZ** that was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. **TAMEZ** told CS-2 that "the man" had asked **TAMEZ** to find out when CS-2 had "un peso." CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that CS-2 did not anticipate a problem raising "un peso." **TAMEZ** stated that once CS-2 had the money, an associate of **TAMEZ's** was going to travel over with the "material." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe **TAMEZ** told CS-2 that Nunez wanted to know when CS-2 would have collected $1,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of a previous shipment of marijuana. I believe that once CS-2 had collected $1,000,000, **TAMEZ** would send another marijuana shipment to Florida.

51. Following **TAMEZ**'s direction to CS-2 to start collecting money, CS-2 contacted the local marijuana distributors named in this affidavit, including **ALVARADO**, **ROSARIO**, **CHEPE**, and **GONZALEZ,** and others, to coordinate the collection of marijuana proceeds from the local distributors. Between January 19 and 26, 2012, CS-2 and others collected in excess of $370,000 in cash proceeds from marijuana sales from **ALVARADO**, **ROSARIO**, **CHEPE**, and **GONZALEZ**, and those collections and the events leading up to them are detailed in the next section of this affidavit.

52. On January 20, 2012, I applied for and obtained a search warrant in the Orlando Division of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida for the geo-location data for a cell phone used by **TAMEZ** (TAMEZ's CELL PHONE) based upon the consensual interceptions of CS-2's cell phones.

53. On January 24, 2012, at approximately 9:11 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **SANDOVAL** that was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. CS-2 asked **SANDOVAL** to call "the old guys." **SANDOVAL** stated that he would do so the following morning, and CS-2 then told **SANDOVAL** "they" were "asking for the amount." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **SANDOVAL** to contact the Panama City customers of

Nunez's organization, to whom CS-2 and **SANDOVAL** routinely referred to as the "old guys." In addition, I believe CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** that the request came from Nunez.

54. On January 25, 2012, at approximately 9:44 a.m., CS-2 received a telephone call from **SANDOVAL** that was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-1's cell phone. During that call, **SANDOVAL** told CS-2 to "count on 4.5," and if "he didn't have it," then **SANDOVAL** would "complete it." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe **SANDOVAL** told CS-2 that the Panama City distributors had generated $450,000 in marijuana proceeds for Nunez. If the Panama City marijuana distributors could not provide the $450,000, **SANDOVAL** would cover this amount and ensure the money was available for Nunez.

55. On January 25, 2012, at approximately 11:54 a.m., CS-2 received a call from **TAMEZ** that was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During the call, **TAMEZ** stated that he "wanted to give that man the numbers." CS-2 stated, "What I have altogether is 920 you hear." CS-2 explained he had spoken with **ROSARIO** and was going to pick up "180, you hear, that he left somewhere else hidden." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe **TAMEZ** told

CS-2 that **TAMEZ** wanted to provide a total to Nunez of how much marijuana proceeds CS-2 had collected. Further, I believe that CS-2 answered that he had collected $920,000, which was the sum total of the funds that CS-2 expected to be transported back to McAllen. That total amount is the expected funds from the distributors in Panama City and the funds from the local distributors in Central Florida and Jacksonville, which, in turn, included the funds that CS-2 intended to pick up from **ROSARIO** from a concealed location.

56. On January 30, 2012, geo-location data from the search warrant obtained for **TAMEZ**'s cell phone indicated that the cell phone was traveling in the vicinity of Falfurrias, Texas. Law enforcement then established surveillance of TAMEZ'S CELL PHONE in the vicinity of a United States Border Patrol Checkpoint located in Falfurrias, Texas. In addition, law enforcement conducted surveillance of TAMEZ'S CELL PHONE in the vicinity of a ranch near Edcouch, Texas, where a significant amount of previous geo-location data for TAMEZ'S CELL PHONE was derived. During the surveillance, law enforcement saw two vehicles leaving the ranch, one of which was stopped by law enforcement for a traffic violation, and the driver was identified as **TAMEZ**. During the traffic stop, geo-location data for TAMEZ'S CELL PHONE matched the close vicinity of the traffic stop. **TAMEZ** also provided an address to the law enforcement officer. When **TAMEZ** drove away after the traffic stop, the geo-location data indicated

that TAMEZ'S CELL PHONE was active in the vicinity of the residential address that **TAMEZ** had just provided to the officer. On February 2, 2012, HSI agents in Orlando showed a photograph line-up to CS-2. CS-2 positively identified **TAMEZ** as the individual he knew as "**Wally**," and the person he had been speaking with on the intercepted telephone calls.

Receipt of Marijuana Proceeds from the Local Distributors

57. As described earlier in this affidavit, following **TAMEZ**'s direction to CS-2 to start collecting money, CS-2 contacted the local marijuana distributors named in this affidavit, including **ALVARADO**, **ROSARIO**, **CHEPE**, and **GONZALEZ**, and others, to coordinate the collection of marijuana proceeds from the local distributors. Between January 19 and 26, 2012, CS-2 and others collected in excess of $370,000 in cash proceeds from marijuana sales from **ALVARADO**, **ROSARIO**, **CHEPE**, and **GONZALEZ**.

