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*United States District Court  
District of New Jersey*

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : HON. MARK FALK  
  
v. : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
  
LORENZO CARBALLO : Magistrate No. 12-3753  
a/k/a "Lori" : Filed Under Seal

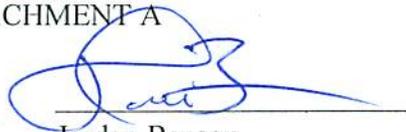
I, Jordan Benson, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. From at least as early as in and around November 2011 through on or about November 30, 2012, in Union County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant LORENZO CARBALLO did:

knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B), and

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT A



Jordan Benson  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

December 7, 2012 at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Newark, New Jersey  
City and State

Honorable Mark Falk  
United States Magistrate Judge



Signature of Judicial Officer

## ATTACHMENT A

I, Jordan Benson, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I am familiar with the facts set forth herein through my personal participation in the investigation and through oral and/or written reports from other federal agents and law enforcement officers. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Since this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date and time, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date and time alleged.

### I. Overview

1. Between on or about November 2011 and on or about November 30, 2012, law enforcement was involved in an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) operating in and around Elizabeth and Newark, New Jersey.

2. The DTO functioned, in part, by utilizing individuals operating in Puerto Rico and other locations to coordinate shipments of parcels containing kilogram quantities of cocaine and heroin through the U.S. mails to locations in Northern New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Co-conspirators packaging the narcotics would conceal the narcotics in benign items such as candles and childrens toys, and then ship the narcotics to those areas. Individuals in New Jersey would coordinate these shipments, process or "cut" the narcotics upon receipt of the parcels, and distribute the narcotics to locations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland and other locations.

3. As the investigation progressed through, among other things, the use of confidential sources, physical surveillance and judicially-authorized electronic surveillance, law enforcement in New Jersey identified Defendant LORENZO CARBALLO a/k/a "Lori" as one of the individuals distributing cocaine on behalf of the DTO.

4. Subsequent physical surveillance and judicially-authorized electronic surveillance in New Jersey led law enforcement to identify Defendant LORENZO CARBALLO operating in and around the Elizabeth, New Jersey area.

### II. Controlled Purchase of 520 Grams of Cocaine on December 1, 2011

5. In and around late November 2011 a confidential source with a history of reliability and credibility (the "CS"), working at the direction of the FBI, negotiated the purchase of approximately 520 grams of cocaine from LORENZO CARBALLO. LORENZO CARBALLO informed the CS that he was as a runner for "El Duro," a narcotics dealer working in the Elizabeth, New Jersey area. During this time, the CS and LORENZO CARBALLO negotiated and discussed the sale in person as well as over consensual recorded telephone calls and text messages. LORENZO CARBALLO advised the CS that LORENZO CARBALLO's supplier was "El Duro," who resided on Geneva Street, in Elizabeth, New Jersey and LORENZO

CARBALLO would return the proceeds of the sale to El Duro on Geneva Street following the sale.

6. On or about December 1, 2011, LORENZO CARBALLO and a separate co-conspirator, Fernando Duarte Castro, were seen by law enforcement in front of 53 Geneva Street. After conversing for several minutes, LORENZO CARBALLO and Fernando Duarte Castro entered 53 Geneva Street together. Shortly thereafter, the CS, while under physical surveillance by law enforcement, arrived in a vehicle and was met by LORENZO CARBALLO. As he exited 53 Geneva Street to enter the CS vehicle, LORENZO CARBALLO was seen carrying a bag, which was later found to contain approximately 520 grams of cocaine. After entering the CS's vehicle, LORENZO CARBALLO and the CS traveled to a separate location to conduct a controlled sale of the 520 grams of cocaine. Following the transaction, the CS dropped LORENZO CARBALLO off at 53 Geneva Street with the proceeds of the narcotics sale.

7. Thereafter, on or about January 20, 2012, LORENZO CARBALLO advised the CS, that El Duro had two kilograms of cocaine he was looking to sell. On or about February 5, 2012, the CS met with LORENZO CARBALLO and El Duro outside of LORENZO CARBALLO's residence in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Thereafter, the CS reported that El Duro advised that he was "the boss" and the one who sold the original 520 grams of cocaine on December 1, 2011. El Duro also advised the CS to contact LORENZO CARBALLO if he wanted to purchase any further narcotics.

### III. Intercepted Communications

8. On September 14, 2012, U.S. District Judge Claire C. Cecchi authorized the interception of wire communication to and from a cellular telephone facility utilized by Roberto Rentas Negron, a/k/a "El Duro" (hereinafter "El Duro") ("the 1<sup>st</sup> Duro Facility").<sup>1</sup> On October 16, 2012, Judge Cecchi authorized the interception of wire and electronic communication to and from the 1<sup>st</sup> Duro Facility as well as a second cellular telephone facility utilized by El Duro (the "2<sup>nd</sup> Duro Facility"). On November 14, 2012, U.S. District Judge Kevin McNulty authorized the interception of wire and electronic communication to and from a cellular telephone facility utilized by Antonio Vazquez a/k/a "Panta" (hereinafter "Panta")(the "2<sup>nd</sup> Panta Facility").<sup>2</sup>

9. Conversations intercepted over the 1<sup>st</sup> Duro Facility, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duro Facility and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Panta Facility, demonstrate that LORENZO CARBALLO is involved in the conspiracy to traffic cocaine in and around the Elizabeth and Newark, New Jersey area. In the following paragraphs, I have set forth excerpts of the recorded conversations and then provided an explanation of the conversation in parenthesis. Explanations in parentheses are based on my

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<sup>1</sup> El Duro is an associate of LORENZO CARBALLO, involved in distributing narcotics in Elizabeth, New Jersey and elsewhere.

<sup>2</sup> Panta is an associate of El Duro's, involved in distributing narcotics in Northern New Jersey and elsewhere.

training and experience, and that of other agents and law enforcement officers with whom I have conferred regarding the facts and circumstances of this investigation. In addition, transcripts of the conversations, are in draft form. As such, quoted passages of phone conversations referenced below are in sum and substance.

A. September 24, 2012 Controlled Purchase of 550 Grams of Cocaine

10. On September 23-24, 2012, the CS, working at the direction of the FBI, negotiated the purchase of approximately 550 grams of cocaine from El Duro. After the transfer of a quantity of narcotics from one of El Duro's runners to the CS, El Duro called the CS over the 1<sup>st</sup> Duro Facility and explained that he believed the CS was purchasing only "250" (grams of cocaine). El Duro stated that after receiving the proceeds of the transaction, he realized that the CS had paid for a greater quantity of narcotics. The CS explained that he intended to purchase "550" (grams of cocaine) and El Duro said he would call his associates to obtain the remaining 300 grams for the CS.

11. Thereafter, in a call intercepted over the 1<sup>st</sup> Duro Facility, El Duro instructed LORENZO CARBALLO to return "100 of what I gave you and I will repay you later or tomorrow" (El Duro was telling LORENZO CARBALLO to provide him with 100 grams of cocaine so he could use it to assist in making up the difference in the amount owed to the CS). LORENZO CARBALLO replied "OK."

12. Following this conversation and additional calls with different co-conspirators, El Duro provided the CS with the remaining 300 grams of cocaine.