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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Joseph A. Dickson, U.S.M.J.  
v. :  
 : Mag. No. 19- 6761  
 :  
BRIAN CHEDA-HACKEMBRUCH, :  
and : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
EDUARDO MARTINEZ :

I, Brian Sabatelli, 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 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:



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Brian Sabatelli, Task Force Officer  
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,  
August 2, 2019 in Newark, New Jersey.

HONORABLE JOSEPH A. DICKSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



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Signature of Judicial Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**COUNT ONE**  
**(Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine)**

From in or around May 2019 through on or about July 29, 2019, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

BRIAN CHEDA-HACKEMBRUCH,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Maintaining Drug-Involved Premises)**

From in or around May 2019 through on or about July 31, 2019, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant

BRIAN CHEDA-HACKEMBRUCH,

did knowingly open, lease, rent, use, and maintain any place, whether permanently or temporarily, for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or using any controlled substance,

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 856.

**COUNT THREE**  
**(Possession of Controlled Substances)**

On or about July 31, 2019, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

EDUARDO MARTINEZ,

did knowingly and intentionally possess a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance,

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 844.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

I, Brian Sabatelli, am a Task Force Officer 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 items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this Complaint is being submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support the issuance of a complaint, 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. In or around May 2019, law enforcement began investigating Brian Cheda-Hackembruch for the unlawful distribution of controlled substances, namely methamphetamine, from his residence in West Orange, New Jersey (the "West Orange Residence").

2. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement has observed multiple suspected narcotics transactions including, but not limited to:

- a. In or around the week of May 26, 2019, law enforcement conducted surveillance outside of the West Orange Residence and observed an unidentified male ("UM-1") park his vehicle in the area of the West Orange Residence, at which time UM-1 appeared to be communicating via his cell phone. Shortly thereafter, UM-1 exited his vehicle and approached the West Orange Residence. Law enforcement observed Cheda-Hackembruch open the front door of the West Orange Residence as UM-1 approached and entered. Within seconds, UM-1 emerged from the West Orange Residence, entered his vehicle, and left the area. After UM-1 had sufficiently cleared the area, law enforcement stopped his vehicle. Law enforcement observed a small manila envelope protruding from UM-1's pants pocket. UM-1 confirmed that the manila envelope contained approximately two grams of methamphetamine.
- b. In or around the week of June 24, 2019, law enforcement conducted surveillance outside the West Orange Residence and observed an unidentified male ("UM-2") park his vehicle in the area of the West Orange Residence. UM-2 exited his vehicle and walked towards the West Orange Residence, while retrieving United States Currency from his pocket, and

entered the West Orange Residence. UM-2 emerged shortly thereafter, reentered his vehicle, and left the area. Law enforcement stopped UM-2's vehicle and observed UM-2 immediately discard a small glass container to the floorboard in front of the passenger's seat. The container was determined to contain a small amount of cocaine.

3. Pursuant to a lawfully obtained search warrant, on or about July 29, 2019, law enforcement entered the West Orange Residence. Law enforcement located Cheda-Hackembruch in his bedroom on the second floor ("Cheda-Hackembruch's Bedroom"). During the search, law enforcement located approximately 74 grams of suspected marijuana under various labels or "brands." Law enforcement also located a terrarium that contained a white residue, which was determined to be approximately 28 grams of methamphetamine. Generally, methamphetamine has to be dried from the liquid form for distribution. The presence of this terrarium, with methamphetamine residue inside of it, is consistent with it being used for this purpose. Law enforcement also located multiple items narcotics paraphernalia. Law enforcement also located a backpack that contained Cheda-Hackembruch's driver's license, approximately \$3,480 in suspected narcotics proceeds, and a bank statement indicating a balance in excess of \$500,000.

4. In a room directly off Cheda-Hackembruch's Bedroom, law enforcement located two vacuum-sealed, stainless steel jugs which were determined to contain a total of 4,322.8 grams of a crystal, rock-like substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Law enforcement also located three clear plastic containers and one black container that were determined to contain approximately 96 fluid ounces of a substance that tested positive as Gamma Butyrolactone (GBL), which is believed to be similar to gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), or the "date-rape drug."

5. Law enforcement also searched a bedroom on the first floor and located a safe, which was determined to contain a clear plastic bag containing approximately 38 grams of methamphetamine. Law enforcement determined that this was Eduardo Martinez's room based on the discovery of mail addressed to Martinez in the room and Martinez's admissions indicating it was his room.

6. In the basement of the West Orange Residence, law enforcement located a safe containing approximately 54 grams of methamphetamine, packaging materials, and a digital scale.