Receipt of $100,000 from ALVARADO

58. On January 14, 2012, at approximately 2:39 p.m., CS-2 called **ALVARADO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **ALVARADO** if he was done collecting the money, and **ALVARADO** stated that he would pick the last of the money up on that day. CS-2 asked **ALVARADO** how much money he owed, and **ALVARADO** replied "100." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used

by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe **ALVARADO** told CS-2 that he had generated $100,000 in marijuana proceeds. Further, I believe that **ALVARADO** intended to collect the last of this money on that day.

59. On January 16, 2012, at approximately 10:41 p.m., CS-2 called **ALVARADO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **ALVARADO** he had "more material" if **ALVARADO** wanted more "work." **ALVARADO** replied that CS-2's organization's prices were too high. **ALVARADO** explained he received "fifty" from an unidentified supplier who shipped boxes through the mail from California.[11] **ALVARADO** paid "525" for this shipment, and was able to sell it to his customers for "575." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **ALVARADO** that Nunez's organization would soon have more marijuana for him to distribute. However, I believe that **ALVARADO** told CS-2 that he had located an additional source of marijuana supply who sold the marijuana to **ALVARADO** at a price of $525 per pound, which

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11 Based upon my knowledge of the investigation and experience, **ALVARADO**'s separate sources of marijuana supply are not a part of the drug trafficking organization detailed in this affidavit, but the evidence concerning those other sources of supply is also evidence of **ALVARADO**'s knowing participation in the drug trafficking conspiracy described in this affidavit.

allowed **ALVARADO** to sell it for $575 per pound to his customers. I believe that **ALVARADO** stated that he had obtained 50 pounds of marijuana from this unidentified source of supply.

60. On January 18, 2012, at approximately 2:48 p.m., CS-2 called **ALVARADO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **ALVARADO** how much "work" he had received from "the guys." **ALVARADO** stated he received "200," and they ship "about 500" each month from California in boxes through the mail. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **ALVARADO** how much marijuana he had received from the other unidentified supplier. I believe that **ALVARADO** replied that he had received 200 pounds, and the unidentified supplier mailed approximately 500 pounds of marijuana each month from California utilizing a parcel shipping company.

61. On January 19, 2012, at approximately 12:25 p.m., CS-2, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**, Yerin Tumbajoy Gutierrez, and Alberto LNU met with **ALVARADO** at **ALVARADO's residence** for the purpose of obtaining $100,000 as payment from **ALVARADO** to Nunez's organization for a prior marijuana shipment. CS-2 wore audio recording equipment, and the meeting was video recorded by a surveillance aircraft. The audio recording was reviewed by FBI-TFO Jose Rodriguez, who is a fluent

Spanish speaker, and the quoted language in this affidavit comes from that review. During the meeting, **ALVARADO** had a money counting machine at **ALVARADO's residence** that CS-2 and **ALVARADO** used to assist in the counting of the drug proceeds. **ALVARADO** provided approximately $100,000 to CS-2 as payment for the previous marijuana shipment.

62. During the meeting on January 19, 2012, **ALVARADO** again told CS-2 that he had an unidentified source of marijuana supply in California and another potential source of marijuana supply in Miami. **ALVARADO** received the marijuana shipments from the unidentified supplier in California in packages of "50 or 60," and presently had "200." **ALVARADO** told CS-2 the price of the marijuana from this unidentified supplier was cheaper than from CS-2. **ALVARADO** stated he had customers who purchased "100" and "200," and it was difficult for **ALVARADO** to sell the marijuana if he had to charge "650." **ALVARADO** further explained that he had a storage unit where he maintained the marijuana, and stated that he did not like to use banks to store his money. **ALVARADO** also stated that if he was ever caught with a lot of money, he would claim he inherited a large sum of money from his deceased father. **ALVARADO** then took CS-2 and the rest of his group into the backyard of the residence that is concealed from public view by an approximately six-foot high privacy fence. The surveillance aircraft was able to view this area and the activity

was recorded on video. **ALVARADO** showed the group multiple vehicles he kept in the backyard. According to CS-2, these vehicles included a Bentley and a Lamborghini. These vehicles were further concealed from public view by tarps, which covered the vehicles. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **ALVARADO** stated that he received marijuana from the unidentified supplier in California in packages of 50 to 60 pounds, and presently had 200 pounds in his possession. I believe that **ALVARADO** had customers to whom he supplied 100 pounds to 200 pounds of marijuana, who were unknown to CS-2. I also believe that **ALVARADO** was in contact with a potential additional marijuana supplier in Miami, who was also unknown to CS-2. I believe that **ALVARADO** said that he had a storage unit in which he stored marijuana, the location of which was also unknown to CS-2.

63. Based upon what agents have learned during this investigation, including a review of **ALVARADO**'s Florida wage and earnings records, **ALVARADO** has no verified employment. On a Currency Transaction Report dated March 21, 2011, **ALVARADO** listed his occupation as truck driver. A search of the Florida Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles records did not reveal any exotic vehicles, such as a Bentley or Lamborghini, registered to **ALVARADO**. Therefore, I believe that if **ALVARADO** truly owns and controls these

exotic vehicles, they were purchased through nominees. In addition, I believe that **ALVARADO** does not have the necessary financial resources to have acquired the exotic automobiles in his possession at his residence. Based upon the lack of identifiable legally-derived financial resources for **ALVARADO** and the multiple levels of concealment utilized by **ALVARADO** for those vehicles, I believe that those exotic vehicles were likely purchased with drug proceeds.

