

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.  
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: Crim. No. 19- 603 (FLW)  
v. :   
: 21 U.S.C. § 846  
: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C)  
QUASAAN BETHEA : 18 U.S.C. § 2

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury in and for the District of New Jersey, sitting at Newark,  
charges:

**COUNT ONE**

(Conspiracy to Distribute Fentanyl Resulting in Death)

On or about May 15, 2018, in Monmouth County, in the District of New  
Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

QUASAAN BETHEA,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with Tarashanna Blake and  
others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture and  
substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-  
piperidiny] propanamide ("Fentanyl"), a Schedule II controlled substance,  
which resulted in the death of a 39-year-old woman ("Victim-1") in or around  
Englishtown, New Jersey on or about May 15, 2018, 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.

**COUNT TWO**

(Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl)

On or about May 15, 2018, in Mercer County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

QUASAAN BETHEA,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("Fentanyl"), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

1. As a result of committing the controlled substance offenses alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, defendant Quasaan Bethea, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendant Quasaan Bethea obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the said violations, and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the violations set forth in Counts One and Two of this Indictment.

2. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

A TRUE BILL



FOREPERSON

  
CRAIG CARPENITO  
United States Attorney



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