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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J.  
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 v. : Mag. No. 23-9290  
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 THOMAS KANE MILLER : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Kareem R. Freckleton, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

**SEE ATTACHMENT A**

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

**SEE ATTACHMENT B**

Continued on the attached page and made a part hereof.

s/ Kareem Freckleton  
Kareem R. Freckleton, Special Agent  
Drug Enforcement Administration

SA Freckleton attested to this Complaint  
by telephone pursuant to FRCP 4.1(b)(2)(A)  
on June 30, 2023 in the District of New Jersey

s/Honorable Cathy L. Waldor  
HONORABLE CATHY L. WALDOR  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**ATTACHMENT A**

**COUNT ONE**

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Heroin)

On or about October 20, 2022, in Middlesex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**THOMAS KANE MILLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, and a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

**COUNT TWO**

(Distribution and Possession with the Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Heroin)

From on or about October 29, 2022 through on or about October 30, 2022,  
in Somerset County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**THOMAS KANE MILLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, and a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and serious bodily injury to, and the death of, an individual resulted from the use of such mixture and substances distributed by the defendant.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

## **ATTACHMENT B**

I, Kareem R. Freckleton, am a Special Agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”). I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and other items of evidence. Because 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 statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

1. At all times relevant to this Criminal Complaint, Defendant Thomas Kane Miller (hereinafter, “Miller”) supplied various controlled substances, including fentanyl and heroin, to individuals in and around Somerville, New Jersey.

2. On or about October 20, 2022, in the area of Route 1 South and North Oaks Boulevard in North Brunswick, New Jersey, a white Honda Accord (the “Vehicle”) driven by an individual later identified as Miller swerved across highway lanes. A subsequent inquiry on the Vehicle’s registration plate revealed that the registration was expired. Law enforcement conducted a motor vehicle stop of the Vehicle.

3. Law enforcement searched Miller’s credentials, learned that there was an active warrant for Miller, and arrested him. During a lawful search of the Vehicle that followed, law enforcement located approximately 5 glassine wax folds containing a substance that subsequently tested positive for the presence of fentanyl and heroin. Each wax fold was stamped with the words, “Black Caesar” in blue ink. Law enforcement also recovered other suspected narcotics and paraphernalia, including approximately 14 small clear plastic ziplock bags. Miller was charged locally with controlled substance offenses and released on bail.

4. On or about October 29, 2022, in or around Somerville, New Jersey, Miller distributed a substance, which later tested positive for fentanyl and heroin, to an individual who died as a result of using the substance. More specifically, on or about October 30, 2022, at approximately 1:15 p.m., law enforcement responded to a residence located in Plainfield, New Jersey (the “Residence”), after receiving a 911 call from a family member reporting an unconscious female. The female (hereinafter, “the Victim”), who had a belt tied around her left arm, was found deceased on the bedroom floor on the third floor of the Residence (the “Bedroom”); the Victim was 51 years old.

5. Law enforcement found two wax folds containing a powdery substance, later confirmed to be a mix of fentanyl and heroin. One wax fold was torn and found on the Bedroom floor, and the other fold was found on a nightstand in the Bedroom. Both wax folds were stamped “Black Caesar” in blue ink. Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and confirmed the Victim’s death. An autopsy later revealed that the Victim’s cause of death was “[a]cute fentanyl intoxication.”

6. Following the Victim’s death, a search of the Victim’s iPhone, which is associated with a telephone number ending in 0498 (hereinafter, the “Victim’s 0498 Phone”) revealed that Miller’s phone number was found as a contact in the Victim’s 0498 Phone as “Kane,” which is Miller’s middle name. A review of text messages in the Victim’s 0498 Phone revealed that on or about October 29, 2022 – the day before the deceased Victim was located – the Victim and Miller had the following communications via text messages and audio calls:

<b>Time (On or About)</b>	<b>Communication</b>
12:36 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “Hey how are you?”
12:37 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “I’m okay”
12:39 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “Just checking. I know who this is?”
12:46 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “Yes how have you been”
12:47 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “Good, off DC, you know anyone good? I’m in Somerville”
12:48 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone and Miller have 16 second communication via FaceTime.
12:50 p.m.	Miller calls Victim’s 0498 Phone. The call lasts approximately three minutes.
1:36 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone calls Miller. The call lasts approximately six seconds.
2:10 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “What up”
2:18 p.m.	Miller calls Victim’s 0498 Phone. The call lasts approximately one minute.
2:45 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “I’m in ville bout To see bout what you wanted”
2:45 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “I’m here, let me know”
2:46 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “You meeting me?”
2:46 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “Yeah one sec”
3:15 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “Anything?”
3:17 p.m.	Miller calls Victim’s 0498 Phone. The call lasts approximately 23 seconds.
3:17 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “Meet me on spring street”
3:18 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “I don’t even know where that is?”
3:19 p.m.	Victim’s 0498 Phone texts Miller: “OK”
3:19 p.m.	Miller texts Victim’s 0498 Phone: “Somerville”

3:19 p.m.	Victim's 0498 Phone texts Miller "OK"
3:25 p.m.	Victim's 0498 Phone texts Miller: "Spring and what ? I just been all the way down Spring didn't see you"
3:27 p.m.	Miller texts Victim's 0498 Phone: "You will see my truck by a ramp 55 then number I'll be Right out"
3:36 p.m.	Miller texts Victim's 0498 Phone: "You out there"
3:36 p.m.	Victim's 0498 Phone texts Miller: "I've been up and down Spring Street and I still haven't seen your truck."
3:38 p.m.	Miller calls Victim's 0498 Phone. The call lasts approximately one minute.
3:42 p.m.	Miller texts Victim's 0498 Phone: "Come in"
3:42 p.m.	Miller texts Victim's 0498 Phone: "In front of you"
4:45 p.m.	Victim's 0498 Phone texts Miller: "Good lookin"
7:25 p.m.	Miller texts Victim's 0498 Phone: "You good"

7. Law enforcement subsequently obtained location information for Miller's phone and the Victim's 0498 Phone. The location information revealed that the two devices were in close proximity to each other on October 29, 2022 from approximately 3:25 p.m. through at least 3:42 p.m., further confirming Miller's sale of controlled substances to the Victim.

8. Additionally, a search of the Victim's 0498 Phone revealed that on or about October 30, 2023 – the day the Victim was found – Miller called the Victim's 0498 Phone at approximately 10:22 a.m., and the call was not answered.