
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
 :
 v. :
 :
 ANTHONY PHILLIPS, :
 a/k/a "Ant," :
 a/k/a "Little Ant," and :
 SHANNON TISDALE, :
 a/k/a "Doonk" :

Honorable Cathy L. Waldor
Mag. No. 24-9168
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Task Force Officer Keith Colon, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Task Force Officer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

/s/ Keith Colon

Keith Colon, Task Force Officer
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Task Force Officer Keith Colon attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4.1

April 30, 2024
Date

District of New Jersey
County and State

HONORABLE CATHY L. WALDOR
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Hon. Cathy L. Waldor
Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE

(Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine and Heroin)

On or about April 25, 2024, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendants,

**ANTHONY PHILLIPS,
a/k/a “Ant,”
a/k/a “Little Ant,” and
SHANNON TISDALE,
a/k/a “Doonk,”**

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT TWO

(Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon)

On or about April 25, 2024, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**ANTHONY PHILLIPS,
a/k/a "Ant,"
a/k/a "Little Ant,"**

knowing that he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition, namely, a Ruger Model P345 .45 caliber firearm, bearing serial number 664-32954, loaded with eight rounds of ammunition, and the firearm and ammunition were in and affecting interstate commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

COUNT THREE

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine and Heroin)

On or about April 25, 2024, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**ANTHONY PHILLIPS,
a/k/a “Ant,”
a/k/a “Little Ant,”**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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

COUNT FOUR

(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a
Drug Trafficking Crime)

On or about April 25, 2024, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

ANTHONY PHILLIPS,
a/k/a “Ant,”
a/k/a “Little Ant,”

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the possession with intent to distribute controlled substances as charged in Count Three, did knowingly possess a firearm, namely, a Ruger Model P345 .45 caliber firearm, bearing serial number 664-32954.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

ATTACHMENT B

I, Keith Colon, am a Task Force Officer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”). 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 photographs of the 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. On or about June 30, 2013, Anthony Phillips, a/k/a “Ant” (“PHILLIPS”) shot and killed Individual-1 in the area of Bergen Avenue and Clinton Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey. PHILLIPS thereafter pled guilty to aggravated manslaughter and received a sentence of thirteen years’ imprisonment. PHILLIPS was released from the Department of Corrections under parole supervision on or about March 14, 2024.

2. Prior to his incarceration for killing Individual-1, PHILLIPS was known to frequent the area of Lexington Avenue and Bergen Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey. That area was, and remains, known for drug distribution by individuals associated with a neighborhood street gang that identifies as “Lex Mob.”

3. In or around December 2023, law enforcement began investigating individuals distributing narcotics in the area of Lexington Avenue and Bergen Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey (the “Lexington Area”), including members and associates of Lex Mob.

4. During that investigation, law enforcement identified Shannon Tisdale (“TISDALE”) as one such individual. Moreover, almost immediately after his release from prison, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS return to his prior territory.

5. On or about April 24, 2024, law enforcement conducted surveillance of PHILLIPS and TISDALE to investigate their distribution of controlled substances in the Lexington Area. During the investigation, law enforcement confirmed that PHILLIPS and TISDALE work together to utilize the Lexington Area, and an alleyway in that area (the “Alleyway”), to distribute narcotics. Specifically, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS and TISDALE in the Lexington Area directing suspected narcotics buyers to one another before individually or collectively distributing narcotics to the suspected buyers.

6. On or about April 25, 2024, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS in the Lexington Area providing suspected narcotics buyers with small objects in

exchange for United States currency. At or around the same time, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS in the Lexington Area directing suspected narcotics buyers to the Alleyway where PHILLIPS was observed by law enforcement providing the suspected buyers with small objects in exchange for United States currency. Shortly after one of these suspected narcotics transactions, law enforcement stopped and searched the buyer (“Buyer-1”) and recovered three orange glassine bags of suspected heroin.

7. On or about the same date, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS direct another suspected narcotics buyer (“Buyer-2”) to the Alleyway. While in the Alleyway, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS and TISDALE meet with Buyer-2 and provide Buyer-2 with a small object. Shortly after Buyer-2 left the Lexington Area, law enforcement stopped and searched Buyer-2 and recovered one orange container of suspected cocaine.

8. Based on the suspected narcotics recovered from Buyer-1 and Buyer-2, law enforcement attempted to arrest PHILLIPS and TISDALE for distributing narcotics. Although PHILLIPS and TISDALE were eventually apprehended, both initially ran when law enforcement approached them.

9. During the pursuit of PHILLIPS, law enforcement observed PHILLIPS remove and discard a firearm. Immediately after discarding the firearm, PHILLIPS was apprehended. During a search of PHILLIPS’s person, law enforcement recovered 12 orange containers of suspected cocaine and 13 orange glassine bags of suspected heroin. Thereafter, law enforcement recovered the firearm that PHILLIPS had discarded. That firearm was a Ruger Model P345 .45 caliber firearm, bearing serial number 664-32954, loaded with eight rounds of ammunition (the “Firearm and Ammunition”).

10. The Firearm and Ammunition traveled in and affected interstate commerce prior to April 25, 2024.

11. Prior to April 25, 2024, PHILLIPS had at least one felony conviction in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County, including the June 11, 2015 conviction noted above for aggravated manslaughter, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-4(A), a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, for which PHILLIPS was sentenced to thirteen years’ imprisonment.