
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
	:	
v.	:	
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MUTA BELL,	:	
a/k/a "Mu,"	:	Honorable José R. Almonte
a/k/a "Black,"	:	
IBN FOSTER,	:	
a/k/a "Shark,"	:	
XAVION MILLER,	:	
a/k/a "Maso"	:	Mag. No. 24-16147
COREY WADE,	:	
a/k/a "Borey"	:	
BAZAIR WHITE,	:	
a/k/a "Bazzyjo,"	:	
YUSEF MILLIRON, and	:	<u>FILED UNDER SEAL</u>
a/k/a "Sosa,"	:	
ALSHAKUUR ROBINSON	:	

I, Laejon Brooks, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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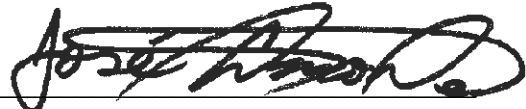
I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

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continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.

Laejon Brooks, Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives

Special Agent Brooks attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to
F.R.C.P. 4.1(B)(2)(A) on this 10th day of June, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José R. Almonte", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable José R. Almonte
United States Magistrate Judge

ATTACHMENT A
**(Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent
to Distribute Fentanyl, Heroin, and Cocaine)**

From in or around July 2023 through in or around June 2024, in Essex
County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendants

MUTA BELL,
a/k/a “Mu,”
a/k/a “Black,”
IBN FOSTER,
a/k/a “Shark,”
XAVION MILLER,
a/k/a “Maso,”
COREY WADE,
a/k/a “Borey,”
BAZAIR WHITE,
a/k/a “Bazzyjo,”
YUSEF MILLIRON,
a/k/a “Sosa,” and
ALSHAKUUR ROBINSON,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other and others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, 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), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(C).

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

ATTACHMENT B

I, Laejon Brooks, am a Special Agent 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, video footage, and photographs of the evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in 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.

THE ISABELLA AVENUE DTO

1. The defendants are members of a drug trafficking organization that operates an open-air narcotics market in and around the area of South Orange Avenue and Isabella Avenue in Newark, New Jersey (“Isabella Avenue”). Members of the conspiracy include Muta Bell, a/k/a “Mu,” a/k/a “Black,” (“BELL”), Ibn Foster, a/k/a “Shark,” (“FOSTER”), Xavion Miller, a/k/a “Maso,” (“MILLER”), Corey Wade, a/k/a “Borey,” (“WADE”), Bazair White, a/k/a “Bazzyjo,” (“WHITE”), Yusef Milliron, a/k/a “Sosa,” (“MILLIRON”), and Alshakuur Robinson (“ROBINSON”) (collectively, the “Defendants”). At all times relevant to this Complaint, law enforcement extensively surveilled the area of Isabella Avenue through physical and fixed surveillance; used a confidential informant and undercover police officers to purchase narcotics; and reviewed arrest reports and drug seizures made by local law enforcement in the area of Isabella Avenue, among other lawful means of investigation. These law enforcement techniques have revealed that the Isabella Avenue drug trafficking organization (the “Isabella Avenue DTO”) is affiliated with, and the Defendants are members and associates of, a neighborhood-based street gang known as the 793 Bloods, which is a subset of the Bloods national street gang. The investigation has further revealed that the Defendants and other members and associates of the Isabella Avenue DTO control the sale of fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine base in and around Isabella Avenue, working together to sell drugs and protect the area from rival drug dealers and rival neighborhood street gangs, including through the possession of firearms.

2. Since in or around October 2023, through physical and fixed surveillance, law enforcement has observed members of the Isabella Avenue DTO collectively engage in hundreds of suspected hand-to-hand narcotics transactions. Additionally, and as described in more detail below, during this investigation, law enforcement has used a confidential informant and undercover police officers to purchase narcotics from members of the DTO. Through those controlled purchases, law enforcement seized narcotics, including substances that later tested positive for the presence of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine. Also as described in more detail below, during this investigation, law enforcement

arrested members of the DTO and seized narcotics, including substances that later tested positive for the presence of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine.