64. On January 31, 2012, at approximately 10:26 p.m., CS-2 called **ALVARADO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **ALVARADO** told CS-2 that he had just arrived in Miami and was at a hotel. CS-2 told **ALVARADO** not to "get desperate," and CS-2 hoped to have "a good answer" soon. **ALVARADO** said he planned to buy "about 200" from an unidentified person. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **ALVARADO** stated that he was in Miami attempting to purchase approximately 200 pounds of marijuana from another supplier.

Receipt of $180,000 from ROSARIO

65. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that **ROSARIO** was a regular customer of the organization who lived in

Jacksonville and routinely received approximately 500 to 600 pounds of marijuana per shipment from Nunez' organization. CS-2 stated that when the marijuana arrived in Florida for local distribution, **ROSARIO** was the first customer to receive his portion of the shipment. CS-2 further stated that the money **ROSARIO** owed the organization for the marijuana would be picked up at a later date at the direction of CS-2. In addition to the information regarding marijuana trafficking, and as already described in this affidavit, CS-2 also provided information that **ROSARIO** had provided CS-2 with at least five firearms that were intended to be sent to McAllen, Texas and possibly Mexico. All five of these firearms, the magazines and the two ballistic vests were later seized by FBI, HSI, and the Apopka Police Department on January 13, 2012, in Apopka, based on information provided by CS-2. I believe these are the same weapons that were going to be sent to Texas.

66. On January 14, 2012, at approximately 2:37 p.m., CS-2 called **ROSARIO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **ROSARIO** stated that he had "two and a half" and by the end of the evening he would have "two seventy five, almost three." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **ROSARIO** told CS-2 he had approximately

$250,000 of marijuana proceeds that he was ready to give to CS-2 for payment for previous marijuana shipments **ROSARIO** received from Nunez's organization. Further, I believe **ROSARIO** stated that by the end of the evening, he would have almost $300,000.

67. On January 21, 2012, at approximately 9:09 p.m., CS-2 received an incoming call from **ROSARIO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **ROSARIO** told CS-2 he was not in the Jacksonville area because he believed that the police were looking for him. Later in the conversation, **ROSARIO** stated that some "white people" were arrested by the police who owed him money, but that he still had some money to give to CS-2. **ROSARIO** continued to explain that these "white people," also referred to as "workers," may have "squealed" on him. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **ROSARIO** told CS-2 that some of his customers, "white people" or "workers," were arrested and may be cooperating with the police. I believe that **ROSARIO** used this as an explanation of why he did not have all of the money he was supposed to give to CS-2 for the previous shipment of marijuana he received from Nunez's organization.

68. On January 23, 2012, at approximately 9:30 a.m., CS-2 received a call from **ROSARIO**, and the call was intercepted over the

consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **ROSARIO** was distraught while speaking to CS-2. **ROSARIO** expressed to CS-2 that he was thinking of going to "the Island," which I believe was a reference to Puerto Rico, in order to get away. **ROSARIO** continued to explain why he didn't have all of the money for CS-2 and stated that he gave "double the work" to people he usually does not. **ROSARIO** stated, "To the people I usually give fifty, I had to give one fifty." **ROSARIO** also stated that if something were to happen to him, he left one hundred eighty buried next to the "little house" under some wood and a water hose. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **ROSARIO** was telling CS-2 that he was thinking of fleeing the area and going to Puerto Rico. I believe that **ROSARIO** explained to CS-2 that he gave some of his customers more marijuana than he usually gave them and that he had not received all of the money that these customers owed him. I believe that **ROSARIO** stated that these customers may not have been able to sell the larger quantities of marijuana as quickly as they had sold the smaller quantities in the past. Additionally, I believe that **ROSARIO** told CS-2 that he had approximately $180,000 buried next to one of his stash locations near Jacksonville that CS-2 could pick up for partial payment of what he owed CS-2.

69. On January 24, 2012, at approximately 9:14 p.m., CS-2 called **ROSARIO**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **ROSARIO** stated that he had "one eighty" hidden and that the source could send someone to pick up, and that he had two hundred coming soon. Based on this call and subsequent debrief of CS-2, I believe that this call relates to the $180,000 that **ROSARIO** had prepared as partial payment for the money he owed Nunez's organization. Also on January 24, 2012, at approximately 9:21 p.m., CS-2 called **ROSARIO** and **ROSARIO** stated that the house was "where the deer were located." **ROSARIO** continued and stated that the money was buried on the left side of the house, under some wood with a water hose on it. CS-2 knew the location to which **ROSARIO** was referring as **ROSARIO's stash house**. CS-2 was aware of this location because he had been there on different occasions in the past and met **ROSARIO** there in person to shoot guns.

70. On January, 25, 2012, under direction from HSI, CS-2 went with Alberto LNU, Yerin Tumbajoy Gutierrez, and **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** to **ROSARIO's stash house**. Agents from DEA, FBI, HSI and the HSI Air Wing conducted surveillance of the operation. Shortly after CS-2 and the others arrived at **ROSARIO's stash house**, at approximately 3:56 p.m., they uncovered two packages located under a piece of wood as described by **ROSARIO**. At approximately 4:16 p.m., **ROSARIO** called CS-2, and explained that his phone dropped and broke and he was

calling from a family member's phone. During the course of the conversation, **ROSARIO** explained to CS-2 that one package contained approximately $160,000 and the other package contained $20,000. **ROSARIO** concluded the conversation by stating that he would buy a new phone and re-contact CS-2 at a later date to keep working together.

