

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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for the
District of Rhode IslandU.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

United States of America

v.

Jose I. Goris, DOB 1974, Providence, RI

Defendant

Case No.

114 MJ 124 A

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) JOSE I. GORIS

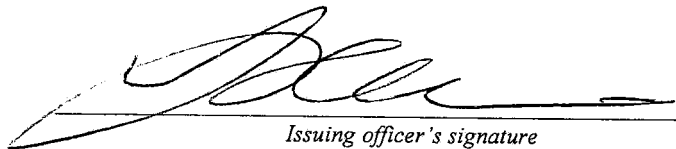
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- ☐ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Superseding Information ☒ Complaint
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice ☐ Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Attempt to possess with intent to distribute five hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846.

Date: 8/15/14



Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Providence, RI

LINCOLN D. ALMOND, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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

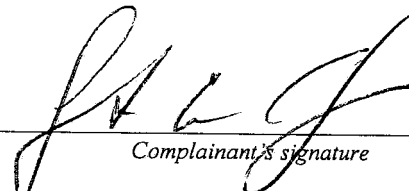
On or about the date of _____ in the county of _____ in the _____ District of
Rhode Island, the defendant violated _____ U. S. C. § _____, an offense described as follows:

Attempt to possess with intent to distribute five hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit of Task Force Officer Seth Godek, Drug Enforcement Administration.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

SETH GODEK, TASK FORCE OFFICER

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

5/15/14



Judge's signature

City and state:

Providence, Rhode Island

LINCOLN D. ALMOND, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Seth Godek, do under oath depose and say:

1. I am a member of the Newport Police Department, and have been continuously employed in this capacity for over twelve years. I hold the rank of Detective and have been responsible for investigating narcotics offenses for the past four years. I have worked on numerous investigations involving the distribution of cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and a variety of other controlled substances. For the past six months, I have served as a Task Force Officer (TFO) on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force. My duties include, but are not limited to, the investigation of violations of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 841, et seq..

2. The following information is based upon my personal knowledge as well as information provided to me by other officers and agents and is presented in support of the issuance of a complaint and arrest warrant against Jose Ignacio GORIS, (GORIS), born in 1974, with a last known address in Providence, Rhode Island, charging him with attempt to possess with intent to distribute five hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846.

3. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, I have not included each and every fact known to me regarding the instant investigation. More specifically, I have set forth only the pertinent facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause.

4. Over the last three months, DEA-Providence has been investigating the suspected drug trafficking activity of GORIS. DEA TFO Jose Garcia, acting in an undercover capacity (U/C) as a large-scale cocaine supplier from New Jersey, engaged in a series of phone conversations and meetings with GORIS. During these meetings and conversations, all of which were recorded, GORIS has requested to be supplied with kilograms of cocaine. As further set forth below, on August 14, 2014 in Cranston, RI, negotiations between GORIS and the U/C led to GORIS taking possession of a bag purported to contain a kilogram of cocaine.

5. On May 7, 2014, the U/C met with GORIS in Warwick, RI. During this meeting, GORIS represented to the U/C that he had engaged in distributing kilograms of cocaine for a long time. Using coded language indicative of a sophisticated drug trafficker, GORIS told the U/C that he was ready to accept and distribute two or three kilograms of cocaine. The pair further discussed the price that GORIS would pay for kilograms of cocaine supplied by the U/C. GORIS represented to the U/C that he expected to pay a bit more than \$32,500 for each kilogram. After the meeting, GORIS called the U/C and again advised that he was ready to receive kilograms of cocaine and had persons ready to pay him for the kilograms once they were received from the U/C.

6. On May 14, 2014 the U/C again met with GORIS in Warwick, RI. During this meeting, the pair discussed GORIS purchasing up to five kilograms of cocaine from the U/C. GORIS told the U/C that he wanted to process some of the cocaine into crack cocaine. GORIS also represented that an associate had one hundred and twelve thousand dollars available to purchase three kilograms of cocaine. GORIS indicated

that he wanted to purchase the kilograms one at a time and invited the U/C to go with him to an associate's home who had the funds ready to purchase the kilograms.

