
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : SUPERSEDING
: CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
v. :
: Honorable Michael A. Hammer
NANKEL STUARDO SOLORZANO :
: Mag. No. 26-10077

I, Adam Ferstand, the undersigned complainant 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 Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

Continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.


Adam Ferstand, Task Force Officer
Drug Enforcement Administration

~~Task Force Officer Adam Ferstand attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. Rule 4.1(b)(2)(A), on April 18, 2026.~~


Hon. Michael A. Hammer
United States Magistrate Judge

4/18/2026

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)

On or about April 16, 2026, in Passaic County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

NANKEL STUARDO SOLORZANO

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

COUNT TWO

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances)

On or about April 17, 2026, in Passaic County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

NANKEL STUARDO SOLORZANO

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance; 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, a Schedule II controlled substance; and 280 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II.

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

COUNT THREE

(Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime)

On or about April 17, 2026, in Passaic County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

NANKEL STUARDO SOLORZANO,

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine base, as charged in Count Two of this Complaint, did knowingly possess four (4) firearms and assorted ammunition, namely (a) a China Norinco AK47 7.62 x 39 mm rifle, equipped with a large capacity magazine, bearing serial number 1702405; (b) a Para Ordinance P-13 .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number RM5187; (c) a Springfield XDM .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number MG705180, which was reported stolen out of North Carolina; and (d) a Stevens 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 217020X.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT FOUR

(Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon)

On or about April 17, 2026, in Passaic County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

NANKEL STUARDO SOLORZANO,

knowing that he had previously been convicted in the Superior Court of New Jersey of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess in and affecting interstate commerce a four (4) firearms and assorted ammunition, namely (a) a China Norinco AK47 7.62 x 39 mm rifle, equipped with a large capacity magazine, bearing serial number 1702405; (b) a Para Ordinance P-13 .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number RM5187; (c) a Springfield XDM .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number MG705180, which was reported stolen out of North Carolina; and (d) a Stevens 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 217020X.

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, Adam Ferstand, am a Task Force Officer with the 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, videos, and photographs of the evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. 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 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. On or about April 15, 2026, law enforcement received information regarding a drug trafficking organization (the "DTO") operating in the Tri-State area, specifically New York and New Jersey. A confidential source ("CS-1") informed law enforcement that an unidentified male was looking to provide a sample of approximately one (1) kilogram of fentanyl to a potential buyer in Clifton, New Jersey.

2. In the evening hours, on or about April 15, 2026, law enforcement met another confidential source ("CS-2") at a predetermined location. Pursuant to DEA standard procedures, prior to and following the operation described below, law enforcement searched CS-2's vehicle and person for drugs and contraband. The pre- and post-searches revealed neither drugs nor contraband in CS-2's vehicle or on CS-2's person, other than the drugs obtained during the operation described below.

3. Shortly thereafter on or about April 15, 2026, law enforcement established surveillance of a restaurant parking lot ("Parking Lot") in the vicinity of Clifton, New Jersey. Law enforcement witnessed CS-2's vehicle enter the Parking Lot. Law enforcement observed a Hispanic male, later identified as Nankel Stuardo Solorzano ("SOLORZANO"), carrying a white shopping bag exit a gray pickup truck bearing New Jersey license plate ending with the characters "VRF" (the "Pickup Truck") and approach CS-2's vehicle. SOLORZANO placed the white shopping bag in CS-2's vehicle and walked away from CS-2's vehicle.

4. Law enforcement recovered the white shopping bag from CS-2's vehicle. Inside the white shopping bag was one (1) brick-shaped package wrapped in brown and plastic packaging and bearing a "Simpsons" stamp. Law enforcement opened the package and determined that it contained a white-colored substance. Law enforcement field-tested the substance and determined that it contained a detectable amount of fentanyl. The weight of the substance was approximately 1.1 kilograms, including packaging.

5. Law enforcement surveilled SOLORZANO from the Parking Lot back to an apartment complex ("Apartment Complex") located in the vicinity of CR-602 N in

Clifton, New Jersey. Law enforcement determined that the Pickup Truck was registered to SOLORZANO. Law enforcement showed CS-2 a photograph of SOLORZANO, and CS-2 confirmed that SOLORZANO appeared to be the Hispanic male who placed the white shopping bag in CS-2's vehicle.

6. On or about April 16, 2026, in the morning hours, law enforcement established surveillance in the vicinity of the Apartment Complex. Law enforcement continued their surveillance throughout the day. In the evening hours, law enforcement observed SOLORZANO exit the Apartment Complex, walk down the Apartment Complex stairs towards the vehicle garages facing Bloomfield Avenue, enter a garage facing Bloomfield Avenue ("Garage A"), exit Garage A, walk down the street carrying a brown bag, and enter a different garage ("Garage B"). Shortly, thereafter, the Pickup Truck exited Garage B.

7. Law enforcement surveilled the Pickup Truck to the Parking Lot. Law enforcement observed an unknown individual (the "Individual") walk up to the Pickup Truck and retrieve a brown bag. The Individual then entered the passenger seat of a Honda Accord (the "Honda") with the brown bag, and the Honda exited the Parking Lot. Law enforcement surveilled the Honda and shortly thereafter conducted a traffic stop of the Honda. The driver provided law enforcement with consent to search the Honda. Law enforcement observed the brown bag on the floor of the Honda passenger seat.

8. Law enforcement determined that the bag contained (1) brick shaped package wrapped in brown and plastic packaging bearing a "Simpsons" stamp. Law enforcement opened the package and determined that it contained a white-colored substance. Law enforcement field-tested the substance and determined that it contained a detectable amount of fentanyl. The weight of the substance was approximately 1.1 kilograms, including packaging.

9. Law enforcement surveilled SOLORZANO back to the Apartment Complex and set up surveillance at the Apartment Complex. In the morning hours, on or about April 17, 2026, SOLORZANO was observed walking down the Apartment Complex stairs and towards Garage A. Law enforcement apprehended SOLORZANO and placed him under arrest.

10. On or about April 17, 2026, law enforcement executed judicially authorized search warrants on Garage A, Garage B, and the Pickup Truck. Following the execution of the search warrant of Garage A, law enforcement recovered among other things approximately thirty-nine (39) kilograms of fentanyl, approximately fifty-two (52) kilograms of methamphetamine, and approximately 2.2 kilos of cocaine base. Law enforcement field-tested a representative sample of each of the drug types and determined that they contained a detectable amount of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine base, respectively. Additionally, law enforcement

located four (4) firearms described in more detail below, as well as assorted ammunition and magazines:

- a. a China Norinco AK47 7.62 x 39mm rifle, equipped with a large capacity magazine, bearing serial number 1702405;
- b. a Para Ordinance P-13 .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number RM5187;
- c. a Springfield XDM .45 caliber handgun, bearing serial number MG705180, which was reported stolen out of North Carolina; and
- d. a Stevens 12-gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 217020X.

11. The firearms and ammunition seized from Garage A were all manufactured outside the State of New Jersey and thus moved in and affected interstate commerce prior to April 17, 2026.

12. On or about August 30, 2007, SOLORZANO was convicted in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, of manufacturing, distributing, or possessing with intent to distribute controlled substances, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5A(1), a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year.