Receipt of $80,000 from CHEPE and $12,000 from GONZALEZ

71. On January 14, 2012, CS-2 received a call from FNU LNU, known to CS-2 as "**CHEPE**," and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **CHEPE** asked CS-2 if CS-2 did his "numbers." CS-2 told **CHEPE** it was "83" and asked if **CHEPE** could have it by tomorrow. **CHEPE** stated that he was embarrassed to owe money to CS-2, and CS-2 asked **CHEPE** to complete at least "8." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **CHEPE** asked CS-2 how much money **CHEPE** owed CS-2 as marijuana proceeds for a previous marijuana shipment. CS-2 told **CHEPE** that **CHEPE** owed CS-2 $83,000 and wanted **CHEPE** to provide at least $80,000 of the marijuana debt.

72. On January 23, 2012, CS-2 called **CHEPE**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **CHEPE** stated that he had what CS-2 wanted, and CS-2

asked **CHEPE** to keep it there until CS-2 was ready to pick it up. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **CHEPE** told CS-2 he had the marijuana proceeds he owed to CS-2, and CS-2 told **CHEPE** to maintain possession of the money until CS-2 was ready to collect it.

73. On January 25, 2012, CS-2 received a call from **CHEPE**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **CHEPE** if CS-2 could pick up the "checks" the next day. **CHEPE** replied that he needed to "pick them up" and asked if CS-2 wanted to come by now. CS-2 replied that it was too late. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **CHEPE** if he had the marijuana proceeds and **CHEPE** explained that he needed to collect the money from unspecified customers.

74. On January 25, 2012, CS-2 received a call from **CHEPE**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **CHEPE** wanted to order a "project," and CS-2 explained that they would discuss it when CS-2 came by to pick "that" up. CS-2 told **CHEPE** not to worry, as CS-2 was going to give **CHEPE** "houses" so he could "work." **CHEPE** thanked CS-2. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by

Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **CHEPE** asked CS-2 to provide him more marijuana, and CS-2 agreed.

75. On January 25, 2012, at approximately 9:12 p.m., CS-2 called **GONZALEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **GONZALEZ**, "Do you have any of the money?" **GONZALEZ** replied, "Like some 12,000 dollars." CS-2 stated that he would pick the money up the next day. **GONZALEZ** stated that he would "tell her to be there so she can give them to" CS-2. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **GONZALEZ** if he had marijuana proceeds ready for collection by CS-2, and **GONZALEZ** had $12,000 in marijuana proceeds for CS-2. Further, **GONZALEZ** planned to direct his wife the following day to give the marijuana proceeds to CS-2 at **GONZALEZ's residence**.

76. On January 26, 2012, at approximately 1:40 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **GONZALEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 stated that he would go by **GONZALEZ's residence** and "see the wife," and asked if it was "12." **GONZALEZ** replied, "12 pesos." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by

Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 and **GONZALEZ** confirmed that CS-2 would pick up $12,000 from **GONZALEZ**'s wife the next day at **GONZALEZ's residence**.

77. On January 26, 2012, at approximately 3:24 p.m., **CHEPE** called CS-2, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 said he was on his way there and **CHEPE** should wait for him to which **CHEPE** agreed.

78. On January 26, 2012, at the direction of HSI, CS-2 drove with Yerin Gutierrez and **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** to **GONZALEZ's residence** for the purpose of collecting marijuana proceeds from **GONZALEZ**. Agents from FBI, DEA, HSI and the HSI Air Wing conducted a surveillance operation in support of CS-2 travelling to **GONZALEZ's residence** to pick up the $12,000 of marijuana proceeds.

79. At approximately 3:36 p.m., **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** arrived at **GONZALEZ's residence** and parked in front of **GONZALEZ's residence**. CS-2 arrived at the same time in a different vehicle. Shortly after the vehicles arrived, a woman came out of **GONZALEZ's residence** with what appeared to be a plastic bag in her hand. The woman was wearing an apron and approached the red Ford F-150 that was occupied solely by **GONZALEZ-Salcedo.** The woman handed **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** the bag through the driver's side window of the truck and then returned to **GONZALEZ's residence**. CS-2, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**, and Yerin Gutierrez

then drove away.

80. On January 26, 2012, CS-2 received a call from **GONZALEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **GONZALEZ** asked CS-2 if he was "arriving or what," and that once CS-2 arrived, **GONZALEZ's** "wife will be there with the package." CS-2 told **GONZALEZ** he had "it" already, and **GONZALEZ** said "fine." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **GONZALEZ** was calling to tell CS-2 that his wife would give the $12,000 to CS-2 at **GONZALEZ's residence**. CS-2 confirmed that CS-2 had just received the $12,000 from **GONZALEZ's** wife.

