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

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Cathy L. Waldor  
: :  
v. : Mag. No. 15-7298 (CLW)  
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CARLOS BESS : CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

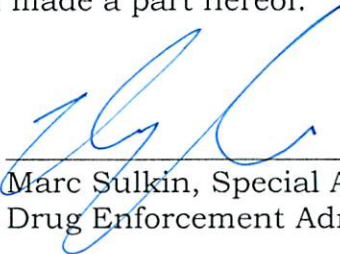
I, Marc Sulkin, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

**SEE ATTACHMENT A**

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the 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.

  
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Marc Sulkin, Special Agent  
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,  
December 9, 2015 at Essex County, New Jersey

HONORABLE CATHY L. WALDOR  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

  
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Signature of Judicial Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**COUNT ONE**  
(Narcotics Distribution)

On or about December 9, 2015, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

**CARLOS BESS**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

**COUNTS TWO THROUGH SIX**  
(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about December 9, 2015, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

**CARLOS BESS**

having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce firearms, namely the firearms set forth in the table below, each constituting a separate count of this Complaint.

<b>Count</b>	<b>Firearm Type</b>
2	A loaded Smith & Wesson Model 19-4 .357 revolver, Serial number 69K1928
3	A Mossberg Model 500A 12 gauge shotgun serial number U137157
4	A loaded Walther Model PK380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number PK114208
5	A loaded Ruger Model SR9C 9mm pistol, Serial # 333-05099
6	A loaded Lorcin Model L380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number 505009

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

## ATTACHMENT B

I, Marc Sulkin, have been a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") for approximately ten years. I have knowledge of the following facts based upon both my investigation and discussions with other law enforcement personnel and others. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support the issuance of a complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to the government concerning this matter. All statements of others are related in substance and in 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. Defendant CARLOS BESS has at least six felony convictions in New Jersey courts, each punishable by more than a year in prison, including:
  - a. Two convictions on or about October 10, 2000, for theft and criminal mischief with damage, in Middlesex County Superior Court;
  - b. A conviction on or about September 18, 2000, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, in Middlesex County Superior Court;
  - c. Two convictions on or about September 10, 2001, for distributing a controlled dangerous substance and for distributing a controlled dangerous substance on school property, in Middlesex County Superior Court;
  - d. A conviction on or about June 3, 2009, for distributing a controlled dangerous substance, in Union County Superior Court;
2. Since in or around June 2015, the DEA and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Tobacco, and Explosives ("ATF") have been investigating defendant BESS and others involved in selling narcotics, including heroin and cocaine, and unlawfully possessing firearms in and around Middlesex and Essex Counties.
3. Based upon information developed during the investigation, on or about December 8, 2015, the Honorable Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J. for the District of New Jersey, authorized a search warrant of defendant BESS's residence, located in or around Newark, New Jersey. The warrant authorized law enforcement officers to search for, among other things, narcotics and firearms.

4. On or about December 9, 2015, law enforcement officers executed the search warrant at defendant BESS's residence. Within defendant BESS's residence were significant quantities of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, more than approximately 500 grams of cocaine, located within a safe.
5. In addition, law enforcement officers found, within defendant BESS's residence and within locations consistent with defendant BESS's possession, custody, and control, five different firearms (collectively, the "December 9 Firearms").
6. Each of the December 9 Firearms were operable. Each of the December 9 Firearms traveled in or affected interstate or foreign commerce.
7. The December 9 Firearms are listed below:
  - a. A loaded Smith & Wesson Model 19-4 .357 revolver, serial number 69K1928;
  - b. A Mossberg Model 500A 12 gauge shotgun, serial number U137157;
  - c. A loaded Walther Model PK380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number PK114208;
  - d. A loaded Ruger Model SR9C 9mm pistol, serial number 333-05099;
  - e. A loaded Lorcin Model L380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number 505009