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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**FELONY**

**INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE  
FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

**22-251**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

\* **CRIMINAL NO:**

**v.**

\* **SECTION:**

**SECT. JMAG.1**

**FERMIN RODRIGUEZ-ORTEGA**

\* **VIOLATIONS: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)**

**21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)**

\* **21 U.S.C. § 846**

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The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNT 1**

(Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)

Beginning at a time unknown but prior to September 26, 2022, and continuing until on or about September 27, 2022, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **FERMIN RODRIGUEZ-ORTEGA**, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a

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detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4 piperidiny] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

**COUNT 2**

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)

On or about September 27, 2022, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **FERMIN RODRIGUEZ-ORTEGA**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States.

2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2, the defendant, **FERMIN RODRIGUEZ-ORTEGA**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of said offenses, and any property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of said offenses.

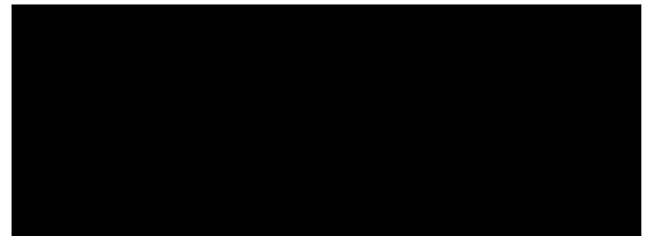
3. If any of the above-described property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or


e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

the United States shall seek a money judgment and, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of said property.

A TRUE BILL:



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