81. Still on January 26, 2012, while acting at the direction of HSI, CS-2 went with Yerin Gutierrez, Alberto LNU, and **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** to **CHEPE's residence.** Agents from DEA, FBI, HSI and the HSI Air Wing conducted surveillance of the operation. At approximately 3:47 p.m., law enforcement through air surveillance saw CS-2 arrived at **CHEPE's residence**. CS-2 rode as a passenger in a maroon Ford King Ranch while Gutierrez drove, and **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** drove the red Ford F-150. At approximately 3:57 p.m., air surveillance saw **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** place a package in the backseat of the red F-150. At approximately 4:48 p.m., both vehicles left **CHEPE's residence** and drove to CS-2's residence. In a subsequent

debriefing of CS-2, CS-2 confirmed that he had met with **CHEPE** at **CHEPE's residence**, and **CHEPE** had provided CS-2 with $80,000 in marijuana proceeds.

January 28, 2012 Seizure of 700 pounds of Marijuana

82. During the January 2, 2012 interview, CS-2 explained that that Nunez's organization had 700 pounds of marijuana remaining from a shipment of marijuana that had arrived before CS-2 began cooperating with law enforcement. CS-2 stated that while CS-2 had been in law enforcement custody, **SANDOVAL** had stored those 700 pounds of marijuana at a remote ranch location in the general vicinity of Osceola County, Florida with the assistance of an individual known to CS-2 only as "Pollo."

83. On January 16, 2012, at approximately 6:36 p.m., CS-2 called **TAMEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **TAMEZ** told CS-2 that, "You still have a bunch left there from what Pancho moved near you." CS-2 replied "yes, the 7, the 7. It was 7 something over there." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **TAMEZ** confirmed **SANDOVAL**, who is also known as "Pancho" by Nunez's organization, had moved the 700 pounds of marijuana for safekeeping and storage.

84. On January 27, 2012, at approximately 3:08 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **TAMEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **TAMEZ** asked CS-2, "Did you already distribute what you have there?" CS-2 answered, "God willing that will go out tomorrow." **TAMEZ** replied, "That's good. Alright, so you can put together more checks." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **TAMEZ** and CS-2 were discussing the 700 pounds of marijuana obtained by Nunez's organization in Florida from a previous marijuana shipment delivered prior to CS-2 cooperating with law enforcement. I also believe that CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that CS-2 planned to distribute the marijuana the following day, and **TAMEZ** was pleased as this would generate more marijuana proceeds for the organization.

85. On January 27, 2012, at approximately 6:00 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **CHEPE**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked if **CHEPE** wanted "400." **CHEPE** stated that two of "his people" were not here and asked if he could take "half of the 400." CS-2 asked **CHEPE** if he could take "3", and **CHEPE** agreed. CS-2 stated that he would call **CHEPE** the following day, and **CHEPE** thanked CS-2. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used

by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **CHEPE** if he was prepared to receive and distribute 400 pounds of marijuana the following day. **CHEPE** stated that due to two of his customers not being in the area, he would prefer to accept only 200 pounds of marijuana. CS-2 asked **CHEPE** if he could instead accept 300 pounds of marijuana, and **CHEPE** agreed.

86. On January 27, 2012, at approximately 8:41 p.m., CS-2 called **GONZALEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **GONZALEZ** that the price would be "575," and **GONZALEZ** answered "exactly." CS-2 told **GONZALEZ** he was going to "take it all," and **GONZALEZ** would have "2 complete ones" and "the other 2 calmly." **GONZALEZ** replied "okay," and stated that he would talk with "his people." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **GONZALEZ** that **GONZALEZ** would receive 400 pounds of marijuana, and was expected to provide payment for 200 pounds of the marijuana quickly and the other 200 pounds whenever he could. I also believe that CS-2 and **GONZALEZ** agreed the marijuana would cost $575 per pound.

87. On January 28, 2012, while acting at the direction of law enforcement and under law enforcement surveillance, CS-2 traveled

with **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**, Yerin Gutierrez, and Alberto LNU to the location of the 700 pounds of marijuana in Osceola County. CS-2 planned to meet **SANDOVAL** at the location where the 700 pounds were being stored. CS-2 did not know the exact location of the 700 pounds prior to traveling there, as the storage location had been arranged by **SANDOVAL.** CS-2 could not ask for specific directions as he stated it would have potentially generated significant suspicion and risk for CS-2. Just prior to departing for this location on January 28, 2012, at approximately 11:38 a.m., CS-2 called **SANDOVAL**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, **SANDOVAL** instructed CS-2 to take "Kissimmee, Saint Cloud, and to continue straight." CS-2 then asked if they should travel "towards the left," and **SANDOVAL** said that they should. CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** that CS-2 would call **SANDOVAL** when CS-2 was on the way. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that **SANDOVAL** provided driving directions to CS-2 to the location of the 700 pounds. I also believe that these directions included traveling south on the Florida turnpike to the exit for Highway 192, then turning left on Highway 192, in order to continue straight on Highway 192 toward Saint Cloud, Florida.

88. On January 28, 2012, at approximately 11:44 a.m., CS-2 received a call from **GONZALEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **GONZALEZ** who was going to receive "that at his house." **GONZALEZ** replied that he was going to "receive it" and would call CS-2 when he was at **GONZALEZ's residence**. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 asked **GONZALEZ** who would be taking receipt of the 400 pounds of marijuana at **GONZALEZ's residence**, and **GONZALEZ** stated that he would take possession of the marijuana when it arrived at **GONZALEZ's residence.**

89. On January 28, 2012, at approximately 4:26 p.m., **CHEPE** called CS-2, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 asked **CHEPE** to wait for CS-2 at CS-2's house. **CHEPE** told CS-2 to "be careful." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 requested **CHEPE** be available at **CHEPE'S residence** to take receipt of the 300 pounds of marijuana, and **CHEPE** agreed.

