
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Mag. No. 16-6164
 :
 v. : Hon. Steven C. Mannion
 :
 WILFREDO RODRIGUEZ ESCOBAR :


I, James Roan, 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 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:



Special Agent James Roan
U.S. Drug Enforcement
Administration

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,
October 27th, 2016, in Essex County New Jersey

HONORABLE STEVEN C. MANNION
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

Count One

(Possession of Heroin and Cocaine with Intent to Distribute)

On or about October 26, 2016, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

WILFREDO RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 1 kilogram or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and 5 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

Count Two

(Possession of a Firearm By A Convicted Felon)

On or about October 26, 2016, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

WILFREDO RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR

having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in the United States District Court for the District New Jersey, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, namely, a Kimber Pro Carry HD 211, .38 caliber pistol, bearing serial number KAF17120.

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, James Roan, 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 other items of evidence. 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 statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. 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. The DEA has been conducting an investigation into a drug trafficking and money laundering organization ("DTO/MLO") operating in Colombia, New Jersey, and elsewhere. During this investigation, law enforcement agents learned from an individual with knowledge of the DTO/MLO (the "Individual 1") that defendant WILFREDO RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR ("RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR") was distributing narcotics and storing narcotics and narcotics proceeds inside an apartment located in an apartment building in Newark, New Jersey (the "Newark Apartment"). Individual 1 identified a photograph of defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR to aid law enforcement with this investigation.

2. As a result of this information, on or about October 26, 2016, law enforcement established surveillance at the Newark Apartment. Then Law enforcement then knocked on the door of the Newark Apartment. As law enforcement knocked on the door of the Newark Apartment, defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR opened the door of an apartment located directly across the hall from the Newark Apartment (the "Second Newark Apartment"). Upon recognizing defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR, law enforcement announced themselves as law enforcement and asked to speak with defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR. Defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR agreed to speak with law enforcement. During that conversation, defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR stated that both apartments belonged to him and provided written consent to search both the Newark Apartment and the Second Newark Apartment.

3. After obtaining the written consent to search both apartments, law enforcement conducted a search of both apartments. In the Newark Apartment, law enforcement located a bed that contained a trap, or hidden compartment. Inside of the trap, law enforcement found approximately 25 kilograms of a substance that subsequently field tested positive for heroin, and approximately 8 kilograms of a substance that subsequently field tested positive for cocaine. Also inside the trap, law enforcement discovered over \$300,000 in United States currency, and a firearm, namely a Kimber Pro Carry HD 211, .38 caliber pistol,

bearing serial number KAF17120.

4. After waiving his Miranda rights, defendant RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR admitted in a video recorded statement that the narcotics, the firearm, and the United States currency found inside the trap were his.

5. The firearm recovered by law enforcement was manufactured outside the State of New Jersey.

6. On or about December 2, 2004, RODRIQUEZ ESCOBAR was convicted in the United States District Court for the District New Jersey of conspiring with others to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.