

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the  
District of New Mexico

United States District Court  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mitchell R. Elfers  
Clerk of Court

United States of America  
v.

Joseph STEVENS  
(YOB 1983)

Case No.

**25-MJ-3978**

*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 September 24, 2025 in the county of San Juan County in the  
                     District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*

*Offense Description*

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)  
(B)

Possession with intent to distribute 40g and more of fentanyl

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)  
(B)

Possession with intent to distribute 50g and more of a mixture and substance  
containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

Using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

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*Complainant's signature*

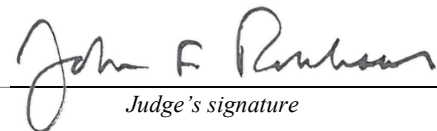
Eric Stone, TFO FBI

*Printed name and title*

Telephonically sworn and electronically signed.

Date: September 25, 2025

City and state: Albuquerque, New Mexico



*Judge's signature*

John F. Robbenhaar, United States Magistrate Judge

*Printed name and title*

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL  
COMPLAINT

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Eric Stone, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I am a certified and commissioned peace officer in the State of New Mexico since 2021, and I am currently employed by the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, since December 2021. I am currently assigned to the Region II Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, a multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction task force whose purpose is to investigate, apprehend and prosecute violators of the New Mexico Controlled Substances Act and related offenses. I have received extensive training in the investigation of narcotics law violations and have participated in numerous investigations of narcotics and firearm law violations as well as the execution of narcotics and firearm related search warrants and arrest warrants. I am also a credentialed Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and operate through the Farmington Field Office. During my tenure with the FBI, I have assisted with and generated cases relating to firearms and narcotics offenses that have led to Federal indictments of offenders within the State of New Mexico.
2. The statements in this affidavit are based on my own investigation and analysis as well as information and analysis provided to me by other agents and law enforcement based on their own experience, training, and background.

3. This affidavit is in support of criminal charges against subjects, Joseph Stevens (STEVENS), year of birth 1983, to include 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) possession with intent to distribute 40g and more of fentanyl; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) possession with intent to distribute 50g and more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, on or about September 24, 2025.

### **INVESTIGATION**

4. In early 2025, the Region II Narcotics Task Force suspected that Joseph “Irish” STEVENS was bringing large quantities of narcotics into San Juan County from the Albuquerque and Phoenix areas.
5. On September 23, 2025, an arrest warrant was issued by the Farmington Magistrate Courts for Joseph STEVENS (DOB:12/17/1983) for Trafficking Controlled Substances (Distribution) -2nd Offense, 1st deg felony.
6. On September 24, 2025, STEVENS’s blue 2010 Ford Transit Connect was observed driving Northbound on US Highway 550 returning to San Juan County. Officers recognized the vehicle and were aware of the active felony warrant. Due to STEVENS’s criminal history and history of attempting to elude law enforcement, a grappler was deployed to stop the movement of STEVENS’s vehicle. After the vehicle had come to a stop, a high-risk felony traffic stop was conducted on the blue 2010 Ford Transit Connect van (New Mexico registration plate CDJC32), of which STEVENS was the driver in physical control of the vehicle at the time of the stop. STEVENS is also the registered owner of the 2010 Ford Transit Connect van.
7. During the stop, STEVENS was detained and a male passenger identified as Lance Jordan (DOB: 11/21/1970) was also detained at the location of the high-risk felony stop. Subsequently,

STEVENS and Jordan were arrested on active arrest warrants and booked by San Juan County Sheriff Office deputies.

8. After STEVENS and Jordan were clear of the vehicle, Farmington Police Department K9 Officer J Alghrim performed a free air scent pass of the vehicle with his Police Service Dog (PSD) Tarak. Per Ofc J Alghrim, PSD Tarak alerted to the presence of the odor of controlled substances emitting from the blue 2010 Ford Transit Connect. The 2010 Ford Transit Connect was sealed and towed to the Farmington Police Department impound lot pending the issuance of a search warrant for the contents of the vehicle.
9. Both STEVENS and Jordan were transported to the Farmington Police Department Detectives division for separate interviews.
10. I participated in an interview with STEVENS at the Farmington Police Department Detective division.
11. I advised STEVENS of his Miranda Rights, and when I asked STEVENS if he understood those rights he verbally responded, “yeah.” STEVENS also signed a waiver of rights form at approximately 0402 hours on September 24, 2025.
12. During the interview, STEVENS stated he had fentanyl pills, methamphetamine and firearms in the vehicle. STEVENS stated he believed there was a couple thousand fentanyl pills, an ounce or more of methamphetamine and at least two firearms in the vehicle. STEVENS also stated he has previously traded firearms for narcotics. STEVENS stated he had met his supplier at a park in Albuquerque where he purchased narcotics and would sell the narcotics in San Juan County.
13. In a review of STEVENS’s criminal history records, I observed STEVENS had a guilty conviction in the State of New Mexico for NMSA § 30-31-20 Trafficking Controlled Substances – Distribution (1st Offense) on February 14, 2017, and an order of discharge on suspended sentence on October 10, 2023.