90. On January 28, 2012, at approximately 1:20 p.m., law enforcement saw the two pickup trucks containing CS-2,

GONZALEZ-Salcedo, Yerin Tumbajoy Gutierrez, and Alberto LNU followed a white four door pickup truck into an orange grove off of Golden Citrus Road, Holopaw, in Osceola County. At approximately 1:20 p.m., CS-2 called **SANDOVAL**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** "they just got there." **SANDOVAL** directed CS-2 to continue on the "dirt road straight." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** that they had arrived in the vicinity of the location of the 700 pounds of marijuana. **SANDOVAL** instructed CS-2 to continue straight on the dirt road.

91. At approximately 3:06 p.m., law enforcement saw the white pickup truck leave the orange grove and arrive at a double-wide mobile home on the south side of Golden Citrus Road. The white pickup truck backed up to a white enclosed vehicle trailer that was parked behind the mobile home. The white pickup truck then towed the enclosed trailer back to where CS-2 and the others were located in the orange grove. The white pickup truck parked the trailer next to the red Ford F-150 pickup truck driven by **GONZALEZ-Salcedo.** According to CS-2, **SANDOVAL** was present at the location and supervised the loading of the 700 pounds in **GONZALEZ Salcedo's** red Ford F-150.

92. At approximately 3:34 p.m., law enforcement watched individuals standing near the rear of the red F-150 and the white enclosed trailer. At approximately 3:51 p.m., the red F-150 left the orange grove and headed towards the Florida Turnpike. At approximately 4:31 p.m., Florida Highway Patrol Trooper James Barley saw the Ford F-150 travelling north on the Turnpike, and Trooper Barley initiated a vehicle and traffic stop of the F-150. Upon approaching the vehicle, Trooper Barley smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the bed of the F-150. The driver of the F-150 presented a Mexican identification card in the name of "Jesus Gonzalez." The driver identified himself as "Jesus Gonzalez Salcedo," who is **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**.

93. Shortly after the traffic stop, Trooper Jacob Vaughn arrived on scene with K9 "Zender." Upon deploying "Zender," Trooper Vaughn observed "Zender" give a positive alert for the presence of narcotics near the rear tailgate of the F-150. A subsequent search of the F-150 resulted in the discovery and seizure of sixteen plastic garbage bags that contained a total of approximately 700 pounds of marijuana. **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** was arrested by Troopers Vaughn and Barley, and is currently detained pending state charges for the possession of that marijuana.

94. On January 28, 2012, at approximately 5:22 p.m., CS-2 called **TAMEZ**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual

intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that, "Chuy was stopped." **TAMEZ** asked how much "did they get," and CS-2 replied "all." CS-2 explained "three to one, and four to the other one," and noted that these "two guys were waiting for him because they wanted to work." **TAMEZ** asked if the customers were the "ones in Orlando," and CS-2 answered the customers were in Apopka. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** was arrested by law enforcement while driving the 700 pounds of marijuana to two customers. **TAMEZ** asked if the customers were in Orlando, which I believe indicates that **TAMEZ** was familiar with some of the established local distributors in Florida.

95. On January 28, 2012 at approximately 5:31 p.m., CS-2 made a call to **SANDOVAL**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** "they took off Chuy." **SANDOVAL** asked if this was "really true," and CS-2 replied that it was true. CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** that CS-2 "already reported to Wally." **SANDOVAL** stated that they "did everything right," and he felt "really bad," and asked what he could do. CS-2 stated that CS-2 would call **SANDOVAL** later. Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussions of "code words" used by Nunez's organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this

investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **SANDOVAL** that **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** was arrested with the 700 pounds of marijuana and that CS-2 had told **TAMEZ** about the arrest and marijuana seizure.

96. On January 28, 2012, at approximately 5:36 p.m., CS-2 received a call from **CHEPE**, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **CHEPE** that there were "problems," and the "guy" was "stopped." **CHEPE** said "okay" and asked CS-2 to call back later. Based upon debriefings of CS-2 including discussion of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 informed **CHEPE** that the 300 pounds of marijuana intended for **CHEPE** at **CHEPE's residence** had been intercepted by law enforcement.

97. Following **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**'s arrest, DEA and FBI agents conducted a post-Miranda interview of **GONZALEZ-Salcedo**. During that interview, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** stated that earlier that day individuals that he did not know asked him to drive a truck of marijuana to an unknown location in Apopka. Based upon my knowledge of this investigation, and the knowledge of other agents involved in this investigation, I believe **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** to have made a false statement likely designed to protect co-conspirators and Nunez's organization. However, **GONZALEZ-Salcedo** acknowledged that he was aware that he was transporting marijuana.

The Current Anticipated Delivery of Marijuana

98. In conjunction with the requests by **TAMEZ** for CS-2 to collect and provide Nunez's organization with the proceeds from earlier marijuana shipments described in the foregoing paragraphs, Nunez called CS-2 and directed that Nunez's organization would send new shipments of marijuana to Florida as soon as possible. At the direction of **TAMEZ** and Nunez, the shipments to Florida were to arrive in Panama City on a date currently unknown to me, but anticipated to be sometime on or about February 6, 2012.

