
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Mag. No. 16-6177
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 v. : Hon. Steven C. Mannion
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 TOMAS LOPEZ BELTRAN :
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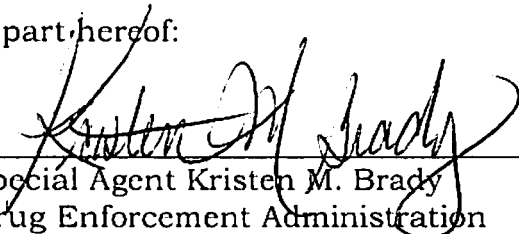
I, Kristen M. Brady, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

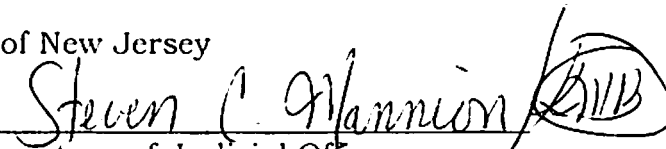
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Special Agent Kristen M. Brady
Drug Enforcement Administration
(Agent Brady attested to this
Affidavit by telephone pursuant to
FRCP 4.1(b)(2)(A))

Sworn to and subscribed via telephone,
This 29th day of October 2016 in the District of New Jersey

HONORABLE STEVEN C. MANNION
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE


Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

On or about October 28, 2016, in Middlesex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

TOMAS LOPEZ BELTRAN

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, Kristen M. Brady, am a Special Agent with the 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 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. As part of an ongoing investigation, on or about October 24, 2016, law enforcement began conducting surveillance of a tractor trailer (the "Trailer") parked at a location in South Amboy, New Jersey (the "South Amboy Location").

2. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement identified the driver of the Trailer as Tomas Lopez Beltran ("BELTRAN"), who was staying in or around an apartment building in Fords, New Jersey (the "Apartment Building").

3. While conducting surveillance on or about October 26, 2016, law enforcement saw BELTRAN driving a Chevrolet Tahoe (the "Tahoe") in or around Woodbridge New Jersey. BELTRAN parked the Tahoe and entered a commercial store (the "Store") empty-handed. Thereafter, BELTRAN exited the Store with, among other things, a suitcase (the "Suitcase"). BELTRAN placed the Suitcase, along with other items, in the Tahoe.

4. Law enforcement followed and maintained physical surveillance of the Tahoe. Law enforcement observed BELTRAN exit the Tahoe and walk towards an apartment building in Fords, New Jersey (the "Apartment Building"). The Suitcase remained in the Tahoe.

5. On or about Thursday, October 27, 2016, law enforcement saw BELTRAN remove the Suitcase, which appeared to be empty, from the Tahoe. BELTRAN then carried the Suitcase toward the Apartment Building.

6. The next day, while conducting surveillance, law enforcement observed BELTRAN and an unidentified male ("UM") arrive at the South Amboy Location in a sports utility vehicle ("SUV"). Both BELTRAN and the UM exited the SUV and approached the Trailer. The UM was carrying the Suitcase, which, at this time, appeared to be heavily weighted.

7. The UM placed the Suitcase inside the cab of the Trailer (the "Cab") and left the area in the SUV. Meanwhile, BELTRAN entered the Trailer, and for approximately 30 minutes, appeared to move back and forth between the driver's

side of the Cab and the passenger's side of the Cab, with his hands raised near the Cab's windshield. BELTRAN eventually drove away in the Trailer. After maintaining constant physical surveillance, law enforcement conducted a traffic stop of the Trailer in and around Woodbridge, New Jersey.

8. BELTRAN provided verbal consent for law enforcement to search the Trailer, including the Cab. A certified narcotics-detecting canine alerted to the presence of narcotics both inside the Cab and the Suitcase.

9. A search of the Cab revealed a hidden compartment that contained approximately 27 kilograms of a substance which subsequently field-tested positive for methamphetamine, and an unknown amount of U.S. currency.