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LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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District of New Mexico

MITCHELL R. ELFERS
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United States of America)

v.)

Angel Flores)

Case No. 24MJ1626

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 November 6, 2024 in the county of Dona Ana in the
 District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section**Offense Description*

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)

Possession with the Intent to Distribute Approximately 678 grams of
methamphetamine.

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached "Affidavit"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Chandler Rule, DEA Special Agent

Printed name and title

Electronically submitted and telephonically Sworn to before me.

Date:

11/6/2024

Judge's signature

City and state:

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Kevin R. Sweazea, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, DEA Special Agent (SA) Chandler Rule, Affiant, being duly sworn, state that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

The following information is based upon my personal involvement in this investigation and information provided to me by other officers and agents and is presented as probable cause to arrest Angel Flores (hereinafter referred to as Flores). Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, I have not included each and every known fact regarding this investigation. More specifically, I have set forth only pertinent facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause.

During this investigation, agents learned that Flores and his girlfriend, Beatriz Gonzalez (Beatriz) live at a residence located on Ralls Road in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Over a court authorized wiretap that was used during the investigation, the following wire and electronic communications were intercepted:

On May 24, 2024, at approximately 10:23 p.m., Richard Beserra (Beserra) sent a text message to Flores which stated "Can you deliver got 200 on my." Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation I believe that Beserra was asking Flores if Flores could bring an ounce of methamphetamine to Beserra and that Beserra had \$200 to pay for the methamphetamine.

On that same day, at approximately 10:29 p.m. Beserra, called Flores, During the call, Beserra asked Flores if she was working and stated, "My customer needed a whole one." Flores responded, "Oh. Uh, I can try to get one. I can see if I can get one. Uhm..." Beserra replied, "Just let me know, I got the money." Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Beserra was asking Flores for an ounce of methamphetamine because Beserra had a customer who wanted to purchase the ounce. I further believe that Flores was saying that he didn't have the ounce available right then but that he would try and obtain the ounce of methamphetamine to sell to Beserra.

Between 1:26 p.m. and 5:42 p.m. on June 4, 2024, Ernesto Flores (Ernesto) exchanged text messages with Beatriz, who is Flores' girlfriend, in which Flores stated, "Need one more." Beatriz then asked, "Did u need that still" and then, "Come by." Ernesto replied, "Be there in a few." Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Ernesto was asking Beatriz for an additional ounce of methamphetamine and that Beatriz was telling Ernesto that Ernesto could go to Beatriz' location to pick up the requested methamphetamine.

Later that evening, between 10:16 p.m. and 11:57 p.m. on June 4, 2024, Ernesto and Beatriz exchanged text messages in which Ernesto stated, "Need 3." Beatriz stated, "We got a lil less than one but calling now." Shortly thereafter, Beatriz stated, "We put order in for you, don't know how long it will be though." Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Ernesto was asking Beatriz for an additional three ounces of methamphetamine. I believe that Beatriz was indicating that she did not have the full three ounces of methamphetamine

that Ernesto was requesting but that Beatriz would call her supplier to obtain the additional methamphetamine.

One June 5, 2024, between 12:34 p.m. and 3:18 p.m., Beatriz called Ernesto and told him “we got that for you,” and then Beatriz called Ernesto again and asked if Ernesto was coming. Flores said yes and added that they (Ernesto and others) were on their way. Beatriz responded “ok.” Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Beatriz was telling Ernesto that Beatriz and Flores had methamphetamine available to sell to Ernesto.

Between June 7, 2024, and June 20, 2024, numerous other similar calls were intercepted between Beatriz and Ernesto in which I believe that Ernesto was asking Beatriz to supply Ernesto with ounces of methamphetamine and in which Beatriz agreed to do so. In some of the calls, Ernesto agreed to go to Beatriz’ house to pick up the methamphetamine, and in some of the calls, Beatriz agreed to deliver the methamphetamine to Ernesto.

During that same time period, on June 14, 2024, at 3:50 p.m., Beatriz texted Ernesto, saying “Hey sorry bout last nite. I have that for u. N more if u need.” Approximately three hours later, at 6:34 p.m., Ernesto called Flores. During the call, Ernesto asked Flores, “Do you have fiv... Hey, do you have five of them?” Flores responded, “Yeah,” and Ernesto said, “Alright. I’ll probably go by.” Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Ernesto was asking Flores for five ounces of methamphetamine.

The following day, on June 15, 2024, at approximately 5:09 p.m., Ernesto called Flores. During the call, Ernesto asked if Flores was working. When Flores said that he was, Ernesto said, “I need three.” Flores replied, “okay,” and Ernesto said, “I’ll be by in like, like in about an hour and a half.” Based on my training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, I believe that Ernesto was asking Flores for three ounces of methamphetamine, and that Flores was agreeing to provide the narcotics to Ernesto.

On June 23, 2024, agents intercepted communications between Ernesto and Beatriz in which Ernesto asked Beatriz to supply him with two ounces of methamphetamine. Beatriz agreed, and Ernesto was to go to Beatriz’ house to pick up the methamphetamine. Agents observed Ernesto travel to Beatriz’ neighborhood and then stopped him as he was leaving the neighborhood. Ernesto and D’Anna Chavez (Chavez) were in the vehicle. Agents found 45.736 net grams of pure methamphetamine in the vehicle, and both Ernesto and Chavez admitting possessing the methamphetamine.

The following day, on June 24, 2024, Ernesto called Beatriz and let her know that he had been stopped leaving her house and that the police had seized the methamphetamine from him. Later that night, Beatriz called Ernesto and said that Angel (whom I believe to be Beatriz’ boyfriend, Angel Flores) wanted to talk to Ernesto. Ernesto said that it was ok for Beatriz and Angel to go to Ernesto’s house to talk to him.

On November 6, 2024, at approximately 6 a.m., agents executed a search warrant at 5266 Ralls Road, Las Cruces New Mexico 88012. Agents encountered Flores and three other adults, but not Beatriz, at that address. When agents first encountered Flores, he was hiding in master bedroom

closet. During the execution of the search warrant, agents located a safe in the floor of the master bedroom closet. A search of the safe was conducted, and agents found a cell phone, a loaded Taurus .38 revolver, approximately 678 grams of a clear, crystal-like substance, which based on my training and experience, I believe to be methamphetamine, 96 grams of hydrocodone pills, 82 grams of blue pills which, based on my training and experience, I believe to be fentanyl, and 38 grams of suspected cocaine. In a dresser drawer in the master bedroom, agents found a box of .38 ammunition.

Subsequent to the execution of the search warrant, Flores told agents that he knew Beatriz would sell methamphetamine out of the house and would keep methamphetamine in the safe, but he denied any involvement in Beatriz' drug trafficking activities. Flores admitted that the master bedroom was his bedroom, which he stated he used to share with Beatriz until she recently moved out of the residence.

Based on the above, there is probable cause to believe that on November 6, 2024, in the District of New Mexico, Flores possessed with the intent to distribute 500 grams and more of a methamphetamine and that he possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

AUSA Renee Camacho authorized the case for federal prosecution against Flores.



Chandler Rule
DEA Special Agent

Electronically submitted and telephonically
Sworn to before me on November 6th, 2024



KEVIN R. SWEAZE
U.S. Magistrate Judge