3. Evidence indicating collaboration and coordination among the co-conspirators in distributing narcotics includes the Defendants working together on particular drug sales. For example, law enforcement repeatedly observed one member of the Isabella Avenue DTO arrange for a drug sale with a prospective buyer and then send a second DTO member to provide the controlled substances to that buyer. Additionally, law enforcement observed Isabella Avenue DTO members work as “lookouts” for other members to ensure that law enforcement was not in the vicinity while other members distributed controlled substances. Additional evidence indicating collaboration and coordination between co-conspirators includes law enforcement’s seizure of recurring stamps on the glassine envelopes that contained the fentanyl-laced heroin sold by the DTO. That branding indicates that members of the Isabella Avenue DTO obtained their narcotics from a common source of supply.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS
IN AND AROUND ISABELLA AVENUE**

A. July 19, 2023 Seizure

4. On or about July 19, 2023, law enforcement executed an arrest warrant for FOSTER¹ at a residence in Irvington, New Jersey where he was known to reside at the time. Upon entering the residence, law enforcement observed FOSTER run from the bedroom. FOSTER was located and arrested soon thereafter. Law enforcement conducted a lawful search of the bedroom and seized, among other things, approximately 133 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “Good & Penty,” approximately five glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “HBO,”² and approximately 40 Ziplock bags containing suspected cocaine base. In the bedroom, Law enforcement also located clothing and a cellphone belonging to FOSTER.

B. November 30, 2023 Seizure

5. On or about November 30, 2023, ATF executed a search warrant on a Newark, New Jersey residence (the “Newark Residence”) associated with FOSTER, located near Isabella Avenue. During the search of the Newark

¹ The arrest warrant stemmed from a matter unrelated to the conspiracy charged in this Criminal Complaint.

² During this investigation, as set forth below, law enforcement seized glassine envelopes bearing the same stamp, “HBO,” the contents of which tested positive for the presence of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine.

Residence, law enforcement seized, among other things, approximately 84 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “Dark Horse,” approximately 3 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “Cobra,” and approximately eight plastic jugs containing suspected cocaine base. Subsequent laboratory testing showed that the glassine envelopes contained detectable amounts of fentanyl and heroin and the plastic jugs contained a detectable amount of cocaine. During the search, law enforcement also seized documents addressed to FOSTER at the Newark Residence.

C. December 5, 2023 Seizure

6. On or about December 5, 2023, in the vicinity of Isabella Avenue, law enforcement observed MILLIRON remove what appeared to be a firearm from his jacket pocket and throw it into a nearby vehicle. Law enforcement later recovered the suspected firearm from the vehicle and placed MILLIRON under arrest for possession of a firearm.³ During a search of MILLIRON incident to arrest, law enforcement seized approximately 45 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL”⁴ and approximately three unstamped glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin.

D. February 19, 2024 Arrest and Seizure

7. On or about February 19, 2024, law enforcement observed BELL conduct multiple suspected hand-to-hand drug transactions in the area of Isabella Avenue. While conducting surveillance law enforcement observed BELL remove a clear plastic bag (the “Clear Plastic Bag”) from his jacket, remove suspected narcotics from the Clear Plastic Bag, and hand quantities of those suspected narcotics to buyers in exchange for cash. As a result of these observations, law enforcement approached BELL and placed him under arrest. Near where BELL was arrested, law enforcement found a black plastic bag (the “Black Plastic Bag”), inside of which law enforcement found the Clear Plastic Bag, as well as other plastic bags. In total, inside the Black Plastic Bag law enforcement seized approximately 50 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL,” approximately 40 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “Heat,” and approximately 76 plastic jugs containing suspected cocaine base. At the time of his arrest, BELL was also found in possession of approximately \$464 in U.S. currency.

³ Subsequent testing revealed that the suspected firearm was in fact a starter pistol, and thus did not meet the definition of a firearm under federal law.

⁴ During this investigation, as set forth below, law enforcement seized glassine envelopes bearing the same stamp, “YSL,” the contents of which tested positive for the presence of heroin and fentanyl.

E. April 5, 2024 Arrest and Seizure

8. On or about April 5, 2024, law enforcement observed WHITE conduct a suspected hand-to-hand drug transaction in the area of Isabella Avenue. Based on that observation, law enforcement approached and searched WHITE. During the search, law enforcement seized a pill bottle containing approximately 35 pills that, based on the training and experience of law enforcement, appeared to be MDMA.⁵ WHITE was placed under arrest and in a subsequent search of WHITE, law enforcement seized approximately 112 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL,” “Louis Vuitton,”⁶ or “HEAT,” and approximately 39 plastic jugs containing suspected cocaine base.