14. On September 24, 2025, the Eleventh Judicial District Court of New Mexico issued a search warrant for the blue 2010 Ford Transit Connect (NM plate – CDJC32.) to allow the seizure of controlled substances, evidence of controlled substance trafficking, firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition.
15. On September 24, 2025, I executed the search warrant on the blue 2010 Ford Transit Connect owned and driven by STEVENS at the time of his arrest on September 24, 2025.
16. Under the driver's seat of the vehicle a Taurus TX semi-auto pistol was observed, photographed and seized.
17. On the instrument cluster of the vehicle, a pack of Marlboro cigarettes contained two small bags containing suspected fentanyl pills. The pack of cigarettes containing the suspected fentanyl pills were photographed and collected as evidence.
18. A small black bag was located between the front driver and passenger seats. Inside the black bag were various items of paraphernalia, and a small, zippered rubber case. The small, zippered rubber case contained no less than six plastic cylindrical containers containing suspected fentanyl pills. Two additional glass vials containing suspected fentanyl pills were also located in the black bag. A blue and orange rubber container also contained suspected fentanyl pills, and I observed some of the pills had been partially melted. The combined total gross weight of all eight containers equaled 325.03grams of suspected fentanyl pills. This weight is estimated to be in excess of three thousand two hundred pills by weight.
19. A white Sun West Bank bag was located in the driver door. Upon opening the bag, items related to narcotics trafficking and controlled substances were observed. A clear plastic bag contained a crystalline substance, which later tested as methamphetamine using a TruNarc device, along with another clear plastic bag with a slightly off-white substance with a chalky structure. Based on my training and experience with controlled substances, I believed the off-white chalky substance was consistent with the appearance of illicit fentanyl powder. The TruNarc tested methamphetamine

was weighed as 59.34grams total gross weight, and the suspected fentanyl powder weighed as 10.89grams total gross weight.

20. The white Sun West bag also contained a digital scale and two bags of smaller jeweler's bags. Based on my training and experience investigating narcotics traffickers, these smalls bags are normally used for the trafficker to weigh out small portions of their narcotic supply to sell to their clientele. The presence of the digital scale and jeweler bags together is indicative of narcotics trafficking activities.
21. A leather wallet was located in the driver door which contained bank cards and a New Mexico driver's license belonging to STEVENS. This wallet was submitted into evidence at the Farmington Police Department for safekeeping.
22. A black canvas bag located behind the driver's seat was searched and was found to contain a Beretta Model 92F 9mm pistol. A gray and teal bag was also found inside the black canvas bag. The gray and teal bag contained a Smith & Wesson Model 6 revolver, a Kimber Pro Carry 11 pistol, a Remington 1911 RI pistol, a Canik TP9SFX pistol, a Jimenez Arms Inc Model TA22 pistol and a Ruger Super Blackhawk revolver. In total, seven pistols were seized from the black canvas bag.
23. Under the black canvas bag, on the rear floorboard, a Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 rifle was discovered and seized.
24. In the rear cargo compartment, ten additional firearms were observed and seized. These firearms include a Winchester Model 94 lever action rifle, an unknown make and model bolt action rifle chambered in 7.62x54, an Eddystone US Model 1917, an unknown make Ranger 1016 shotgun, a Winchester Model 70 bolt action rifle, a Remington Model 722 bolt action rifle, a Remington Model 17 shotgun, a New England Firearms PARDNER Model SB-1 shotgun, an AWI Eaton Co. Rav 9 rifle and a Beretta Model 21A-22 pistol.
25. Six rounds of .38 special ammunition were also seized from the rear cargo area.