99. On January 31, 2012, at approximately 5:55 p.m., **TAMEZ** called CS-2, and the call was intercepted over the consensual intercept of CS-2's cell phone. During that call, CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that he "was ready." CS-2 stated that, "One for up there in Panama," and "another one here." CS-2 explained that, "Pancho wanted one and a half or two." CS-2 asked how much they were sending to Panama City. **TAMEZ** replied "one and a half," and added that he would speak to the boss. **TAMEZ** noted that if "the boss said yes," they would "send two." Based upon debriefings of CS-2, including discussion of "code words" used by the organization, a review of intercepted calls, and my knowledge of this investigation, I believe that CS-2 told **TAMEZ** that CS-2 was ready to receive new marijuana shipments in Florida. I believe that CS-2 asked **TAMEZ** to send one shipment of marijuana to Panama City and one shipment of marijuana to Apopka. I also believe

that **SANDOVAL** was coordinating the delivery to Panama City, and wanted to receive 2,000 pounds of marijuana if possible. I believe that **TAMEZ** stated that the organization would likely send at least 1,500 pounds of marijuana to Panama City, but planned to ask Nunez if they could send 2,000 pounds of marijuana.

100. More recent calls from **TAMEZ** and Nunez have concerned the coordination of marijuana shipments to Florida. Those calls have resulted in CS-2, in coordination with and under the surveillance of law enforcement, leaving for Panama City on February 5, 2012, to take delivery of a marijuana shipment from Nunez's organization that is due in Panama City on or about February 6, 2012.

101. It is my understanding that following the arrival of that shipment of marijuana in Panama City, agents in the Northern District of Florida will seize that shipment. Following that seizure, and taking into account operational concerns of agent safety and safety of the cooperating sources, agents of the FBI, DEA, HSI, in coordination with other federal and state agencies, intend to execute the arrest and search warrants requested in this affidavit, and agents in the Northern District of Florida and Southern District of Texas will likely also execute a series of arrests and searches in investigations related to this one. Because the delivery of the shipment of marijuana and the seizure of that shipment in the Northern District of Florida will likely occur whenever that shipment arrives,

taking into consideration the operational concerns described above, I request the authority to execute the warrants described in this affidavit at any time of the day or night. If the marijuana shipment is seized overnight, and the targets of this investigation become aware of that seizure, it will likely result in those targets fleeing, in the destruction of evidence, and danger to the cooperating sources.

Conclusion

102. Based upon the information set forth above, I submit that there is probable cause to believe that

a. **Adolfo TAMEZ, also known as "Wally;"**

b. **Jaime Rodriguez SANDOVAL, also known as "Pancho;"**

c. **Ivan ALVARADO, also known as "TN;"**

d. **Josue Rivera ROSARIO;**

e. **Jesus GONZALEZ-Salcedo, also known as "Chuy;"**

f. **Antonio GONZALEZ;**

g. **FNU LNU, also known as "CHEPE;"**

h. **Cesar RAMOS; and**

i. **Omar MARTINEZ, also known as "Chilango;"**

conspired with each other and other person to distribute and possess with intent to distribute marijuana in excess of 1,000 pounds, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

103. Based upon my training and experience, as described in paragraph 6 of this affidavit, I am aware that it is common for drug traffickers and distributors to maintain fruits, evidence and instrumentalities of their drug trafficking activities at their residences and stash houses, including the various criminal methods used by, and the identities of, those persons involved in the drug trafficking described in this affidavit, and records and documents that will lead to the identification of sources of supply, transporters, financiers, couriers, and customers. Accordingly, based upon the information described in this affidavit, I also submit that there is probable cause to search the following locations for evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846:

a. 4753 Florence Street, Apopka, Florida(**RAMOS' residence**), which is where marijuana has been delivered and stored, where cash proceeds have been obtained and stored, where firearms have been stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit;

b. 31731 Niles Street, Sorrento, Florida(**SANDOVAL's residence**), which is where marijuana has been delivered and stored, where cash proceeds have been

obtained and stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit;

c. 5410 Lee Ann Drive, Orlando, Florida (**GONZALEZ-Salcedo's residence**), where firearms have been stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit;

d. 4350 North Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida, (**ROSARIO's stash house**), where cash proceeds have been obtained and stored, where firearms have been stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit;

e. 3211 Silver Lake Court, Kissimmee, Florida (**ALVARADO's residence**), which is where marijuana has been delivered and stored, where cash proceeds have been obtained and stored, where firearms have been stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug

trafficking organization as described in this affidavit;

f. 2369 Ellen Lane, Apopka, Florida (**CHEPE's residence**), which is where marijuana has been delivered and stored, where cash proceeds have been obtained and stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit; and

g. 36 West Albatross Street, Apopka (**GONZALEZ's residence**), which is where marijuana has been delivered and stored, where cash proceeds have been obtained and stored, and where I expect to find evidence corroborating the existence and operation of the drug trafficking organization as described in this affidavit.

This concludes my affidavit.

Kevin M. Farrington

FBI Special Agent Kevin M. Farrington

Signed and sworn before me
this 6th day of February, 2012.