7. On August 12, 2014 the U/C told GORIS during a phone conversation that he was going to be in the area. They agreed to meet on August 14 in Warwick, RI.

8. During the early afternoon of August 14, 2014, the U/C and GORIS met in Warwick, RI. In the meeting, which occurred in an undercover vehicle operated by the U/C, the pair discussed GORIS' desire to purchase a kilogram of cocaine from the U/C. GORIS represented that he wanted to obtain the cocaine and process it into crack cocaine in order to examine its' quality. During the meeting, the U/C opened a concealed compartment in the undercover vehicle and displayed for GORIS two sham kilograms of cocaine. These sham kilograms were tightly wrapped in duct tape and had been previously prepared by DEA agents to resemble the feel and texture of kilograms of cocaine. The U/C handed GORIS one of the sham kilograms. GORIS manipulated the sham kilogram and represented satisfaction with it. The drug-related conversation continued with GORIS saying that he would leave and get money to pay for a kilogram of cocaine. The pair agreed on a price of \$33,000 for a kilogram of cocaine. GORIS requested that the meeting occur closer to Providence because he did not want to drive to Warwick. The pair agreed to speak later on the 14th to arrange their next meeting.

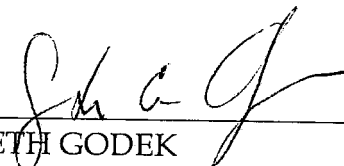
9. Following the meeting, your affiant and other members of DEA conducted surveillance of GORIS. GORIS was observed going to a series of locations and at two of the locations was seen meeting with unidentified males. During this period, the U/C

and GORIS engaged in phone conversations, during which GORIS represented that he was with an associate who had money to pay for a kilogram of cocaine. During a phone conversation later in the afternoon of August 14, the U/C and GORIS agreed to meet at Lowe's Home Improvement Store, 247 Garfield Avenue, Cranston, RI. Near the agreed upon meeting time, the U/C arrived at Lowe's and entered the store. GORIS arrived shortly after. GORIS entered the store and met with the U/C. During the meeting, GORIS represented that his associates were concerned about paying for a kilogram of cocaine without first testing it. Further negotiations followed with GORIS agreeing in two days to pay \$35,000 or \$2,000 above the agreed-upon price of \$33,000 if the U/C would immediately provide him with a kilogram. After agreeing upon the terms of the distribution, the U/C and GORIS began to exit Lowe's. At that time, the U/C told GORIS that he could go to the undercover vehicle that they had earlier met in and retrieve a black bag on the floor of the rear passenger side that contained the kilogram of cocaine. GORIS went directly to the undercover vehicle, opened the rear passenger door and removed the only black bag in the rear passenger side. As he walked towards his vehicle while carrying the black bag, GORIS was taken into custody.

10. Following his arrest, GORIS was brought to the DEA-Providence Resident Office. He was advised of his Miranda rights and agreed to speak to investigators. GORIS acknowledged meeting with the U/C on a series of occasions for the purpose of obtaining cocaine. GORIS further admitted that he sought the cocaine to distribute and profit from it. GORIS claimed during the interview that he thought he was receiving a sample rather than a kilogram when he removed the black bag from the undercover

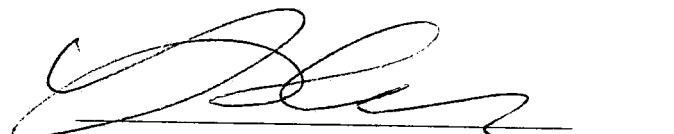
vehicle.

11. Based upon the foregoing, I believe that there is probable cause to arrest Jose Ignacio GORIS, for attempt to possess with intent to distribute five hundred grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit, I ask that the Court order the requested arrest warrant to be issued.



SETH GODEK
Task Force Officer
United States Drug Enforcement
Administration

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 15th day of August, 2014 at Providence, Rhode Island.



LINCOLN D. ALMOND
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND