

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
CENTRAL DIVISION
LEXINGTON**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

v.

AFFIDAVIT

RICARDO AMAYO-GONZALEZ

DEFENDANT

I, Mathew Evans, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I am a duly sworn Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), having been assigned in that capacity for over 5 years. I am also currently a detective with the Lexington Police Department (LPD) in the Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU). I have been employed as an officer with the LPD for approximately 23 years. During my tenure with the LPD and FBI, I have participated in investigations involving violations of federal narcotic laws.

2. I have also attended training schools and have been instructed in many aspects of narcotic investigations and am familiar with the narcotic laws promulgated under Title 21 of the United States Code and federal money laundering laws promulgated under Title 18 of the United States Code. I have initiated or participated in surveillance, the operation and debriefing of numerous drug dealers, drug users, and informants, performed both physical and electronic

surveillance, executed search warrants, analyzed records documenting the purchase and distribution of illegal drugs, and the concealment of illegal narcotics profits.

3. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and upon information reported to me by other local law enforcement officers, specifically members of the LPD-NEU, during the course of their official duties. The information contained in this affidavit is not a complete account of everything known to me about this case. Rather, it contains the facts that I believe are sufficient to support a finding of probable cause.

4. The investigation to date indicates that there is probable cause to believe that on or about June 8, 2023, in Fayette County, in the Eastern District of Kentucky, Ricardo Amayo-Gonzalez, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixtures or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841. The following facts support the finding of probable cause.

PROBABLE CAUSE

5. On Thursday, 06-08-23 Narcotics Enforcement Detectives and Patrol Units traveled to an address Summa Meadow Drive, Lexington, Fayette County, KY, in the Eastern District of Kentucky, to execute a state search warrant. Upon arrival, detectives knocked on the front door and a female answered the door. She was advised to step out of the residence and several small children exited the residence as well. Detectives entered the residence and cleared it making sure no one else was inside.

6. While LPD detectives and patrol units were at Summa Meadow address your affiant and another LPD detective were conducting surveillance on Ricardo Amayo-Gonzalez (Ricardo) in Georgetown, KY. Once detectives and officers made contact with Ricardo's girlfriend, (the female described in the above paragraph) your affiant and another detective detained Ricardo. He was read his Miranda Rights in Spanish and was advised that a search warrant was being executed at his residence at the Summa Meadow Drive. Ricardo was listed on the search warrant to be searched and a search located \$5,240 in US currency (cash) on his person.

7. The investigation determined that Ricardo had driven his black Honda Civic to Georgetown the morning of 06-08-23. That vehicle was also listed on the search warrant to be searched. Upon search of that vehicle your affiant located approximately 102 grams (including packaging) of suspected cocaine, in many individual baggies. The suspected cocaine was located in the center console and in a jacket pocket. Your affiant also located \$13,959 in US currency in the center console of the black Honda Civic. Your affiant was advised by the other detective that Ricardo told him there were narcotics in his closet (back left bedroom closet) in the Summa Meadow address.

8. While Ricardo was detained, detectives at the Summa Meadow address continued to search the residence. Upon search of the residence approximately 1,150 grams of suspected cocaine was located in a grey backpack, in the back left bedroom closet. Approximately 750 grams of suspected cocaine was located in a coat, in the back left bedroom closet. Approximately 140 grams of suspected cocaine was located in the

kitchen on the hot water heater. Approximately 36.5 grams (including packaging) of suspected cocaine was located in a hair gel container. This container was located in a black bag with strings, in dirty clothes, in the back left bedroom. Approximately 26 grams of suspected cocaine was located in a black bag, in dirty laundry, in the back left bedroom closet.

9. Approximately 37 grams of suspected methamphetamine was located in a black bag, in dirty laundry, in the back left bedroom closet. Multiple sets of digital scales, baggies, plastic wrap and a possible ledger were located in the back left bedroom. Mexico passports with Ricardo's information on them along with other ID's with many aliases were located in the back left bedroom closet. A narcotics K9 was deployed on the grey Honda Pilot that was parked in the driveway. The K9 alerted and upon search of the vehicle approximately 4.4 grams (including packaging) of suspected cocaine was located under the driver's seat.

10. After the narcotics were located in Ricardo's black Honda Civic and inside his residence, he was then transported to his home at, the Summa Meadow Drive, where detectives were searching. Upon Ricardo's arrival, your affiant introduced himself to Ricardo and Ricardo was readvised him of the search warrant for the residence in Spanish. The rest of the conversation between Ricardo and your affiant was translated in Spanish. Ricardo advised he had been selling cocaine since December 2022. Ricardo stated each kilogram of cocaine was going to be sold for \$25,000. Ricardo advised he sold each ounce of cocaine for \$1,000. Ricardo stated he sold cocaine at bars in Lexington.

11. The suspected cocaine and suspected methamphetamine were viewed by your affiant as well as other experienced narcotics detectives. Based upon the color, texture, composition, and other factors, of the suspected cocaine and suspected methamphetamine, it is the collective opinion of your affiant and the other detectives that the suspected cocaine and suspected methamphetamine are actual cocaine and actual methamphetamine, both Schedule II controlled substances.

12. After reviewing all the evidence including approximately 2,208.9 grams of suspected cocaine, 37 grams of suspected methamphetamine that was located inside Ricardo's residence and in his vehicles, \$46,199 in US currency located throughout Ricardo's residence as well as in his vehicle and in his pockets, multiple digital scales and many other items of drug paraphernalia it is your affiant's opinion that these items are more consistent with distribution than mere personal use.

13. Based on the above, it is your affiant's opinion that Ricardo Amayo-Gonzalez has committed the federal offense of Possession with Intent to Distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1).

/s/ Matthew Evans

Matthew Evans, Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attested to by applicant per FRCrP 4.1 by reliable electronic means on this 16th day of August, 2023.


MATTHEW A. STINNETT
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Case No.
5:23-MJ-5293-MAS

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

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 June 08, 2023 in the county of Fayette in the
Eastern District of Kentucky, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section (Title 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1)), Offense Description (Knowing and Intentional Possession With Intent to Distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of Cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

[checked] Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/ Matthew Evans

Complainant's signature

Matthew Evans, Task Force Agent - FBI

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Criminal. P. 4.1 transmitted by reliable electronic means (e-mail).

Date: 08/16/2023

Handwritten signature of Matthew A. Stinnett

Judge's signature

City and state: Lexington, KY

Matthew A. Stinnett, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title