Greg Kelly

The Honorable Gregory J. Kelly
United States Magistrate Judge

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Attachment A

Place to be Searched

RAMOS' Residence

The premises located at 4753 Florence Street in Apopka, Florida is located approximately 0.2 miles to the south of the intersection of West Kelly Park Road Florence Street. The residence is a one-story, dark yellow colored with white trim, concrete single block family home. There is driveway with vehicles in it on the north end of the residence, and the main entrance of the residence faces the west. Approximately 2 feet south of the of the driveway in front of the residence is a white mail box with the number "4753" affixed to it. There is a driveway that extends from the north west side of the home to the street. A wooden fence, approximately 6 feet in height extends down the side and rear of the home, and encloses the backyard.

Attachment B

Place to be Searched

SANDOVAL'S Residence

The premises located at 31731 Niles Street, Sorrento, Lake County, Florida 32776 is a one story wood framed residence. The main residence is light green. In front of the residence is a large telephone pole with a ladder attached to it with a standing plat form on the top. There is a large over hang on the front of the residence. There are multiple buildings surrounding the property. A yellow house is located to the east of the property. This is a one story wood framed single family residence with 3 bedrooms. The residence is 1344 sqft. To the west of the property is an apartment style "L" shaped building. This building is blue and is made of block. In the center of the property is a yellow barn type building (unknown what it is made of). There are numerous smaller sheds and buildings throughout the premises. This is a 5 acre lot.

There is a six foot wooden fence surrounding the entire property. There is a heavy single metal gate that is often closed. This is the entry point onto the property. There is a black mailbox with white and black stickers with the numeric **31731** on each side.

Attachment C

Place to be Searched

GONZALEZ-Salcedo's Residence

The premises located at 5410 Lee Ann Drive is located approximately .10 miles south of the intersection of Jim Glenn Drive and Lee Ann Drive. The residence is a one story concrete block single family home with multi colored bricks along the bottom of the residence. There is an attached carport in the front right of the residence. There is a detached 2 door garage on the southwest corner of the property. The detached garage is a tan building with brown doors. The south side of the residence is fenced with a 4 foot chain link fence.

Attachment D

Place to be Searched

ROSARIO's Stash House

The premises located at 4350 North Road in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida is approximately 20 yards north of the intersection between Rosehill Ave and North Road. North Road is an unpaved roadway. The residence is a one story, yellow colored, single family home with a grey tin roof and tan trim. There is an enclosed covered porch on the east side of the residence and the main entrance of the residence faces east. There is an unpaved driveway that extends from North Road to the north side of the residence.

Attachment E

Place to be Searched

ALVARADO's Residence

The premises located at 3211 Silver Lake Court is located approximately .10 miles north of the intersection of Dawn Avenue and Silver Lake Court. The residence is a one-story tan color, manufactured, single family home. The main entrance of the residence faces south and the front door has steps leading up to it. On the west end of the residence, the number "3211" are clearly marked. There is a 6 foot privacy fence, painted black, surrounding the back half of the residence. There is a above ground swimming pool and multiple vehicles in the backyard of the residence. There is a 3 foot picket fence, painted black, surrounding the front half of the residence.

Attachment F

Place to be Searched

CHEPE's Residence

The premises located at 2369 Ellen Lane in Apopka, Florida is located approximately 377 feet to the west of the intersection of Schopke Lester Road and Ellen Lane. The residence is a one story, gray colored with white trim, concrete single block family home. There is a garage on the east end of the residence, and the main entrance of the residence faces the south. On the east end of the residence, above the garage, are the numbers "2369." There is a driveway that extends from the garage to the street, with vehicles in the driveway. A chainlink fence, approximately 4 feet in height extends down the side and rear of the home, and encloses the backyard, which contains small shed outbuildings.

Attachment G

Place to be Searched

GONZALEZ' Residence

The premises located at 36 West Albatross Street in Apopka, Florida is located approximately 0.2 miles to the west of the intersection Park Avenue and Albatross Street. The residence is a one-story, yellow colored with white trim, concrete single block family home. There is garage on the east end of the residence, and the main entrance of the residence faces the north. Just east of the front door, is the number "36." There is a driveway that extends from the garage to the street. A wooden fence, approximately 6 feet in height extends down the side and rear of the home, and encloses the backyard.

Attachment H

Items to be Searched and Seized

Evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of offenses involving drug trafficking and money laundering, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 (the Subject Offense), as well as evidence concerning the identification of individuals who are engaged in the commission of this offense, including the following:

1. Documents, records, files, and other items, in whatever form, related to the Subject Offense, the identification of co-conspirators, and the obstruction of this investigation, including books, records, receipts, notes, ledgers, banking records, airline tickets, money orders, express mail receipts, cell phones, and other communication devices.

2. Materials for packaging, diluting, weighing, concealing, and distributing controlled substances and bulk currency, including scales, plastic bags, diluting agents, and weapons and ammunition for the protection of the conspiracy, as well as any controlled substances and any evidence of prior concealment of controlled substances and currency.

3. Currency, financial instruments, precious metals, jewelry and other items that are fruits of the Subject Offense, as well as such items that are evidence of financial transactions relating to obtaining, transferring, laundering, and spending the proceeds of the Subject Offense.