

AFFIDAVIT

I, Brian Bridgeford, Special Agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), being duly sworn, depose and state:

I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Drug Enforcement Administration and have been so employed since March 2010. I am currently assigned to the DEA Albuquerque District Office, specifically assigned to investigate federal narcotics offenses. I am a law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code Section 2510(7), who is empowered to conduct investigations of, and make arrests for, narcotic offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code Section 2516. I have successfully completed the DEA Basic Agent Training Academy at the DEA Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This training included instruction in the investigation of federal drug crimes including, but not limited to Title 21, United States Code Sections 841, 846, 959, and Title 18 United States Code Sections 2, 1956, and 1957. I have discussed with numerous law enforcement officers, defendants, and informants, the methods and practices used by narcotic distributors. I have acted in an undercover capacity and have been the affiant on numerous federal and state search warrants, Title III affidavits, complaints, and have testified in court in the area of narcotics on numerous occasions.

The facts set forth in this affidavit are known to me as a result of my investigation and interviews with other agents and law enforcement officers. These are not all the facts known to me throughout the course of this investigation, but rather only those that are essential to establish probable cause for charging a complaint against Amjad Al-Washah for a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 802(32), 813, 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C), that being Distribution of a Controlled Substance Analogue.

PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 4, 2013, I was working in an undercover capacity. At approximately 11:48 a.m., I went into CARLOS' SMOKE SHOP located at 806 Old Coors Drive SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon entering the store, I observed a male subject identified as Amjad Al-Washah. I recognized Al-Washah from a New Mexico driver's license photo I had been shown by SA Jeff McKinley and SA Scott Hartz. I asked Al-Washah if he had "Bizarro" which is the advertised name for a popular synthetic cannabinoid. Al-Washah responded that he did not have "Bizarro" and instead offered "High Life" and "Head Rush," additional advertised names for synthetic cannabinoids. I stated to Al-Washah that I was looking to make money from selling the packets of "spice" that I purchased and wanted to know if Al-Washah would give me a discount if I purchased a large amount.

Al-Washah responded that \$20.00 would be the best price he could provide for the packets of "Head Rush." Al-Washah also stated that he would include "blunt wraps and papers." I know that "blunt wraps and papers" are a means to smoke leafy substances such as tobacco,

marijuana, and synthetic cannabinoids. Al-Washah ensured me that he would pick out the fullest packets he had available. I then provided Al-Washah with \$200.00 Official Advanced Funds. Al-Washah then counted out 10 of the fullest packets he could find for me from a location underneath the cash register. Al-Washah placed them in a bag along with blunt wrappers and rolling papers. I noticed that the funds were placed in the stores cash register.

At the conclusion of this operation, SA Hartz, as witnessed by SA McKinley, processed the exhibit and submitted it to the DEA South Central Laboratory for analysis. On May 7, 2014, SA Hartz was advised by the DEA South Central Laboratory that the substance tested conclusively positive for AB-FUBINACA and 5F-PB-22. Although both are now Schedule I controlled substances, at the time the purchase was conducted, 5F-PB-22 was a listed analogue of AM-2201. AM-2201 was emergency scheduled as a Schedule I controlled substance on July 9, 2012.

Based on the aforementioned information, Amjad Al-Washah knowingly and intentionally distributed a Schedule I controlled substance analogue, namely 5F-PB-22, contrary to 21 U.S.C. §§ 802(32), 813, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Brian Bridgeford
Special Agent
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Albuquerque District Office

Sworn before me on this the 8 day of May, 2014



Karen B. Molzen
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
New Mexico Judicial District
Albuquerque, New Mexico