

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Joseph A. Dickson
v. :
: Mag. No. 20-8069
ELIJAH LEE, AND : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**
IMMANUEL MAJERSKA :
:

I, Special Agent Stephen Backiel, being duly sworn, state that 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 pages and made a part hereof.


Special Agent Stephen Backiel
United States Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence

January 31, 2020 in Newark, New Jersey
Date

HONORABLE JOSEPH A. DICKSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE


Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

From in or around November 2019, through in or around January 30, 2020, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendants

ELIJAH LEE, and
IMMANUEL MAJERSKA,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methylenedioxymethamphetamine, a Schedule I controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, Stephen Backiel, 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 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.

Background

1. As part of an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (“DTO”), law enforcement learned that defendants Elijah Lee (“Lee”) and Immanuel Majerska (“Majerska”) were manufacturing narcotic pills at Lee’s residence in Irvington, New Jersey (the “Residence”). Based on that investigation, law enforcement conducted surveillance of Lee and Majerska.

Investigation

2. On or about January 30, 2020, law enforcement observed both Lee and Majerska exiting the Residence together. Majerska was carrying a bag (the “Bag”). The men left in separate vehicles.

3. Shortly thereafter, law enforcement executed a search warrant at the Residence. Inside the Residence, law enforcement found a large-scale “mill” for manufacturing narcotic pills in the basement. Law enforcement recovered two “presses” capable of producing pills from raw ingredients, multiple kilograms of bulk suspected methylenedioxymethamphetamine (commonly referred to as “ecstasy” or “MDMA”), and numerous pills of suspected “MDMA”.

4. Next to one of the pill “presses,” law enforcement recovered an invoice for the press addressed to Lee.

5. Law enforcement also recovered a loaded firearm at the Residence in a dresser in Majerska’s room. On top of the dresser, law enforcement also recovered a bag of suspected marijuana.

6. That same day, after the men left the Residence, law enforcement arrested Lee and Majerska in their separate vehicles. Inside Majerska’s vehicle, law enforcement recovered the Bag, which contained approximately 1,000 suspected “MDMA” pills.

7. A portion of the powder substance recovered from inside the Residence was field tested and indicated positive for the presence of methylenedioxymethamphetamine, i.e., "MDMA."

8. Also on or about January 30, 2020, law enforcement executed a search warrant on a residence in Union, New Jersey, where Lee resided (the "Union Residence"). Inside the Union Residence, law enforcement recovered two handguns, hidden in the ceiling.