F. April 12, 2024 Arrest and Seizure

9. On or about April 12, 2024, law enforcement observed a man known to law enforcement (“Co-Conspirator 1”) conduct multiple suspected hand-to-hand drug transactions while standing with FOSTER in the vicinity of Isabella Avenue. Based on those observations, law enforcement approached and searched Co-Conspirator 1 and FOSTER. During the search of Co-Conspirator 1, law enforcement seized approximately four glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL.” During the search of FOSTER, law enforcement seized approximately 44 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL” or “Louis Vuitton” and approximately 32 plastic jugs containing suspected cocaine base.

G. April 16, 2024 Arrest and Seizure

10. On or about April 16, 2024, law enforcement observed MILLER conduct a suspected hand-to-hand drug transaction in the vicinity of Isabella Avenue. Following the suspected drug transaction, MILLER entered a vehicle. Law enforcement stopped the vehicle and based on their observations conducted a search of MILLER. During that search, law enforcement seized approximately 100 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “YSL,” approximately 38 glassine envelopes containing suspected fentanyl-laced heroin stamped “Louis Vuitton,” and approximately 55 plastic jugs containing suspected cocaine base.

⁵ MDMA (Methylenedioxyamphetamine) is commonly referred to as “ecstasy.”

⁶ During this investigation, as set forth below, law enforcement seized glassine envelopes bearing the same stamp, “Louis Vuitton,” the contents of which tested positive for the presence of heroin and fentanyl.

CONTROLLED PURCHASES OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN

11. In addition to the seizures described above, between October 2023 and March 2024, the ATF used a confidential informant and undercover police officers to purchase suspected fentanyl-laced heroin from multiple members of the Isabella Avenue DTO. All of these transactions were conducted in the area of Isabella Avenue, with some of the transactions audio and/or video recorded. Prior to each controlled purchase involving the confidential informant, law enforcement officers ensured that the confidential informant did not have any unauthorized contraband or currency. Subsequent laboratory testing showed that the substances purchased from the DTO contained detectable amounts of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine. The following table summarizes the controlled purchases.

Buy No.	On or about the Week of	Defendant(s)	Substance Purchased	Approximate Amount	Stamp
1	10/11/2023	ROBINSON	Heroin / Fentanyl / Cocaine	20 glassine envelopes	Super Grimlin
2	10/18/2023	WADE	Heroin / Fentanyl / Cocaine	28 glassine envelopes	HBO Super Grimlin
3	11/8/2023	FOSTER	Heroin / Fentanyl	49 glassine envelopes	Str-8 Drop Young Dolph
4	11/14/2023	FOSTER	Heroin / Fentanyl	50 glassine envelopes	Str-8 Drop
5	11/21/2023	FOSTER	Heroin / Fentanyl	48 glassine envelopes	Cain and Abel
6	11/21/2023	FOSTER	Fentanyl	20 glassine envelopes	Lady Gaga Kobe
7	12/19/2023	FOSTER	Heroin / Fentanyl	100 glassine envelopes	YSL
8	1/4/2024	FOSTER / MILLER	Heroin / Fentanyl / Cocaine	90 glassine envelopes	YSL CMG
9	1/18/2024	FOSTER	Heroin / Fentanyl	100 glassine envelopes	YSL
10	3/8/2024	MILLER	Heroin / Fentanyl	51 glassine envelopes	YSL Louis Vuitton

11	3/27/2024	MILLER	Heroin / Fentanyl	100 glassine envelopes	YSL Louis Vuitton
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SURVEILLANCE

12. During the timeframe of the conspiracy, law enforcement monitored Isabella Avenue through physical and fixed surveillance. Over the course of the investigation, law enforcement obtained hundreds of hours of video footage depicting the Defendants, among other co-conspirators, engaging in hundreds of narcotics transactions in the area of Isabella Avenue. The video footage further showed daily interactions between members of the conspiracy, a constant stream of buyers approaching the area for brief interactions, and the Defendants holding, passing, and counting drug proceeds amongst themselves, among other evidence.

13. Based on the narcotics seized during the investigation and the hundreds of hand-to-hand drug transactions captured on video footage, the investigation revealed that the co-conspirators distributed more than 40 grams of fentanyl during the conspiracy period, as well as significant quantities of heroin and cocaine.