26. Over two hundred additional rounds of ammunition were submitted into evidence in their separate calibers ranging from .22 long, .38 special, .45 auto and 7.62x54.
27. Multiple items of drug paraphernalia related to include items used to inhale controlled substances were seized from the vehicle. These items include pipes, burnt tin foil and tubes used to inhale the vapors emitted from heating controlled substances such as fentanyl pills or powder.
28. The following items of evidentiary value were located and seized from the vehicle:

**Firearms**

- Winchester; Model 94; 30-30 caliber; s/n 4014690; lever action
- Unknown make; unknown model; 7.62x54; s/n 15634; bolt action
- Smith & Wesson; M&P 15-22; .22cal LR; s/n DEJ6613; rifle
  - Returned stolen from ABQ area
- Eddystone; US Model 1917; un kcal; s/n 477336; bolt action
- Unknown make; Ranger 1016; 12ga; s/n 5100?; shotgun
- Winchester; Model 70; .270 cal; s/n 462390; bolt action
- Remington; Model 722; .22 cal; s/n 447056; bolt action
- Remington; Model 17; 20ga; s/n 37977; shotgun
- New England Firearms; PARDNER Model SB-1; 12ga; s/n NF309491; shotgun
- Beretta; Model 21A-22; .22cal; s/n DAA082438; pistol
- Smith & Wesson; Model 6; .38 cal; 56477; pistol revolver
- Kimber; Pro Carry 11; .45 auto; s/n KR294082; pistol
- Canik; TP9SFX; 9mm; s/n T6472-20BC06788; pistol
- Taurus; TX; .22 cal; s/n 1PT626265; pistol
- Remington; 1911 R1; .45 auto; s/n RHN36287A; pistol
- Beretta; Model 92F; 9mm; s/n BER013600Z; pistol

- Jimenez Arms Inc; Model TA22; .22 long; s/n 1151728; pistol
- Ruger; Super Blackhawk; .44mag; s/n 82-99969; pistol revolver
- AWI Eaton Co.; Rav 9; 9mm; s/n A98103; rifle
  - Returned stolen from San Juan County, NM

**329.89grams total gross weight (TGW) suspected Fentanyl pills**

- 56.08g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 38.82g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 15.22g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 54.13g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 10.42g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 17.29g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 39.42g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 38.07g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 55.58g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, black bag between seats
- 1.94g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, Marlboro cigarette pack
- 2.92g tgw suspected fentanyl pills, Marlboro cigarette pack

**10.89g total gross weight (TGW) suspected fentanyl powder**

**59.34g total gross weight (TGW) TruNarc presumptive positive methamphetamine**

**Drug Paraphernalia**

- **Digital Scale**
- **Bags of Jeweler bags**



**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

29. The suspected methamphetamine returned with a reading of “Methamphetamine” when analyzed using a TruNarc device.
30. The suspected illicit fentanyl pills were all consistent with the size, shape and stamping of “M” and “30” associated with the appearance of illicit fentanyl pills.
31. The suspected fentanyl powder did not return a reading with the TruNarc device, which is not uncommon. The off-white chalky appearance of the substance is consistent with fentanyl powder seized in previous investigations.
32. 329.89 grams of illicit fentanyl pills is consistent with distribution rather than possession amounts. Based on my training and experience, bulk currency, small plastic baggies and digital scales are indicators of narcotics distribution. Most illegal drug sales are conducted in cash, and most drug traffickers utilize scales to verify the weight of methamphetamine or other controlled substances when either selling or purchasing controlled substances.

**CONCLUSION**

33. Based on the information provided in this affidavit, your affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that STEVENS violated 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) possession with intent to distribute 40 grams and more of fentanyl; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) possession with intent to distribute 50 grams and more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, on or about September 24, 2025.

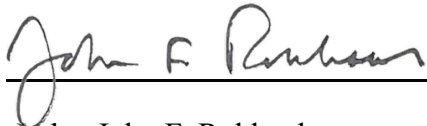
34. Assistant United States Attorney Paul Mysliwiec, United States Attorney's Office, District of New Mexico, reviewed and approved this complaint.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Stone  
Task Force Officer (TFO)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Farmington, New Mexico

Electronically subscribed and telephonically sworn  
to me on September 25th, 2025:



Judge John F. Robbenhaar

United States Magistrate Judge