## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on November 18, 2022

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CRIMINAL NO. 23-CR-73 (CKK)

> GRAND JURY ORIGINAL V.

HECTOR DAVID VALDEZ. VIOLATIONS: also known as "Curl," 21 U.S.C. § 846 CRAIG EASTMAN, (Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess CHARLES JEFFREY TAYLOR. with Intent to Distribute Four Hundred RAYMOND NAVA, JR. Grams or More of a Mixture and also known as "Raymond Nava," Substance Containing a Detectable

ULISES ALDAZ, Amount of Fentanyl)

MAX ALEXANDER CARIAS 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and § 841(b)(1)(C) (Unlawful Possession with Intent to TORRES.

also known as Distribute Fentanyl) "Max Alexander Carias," 21 U.S.C. § 860(a)

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl within 1000 Feet of

a Protected Location) 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)

TERON DEANDRE MCNEIL, (Conspiracy to Launder Monetary also known as "Wild Boy,"

Instruments)

MARVIN ANTHONY BUSSIE, 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(B)(ii)

also known as "MoneyMarr," (Using, Carrying, and Possessing a MARCUS ORLANDO BROWN, Machinegun in Furtherance of a Drug

Trafficking Offense) COLUMBIAN THOMAS,

also known as "Thomas Columbian," 18 U.S.C. § 2 also known as "Cruddy Murda," (Aiding and Abetting)

WAYNE RODELL CARR-MAIDEN,

also known as **FORFEITURE:** 

"Wayne Rodell Maiden," 21 U.S.C. § 853(p); ANDRE MALIK EDMOND, 18 U.S.C. § 982(a);

18 U.S.C. § 924(d); and also known as "Draco," TREYVEON JAMES JOHNSON, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)

also known as

"Trevueon James Johnson," also known as

"Trayveon James Johnson," also known as "Treyski,"

KARON OLUFEMI BLALOCK, also known as "Fat Bags,"

RONTE RICARDO GREENE.

also known as "Cardiddy,"

MELVIN EDWARD ALLEN, JR.

also known as "21,"

DARIUS QUINCY HODGES,

also known as "Brick,"

LAMIN SESAY,

also known as "Rock Star,"

PAUL ALEJANDRO FELIX,

OMAR ARANA,

also known as "Frogs,"

EDGAR BALDERAS, JR.,

RAUL PACHECO RAMIREZ,

also known as "Raul Ramirez Pacheco,"

GIOVANI ALEJANDRO BRIONES,

Defendants.

# INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

# **COUNT ONE**

From on or about August 2020 to the Present, within the District of Columbia, the Eastern District of Virginia, the Central District of California, the Southern District of California, the District of Maryland, the Middle District of Tennessee and elsewhere, HECTOR DAVID VALDEZ, also known as "Curl," CRAIG EASTMAN, CHARLES JEFFREY TAYLOR, RAYMOND NAVA, JR., also known as "Raymond Nava," ULISES ALDAZ, MAX ALEXANDER CARIAS TORRES, also known as "Max Alexander Carias,"

TERON

DEANDRE MCNEIL, also known as "Wild Boy," MARVIN ANTHONY BUSSIE, also known as "MoneyMarr," MARCUS ORLANDO BROWN, COLUMBIAN THOMAS, also known as "Thomas Columbian," also known as "Cruddy Murda," WAYNE RODELL CARR-MAIDEN, also known as "Wayne Maiden," ANDRE MALIK EDMOND, also known as "Draco," TRAYVEON JAMES JOHNSON, also known as "Treyueon James Johnson,"



also known as "Treyski," KARON OLUFEMI BLALOCK, also known as "Fat Bags,", RONTE RICARDO GREENE, also known as "Cardiddy," MELVIN EDWARD ALLEN, JR., also known as "21," DARIUS QUINCY HODGES, also known as "Brick," LAMIN SESAY, also known as "Rock Star," PAUL ALEJANDRO FELIX, OMAR ARANA, also known as "Frogs," EDGAR BALDERAS, JR., RAUL PACHECO RAMIREZ, also known as "Raul Ramirez Pacheco," GIOVANI ALEJANDRO BRIONES,

did knowingly and

willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together, and with other persons both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, and the amount of said mixture and substance, which includes the reasonably foreseeable conduct of all the members of the conspiracy, was four hundred grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(vi), and 841(b).

(Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute 400 Grams or More of a Mixture and Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846)

## COUNT TWO

On or about December 4, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **CRAIG EASTMAN**, did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))

## **COUNT THREE**

On or about December 4, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **CRAIG EASTMAN**, did unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance

containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), within one thousand feet of two protected locations—that is, the real property comprising Rocketship Rise Academy Public School, a public elementary school in the District of Columbia, and the real property comprising the Woodland Terrace DC Public Housing Apartments, a housing facility owned by a public housing authority.

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl Within 1000 Feet of a Protected Location, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 860(a))

## **COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 26, 2022, within the District of Columbia and the District of Maryland, CRAIG EASTMAN, did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))

#### **COUNT FIVE**

Beginning on or about August 2022, and continuing through at least April 2023, defendants

MAX ALEXANDER CARIAS TORRES, also known as "Max Alexander Carias,"

did knowingly and

willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to commit offenses against the United States in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B)(i), to wit: to transport, transmit and transfer and attempt to transport, transmit and transfer a monetary instrument and funds from a place in the United States to and through a place outside

the United States, with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity and to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, as charged in Count One, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

(Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h))

# **COUNT SIX**

Beginning on or about December 2021, and continuing through at least November 2023, defendants

GIOVANI ALEJANDRO BRIONES, and HECTOR DAVID

VALDEZ, also known as "Curl," did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to commit offenses against the United States in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B)(i), to wit: to transport, transmit and transfer and attempt to transport, transmit and transfer a monetary instrument and funds from a place in the United States to and through a place outside the United States, with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity and to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, as charged in Count One, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

(Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h))

# **COUNT SEVEN**

On or about June 2, 2023, within the District of Columbia and the District of Maryland, COLUMBIAN THOMAS, also known as "Thomas Columbian," also known as "Cruddy Murda," did unlawfully and knowingly use and carry, during and in relation to, and did possess

in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, Count One of this Indictment, which is incorporated herein, a machinegun as defined by Title 26, United States Code, Section 5845(b), that is, a Glock 21, Gen 4 handgun, bearing serial number XUD296, with a machinegun conversion device, a weapon which shot, and was designed to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

(Using, Carrying, and Possessing a Machinegun in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(B)(ii) and 2)

## **COUNT EIGHT**

On or about March 22, 2023, within the District of Columbia, **CHARLES JEFFREY TAYLOR**, did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))

#### **COUNT NINE**

On or about November 15, 2023, within the District of Columbia and the District of Maryland, RONTE RICARDO GREENE, also known as "Cardiddy," did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

(Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C))

# FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Eight, or Nine of this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §

853 any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of these offenses; and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of these offenses. The United States will also seek a forfeiture money judgment against the defendants equal to the value of any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of these offenses.

- 2. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts One or Seven in this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms and ammunition involved in or used in the knowing commission of the offense.
- 3. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts Five and Six in this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, involved in this offense, or any property traceable to such property, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(l). The United States will also seek a forfeiture money judgment against the defendant(s) equal to the value of any property, real or personal, involved in this offense, or any property traceable to such property.
- 4. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:
  - (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
  - (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
  - (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
  - (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

the defendants shall forfeit to the United States any other property of the defendants, up to the

value of the property described above, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

(Criminal Forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a) and 924(d), Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c))

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

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and for the District of Columbia.