

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of New Mexico

United States of America
v.
MARIO ISRAEL BARRAZA
(YOB 2006)

Case No. MJ 25-651 KK



Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 6, 2025 in the county of McKinley in the
District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section and Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 1152 (General Crimes Act), 18 U.S.C. § 1111 (Murder), and 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3) (Assault with a Dangerous Weapon).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit, incorporated by reference.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Handwritten signature of Matthew Roper

Complainant's signature

Matthew Roper, FBI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Telephonically sworn and electronically signed.

Date: 04/06/2025

Handwritten signature of Kirtan Khalsa

Judge's signature

City and state: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Hon. Kirtan Khalsa U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF  
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT

I, Matthew Roper, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. This affidavit is made in support of a Criminal Complaint for MARIO ISRAEL BARRAZA, (hereinafter referred to as “BARRAZA”), year of birth 2006.

2. I am a Special Agent with the FBI and have been so employed since May 2018. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Field Office, Gallup Resident Agency (AQ GRA). My primary duties as a Special Agent with the FBI includes investigating federal crimes occurring within our jurisdiction, violent crimes, crimes on within the Federally recognized Indian territories, and narcotic investigations. Prior to joining the FBI I served as a Police Officer in Salt Lake City, UT, where investigated all forms of crime, to include homicides, narcotics violations, robbery, assault and battery, and other crimes. I have gained experience in the conduct of such investigations through previous case investigations, formal training, and in consultation with law enforcement partners in local, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. As a Federal Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of the laws of the United States and have authority to execute criminal complaints and search warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

3. This affidavit is based upon my personal investigation at the scene, as well as information reported to me by other federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers during the course of their official duties. Throughout this affidavit, reference will be made to law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers are those federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers who have directly participated in this investigation. This affidavit is also based upon information gained from interviews with cooperating citizen witnesses, whose reliability is established separately herein.

4. Based on my training, experience, and the facts set forth in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause that violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1152 – General Crimes Act , 18 U.S.C. § 1111 – Murder and 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3) -Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, have been committed by BARRAZA.

5. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of securing authorization for the proposed warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. This affidavit is intended to show that there is sufficient probable

cause for the requested arrest warrant.

PROBABLE CAUSE

6. On April 6, 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Albuquerque (AQ), Gallup Resident Agency (GRA), was contacted by Navajo Nation Police Department (NPD) regarding a shooting that occurred at Ranger Dr. #52 NHA, Church Rock, NM, within the boundaries of the Navajo Indian Nation.

7. NPD received multiple law enforcement emergency calls regarding the incident. In summary: two victims had been shot at Ranger Dr. #52 NHA, Church Rock, NM, and that BARRAZA, who was identified as the shooter, had fled the scene. One victim, N.J., year of birth 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "JOHN DOE"), was pronounced dead at the scene, the second victim, L.C., year of birth 2008 (hereinafter referred to as "JANE DOE"), was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) with multiple gunshot wounds.

8. FBI AQ GRA arrived on scene and found JOHN DOE's body on JANE DOE's bedroom floor. The bedroom window appeared to have been forced open. Investigators found multiple firearm shell casings just outside the bedroom window, on the bedroom window seal, and on the floor of the bedroom just below the window. Investigators also discovered several spent rounds in various locations throughout JANE DOE's bedroom.

9. FBI AQ GRA Investigators interviewed R.Y., year of birth 1974 (hereinafter referred to as WITNESS 1), who stated that she had woken up around 2:00AM and heard several gun shots. She entered the bedroom of JANE DOE to discover that JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, had been shot. WITNESS 1 also observed a male with a mustache and wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt was standing inside the bedroom. WITNESS 1 stated that based on the size of the individual, the hair color, and the mustache, they believed the third person in the room was BARRAZA.

10. FBI AQ GRA Investigators interviewed L.Y., year of birth 1972 (hereinafter referred to as "WITNESS 2"), who stated that she was woken up by WITNESS 1 and rushed into JANE DOE's bedroom to find that JANE DOE and JOHN DOE had been shot. WITNESS 2 also observed a third person in the bedroom that WITNESS 2 identified as BARRAZA. WITNESS 2 stated BARRAZA was wearing a light-colored sweatshirt. WITNESS 2 stated she knew BARRAZA well because BARRAZA and WITNESS 2's daughter, JANE DOE, dated for about

a year. WITNESS 2 presented Investigators with multiple photos of BARRAZA on WITNESS 2's phone.

11. FBI AQ GRA Investigators then interviewed JANE DOE who stated she was woken up because of arguing between JOHN DOE and BARRAZA. JANE DOE stated she could hear BARRAZA's voice and clearly knew who it was before BARRAZA began shooting JANE DOE and JOHN DOE. JANE DOE stated that when she and BARRAZA were dating, BARRAZA would sometimes show up at odd hours and enter JANE DOE's bedroom through the window. During surgery, a bullet was extracted from JANE DOE that resembled the spent rounds recovered at the scene.

12. NPD conducted a canvas of the neighboring houses which turned up security camera footage showing an individual wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt inside of JANE DOE's bedroom. Security camera footage also caught the individual with the light-colored hooded sweatshirt leaving the scene.

13. Upon information and belief, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE are members of the Navajo Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe. BARRAZA is a non-Indian Hispanic man.

#### CONCLUSION

14. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause to charge BARRAZA with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1152 – General Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1111 – Murder and 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(3) -Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

15. Assistant United States Attorney Elisa Dimas has reviewed and approved this affidavit.

I swear that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



---

Matthew Roper  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Submitted electronically and telephonically sworn to me this 6th day of April, 2024.



---

KIRTAN KHALSA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE