

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Mag. No. 22-9233
	:	
v.	:	Hon. Cathy L. Waldor
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EDDIE VELEZ-PENA and	:	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
ROBIN MEDINA-FABIAN	:	
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I, Special Agent Luciana Pace, 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 Department of Justice, 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:

by phone

Luciana Pace
Special Agent
U.S. Drug Enforcement
Administration

Special Agent Luciana Pace attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1(b)(2)(A), on June 27, 2022.

HONORABLE CATHY L. WALDOR
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Cathy L. Waldor

Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE

(Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine)

On or about June 25, 2022, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendants,

EDDIE VELEZ-PENA and
ROBIN MEDINA-FABIAN,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other and with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A).

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, Luciana Pace, am a Special Agent with the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”). I have knowledge of the facts set forth below as a result of my participation in this investigation as well as from my review of reports from, and discussions with, other law enforcement personnel. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in 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. Law enforcement is currently involved in the investigation of an international drug trafficking organization (“DTO”) that traffics narcotics in the New Jersey-New York region, and elsewhere. The DTO is believed to transport narcotics from the West Coast to the East Coast, including the New Jersey-New York region, and elsewhere, by tractor-trailers. As part of this investigation, law enforcement learned that a tractor-trailer may be transporting narcotics from the West Coast to New Jersey on behalf of the DTO.

2. As part of this ongoing investigation, on or about June 25, 2022, law enforcement conducted physical and electronic surveillance on a tractor-trailer (the “Tractor-Trailer”) driven by Defendant Eddie Velez-Pena (“Velez-Pena”). During their surveillance of the Tractor-Trailer, law enforcement observed the Tractor-Trailer drive through New Jersey and stop in a rest area in or around Hampton, New Jersey for approximately thirty minutes. Subsequently, law enforcement observed the Tractor-Trailer drive from the rest area through New Jersey over the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge to Yonkers, New York before coming to a stop and parking on Jerome Avenue along the border of Yonkers and The Bronx (the “Jerome Avenue Location”).

3. Law enforcement established physical surveillance at the Jerome Avenue Location. Law enforcement observed Velez-Pena exit and lock the Tractor-Trailer, proceed to another vehicle approximately one block away, and drive that vehicle from the area. Approximately one hour later, law enforcement observed Velez-Pena arrive back to the Jerome Avenue Location wearing different clothing. Law enforcement observed Velez-Pena proceed around the Tractor-Trailer and wait at the rear of the Tractor-Trailer.

4. Around the same time, law enforcement observed a black Chevrolet Suburban SUV (the “Suburban”) arrive at the Jerome Avenue Location and eventually pull up and park alongside the Tractor-Trailer. An individual, subsequently identified as Defendant Robin Medina-Fabian (“Medina-Fabian”), was driving the Suburban. Law enforcement observed Medina-Fabian exit the driver’s-side door of the Suburban and walk toward its passenger’s side. Law enforcement then observed Velez-Pena pass several duffel bags from the trailer

of the Tractor-Trailer to Medina-Fabian, who placed them in the back passenger area of the Suburban.

5. Shortly thereafter, believing that they had witnessed a narcotics transaction, law enforcement conducted a stop of the Suburban. Law enforcement approached the Suburban and could see in plain view several duffel bags matching the bags provided by Velez-Pena located in the back seat of the Suburban. Medina-Fabian provided law enforcement verbal consent to search the Suburban. During a subsequent lawful search of the Suburban, law enforcement located approximately 110 kilograms of substances that were packaged in a manner consistent with narcotics and rolled-up ledger sheets. Both Velez-Pena and Medina-Fabian were arrested and taken into law enforcement custody.

6. In total, law enforcement seized approximately 110 kilograms of a substance that field-tested positive for the presence of cocaine.