

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of Kentucky

United States of America
v.
BRIANNA SHARDAI MARY HANSPARD

Case No.
5:23-mj-5320

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 July 10, 2023 in the county of Scott in the
Eastern District of Kentucky, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Row 1: 21 USC Section 841(a), knowing and intentional possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture of methamphetamine and a detectable amount of fentanyl, Schedule II controlled substances; Row 2: 21 USC Section 846, knowingly and intentionally conspiring to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture of methamphetamine and a detectable amount of fentanyl

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:
See attached affidavit of Christine McHugh, DEA Special Agent

Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/ Christine McHugh

Complainant's signature

Christine McHugh, SA DEA

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 09/01/2023

City and state: Lexington, Kentucky

Matthew A. Stinnett
Judge's signature

Hon. Matthew A. Stinnett, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

v.

AFFIDAVIT

BRIANNA SHARDAI MARY HANSPARD

DEFENDANT

I, Christine McHugh, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I am employed as a Special Agent (SA) with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and have been such since graduating the DEA Academy in Quantico, Virginia in May of 2021. I am currently assigned to the Lexington Resident Office Enforcement Group in Lexington, Kentucky. My current duty assignment includes, but is not limited to, investigating complex drug conspiracies and organizations and individuals involved in the possession of and trafficking in controlled substances. Prior to my current assignment with the DEA, I was a Border Patrol Agent in Ajo, Arizona for three years. I am authorized and have the responsibility to investigate persons for violations of federal law, involving the unlawful distribution of drugs, (21 U.S.C. § 841 (a) (1)), attempt and conspiracy to commit the same (21 U.S.C. § 846), money laundering (18 U.S.C. § 1956 and 1957), and illegal possession of weapons (18 U.S.C. §§ 922 and 924(c) (1)). In my capacity as a DEA Special Agent I am authorized to arrest persons for violations of federal law, including for those offenses listed above.

2. I have participated in drug investigations, including possession and distribution of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other drugs. Through my training, education, and experience, I have become familiar with the manner in which persons involved in the trafficking of controlled substances and their methods of operation and attempts to avoid detection from law enforcement.

3. This Affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and upon information reported to me by other state and local law enforcement officers 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 to support the issuance of a Criminal Complaint and corresponding arrest warrant.

4. The investigation to date indicates that there is probable cause to believe that on or about July 10, 2023, in Scott County, Kentucky, in the Eastern District of Kentucky, Brianna Shardai Mary Hanspard, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and did conspire with others to distribute a mixture or substance containing 500 grams or more of a detectable amount of methamphetamine and a detectable amount of fentanyl, both Schedule II controlled substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841, all in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. The following facts support the finding of probable cause.

PROBABLE CAUSE

5. On July 10, 2023 at approximately 7:15 pm, members of the KSP East Interdiction Team observed as a 2021 Jeep Compass with Illinois vehicle tag [REDACTED] exit Interstate 75 southbound at Sadieville (exit 136) in Scott County, Kentucky in the Eastern District of Kentucky. KSP Troopers observed as the Jeep Compass failed to come to a stop as dictated by the stop sign at the juncture of the Interstate 75 exit ramp and Porter Road. Marked

KSP units activated their emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle in the parking lot of Love's Travel Stop located at 313 Porter Road, Sadieville, Kentucky.

6. During the stop, Hanspard was identified as the driver and sole occupant of the Jeep Compass. A check of a reliable law enforcement database revealed the Jeep Compass to be registered to PV Holdings at 10000 Bessie Coleman Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Affiant is aware that PV Holdings is the parent corporation for numerous subsidiary rental car agencies to include Avis, Budget, and Payless. Following the stop, KSP Troopers had Hanspard exit the Jeep Compass. During her interaction with KSP Troopers, Hanspard initially provided verbal consent for KSP Troopers to search the Jeep Compass for contraband. However, mere seconds into their search Hanspard withdrew that consent and the search of the vehicle was halted. As one KSP Trooper worked to complete a courtesy citation for Hanspard, KSP Trooper Josh Giles deployed his trained drug odor detection canine "Johan" to conduct an open air "sniff" of the perimeter of the vehicle. "Johan", who is trained and certified to alert the odors of controlled substances including marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and ecstasy, gave a positive alert at the rear of the Jeep Compass.

7. Following the positive alert, KSP Troopers conducted a probable cause search of the Jeep Compass. In the rear cargo area of the vehicle, KSP Troopers located and seized a blue duffle bag which further contained a quantity of suspected methamphetamine and suspected fentanyl. That same day, KSP Troopers transferred custody of the suspected methamphetamine and suspected fentanyl to investigators with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Lexington Resident Office.(LRO). At the DEA LRO, the suspected methamphetamine was field tested utilizing a reliable, past proven law enforcement equipment that showed a positive for methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Due to safety concerns with fentanyl

exposure, the suspected fentanyl substance was not tested using that device but the substance appeared consistent in texture, color, and composition with previous amounts off fentanyl seized in other drug investigations by members of the LRO. The suspected methamphetamine was determined to have a gross weight of 10.23 kilograms (22.5 pounds) and the suspected fentanyl was determined to have a gross weight of 299.4 grams. Both substances were submitted to the DEA Mid-Atlantic Forensic Laboratory for chemical analysis and those results are pending.

8. After the seizure of the suspected controlled substances, Hanspard was transported to the DEA LRO that same evening to be interviewed by investigators. Hanspard was Mirandized and interviewed by DEA personnel including your affiant. After initially making statements disavowing knowledge of the drugs found in her vehicle, investigators stated that they did not find Hanspard's account credible. Hanspard ultimately acknowledged that she was driving the drugs found in the Jeep Compass from Detroit, Michigan to Lexington, Kentucky in exchange for money. Hanspard advised that the vehicle was rented in her name and investigators recovered documentation from the vehicle corroborating that fact. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9. KSP Troopers charged Hanspard in Scott County District Court with the Kentucky state offenses of Trafficking in Controlled Substance First Degree Methamphetamine Greater than 2 Grams and Trafficking in Controlled Substance First Degree Carfentanyl or Fentanyl Derivatives. At this time Hanspard remains in custody at the Scott County (Kentucky) Detention Center based on these charges.

10. The amount of suspected methamphetamine and fentanyl found in Hanspard's possession on July 10, 2023 is not consistent with personal use. Rather, that amount reflects a significant quantity of methamphetamine and fentanyl for central Kentucky with an approximate wholesale value in excess of \$50,000.00.

CONCLUSION

11. I believe that the facts set forth above support your affiant's belief and law enforcement opinion that there is probable cause to believe that on or about July 10, 2023, in Scott County, in the Eastern District of Kentucky, Brianna Shardai Mary Hanspard did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

/s/ Christine McHugh

Christine McHugh, Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to/attested to by the affiant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 41 by telephone or other reliable electronic means this 1st day September 2023.



MATTHEW A. STINNETT
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE