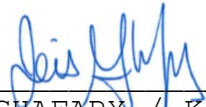


Approved: 
QAIS GHAFARY / KAIYA ARROYO
Assistant United States Attorneys

Before: THE HONORABLE PAUL E. DAVISON
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Violations of 21 U.S.C.
 : §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)
 - v. - :
 MICHAEL VEGA, : COUNTIES OF OFFENSE:
 : WESTCHESTER/BRONX
 :
 Defendant. :

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

ENZO BAIA, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Task Force Officer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE
(Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics)

1. On or about November 15, 2022, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MICHAEL VEGA, the defendant, intentionally and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute a controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

2. The controlled substance involved in the offense was 280 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A).)

The bases for my knowledge and for the foregoing charge are, in part, as follows:

3. I am a Task Force Officer with the Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. This affidavit is based upon my personal participation in the investigation of this matter, my conversations with law enforcement agents, and my examination of photographs, reports, and records. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and photographs, and the actions, statements and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part.

4. Based on my participation in this investigation, my discussions with law enforcement members, and my review of law enforcement reports and records, I have learned the following, in substance and in part:

a. Since at least January 2022, the FBI and law enforcement partners have been investigating a drug trafficking organization ("DTO") that operates in and around Mount Vernon, New York.

b. In connection with this investigation, on or about November 14, 2022, the Honorable Paul E. Davison, United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of New York, issued a warrant (the "Search Warrant") to search a particular two-bedroom apartment in the Bronx (the "Apartment") known to be the residential address of MICHAEL VEGA, the defendant, for evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of narcotics offenses in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1).

c. On or about November 15, 2022, the FBI and law enforcement partners executed the Search Warrant of the Apartment. One of the two bedrooms in the Apartment belonged to a family member of VEGA's and the other bedroom in the Apartment belonged to VEGA ("VEGA's Bedroom"), who rents his bedroom from the family member. VEGA's Bedroom had a lock on the door. When law enforcement entered VEGA's Bedroom, they found VEGA in bed and VEGA's personal items throughout VEGA's Bedroom. Located inside and atop a TV stand in VEGA's Bedroom, law enforcement recovered approximately 350 grams of mixtures or substances whose texture and appearance are consistent with those of cocaine base and which field tested positive for the presence of cocaine base; drug paraphernalia, including two scales; and a

large quantity of U.S. currency. In a suitcase in VEGA's Bedroom, law enforcement recovered an additional over approximately 1,150 grams of mixtures or substances whose texture and appearance are consistent with those of cocaine base and which field tested positive for the presence of cocaine hydrochloride, resulting in a total recovery of at least approximately 1,500 grams of cocaine base.

5. Based on my training and experience, participation in this investigation, and the aforementioned recovery of drug paraphernalia and U.S. currency, I believe that the quantity of narcotics recovered from VEGA's Bedroom is consistent with narcotics distribution and not personal narcotics use

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully requests that MICHAEL VEGA, the defendant, be imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.

Task Force Officer Enzo Baia
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me this
15th day of November, 2022

THE HONORABLE PAUL E. DAVISON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK