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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Arkansas

United States of America

v.

Sedrick Reed

Case No. 4:13mj5019 JTR

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 12, 2013 in the county of Pulaski in the Eastern District of Arkansas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C)

Offense Description Possession with intent to Distribute and Distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Brandon E. McNab (signature)

Complainant's signature

FBI Special Agent Brandon McNab

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: July 18, 2013 @ 5:32 p.m. (with ATR initials)

J. Thomas Ray (signature)

Judge's signature

City and state: Little Rock, Arkansas

J. Thomas Ray, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Brandon McNab, being duly sworn do hereby depose and swear as follows:

1. I am currently employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I have been so employed since March 15, 2009. Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Little Rock Division of the FBI. Prior to my appointment as a Special Agent, your Affiant was employed for 10 years in the fields of sales and finance. I have a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree with a dual concentration in Management and Marketing. I have attended training in white collar crime investigations including, but not limited to money laundering, corporate fraud, wire fraud, and mail fraud. I am currently assigned to the ArkTrust Public Corruption Task Force on the White Collar Squad of the FBI.

2. As a result of my training and experience as a police officer and as a FBI Special Agent, I am familiar with federal criminal laws relating to narcotics and narcotics trafficking. I am aware that it is a violation of Title 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with the intent to distribute less than 500 grams of cocaine.

PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT AND PROBABLE CAUSE

3. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Sedrick REED and Lamont M. JOHNSON. My belief that probable cause exists to arrest REED and JOHNSON for the commission of one or more federal criminal offenses is based on the following facts that I have learned from my own personal investigation of this matter, including interviews of witnesses, as well as from information supplied by other law enforcement officials. Since this Affidavit is for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to support a criminal complaint and arrest warrant, it contains only a summary of relevant

facts. I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning the entities, individuals, and events described in this Affidavit.

4. REED is a Lieutenant with the Arkansas State Police (ASP). REED is assigned to Troop A in Little Rock, Arkansas. His duties include full oversight for Troop A's evidence vault, which includes drug evidence. The ASP evidence room is a secured room where many different kinds of evidence are stored, including large amounts of narcotics seized as a result of ASP investigations and/or traffic stops.

5. An ongoing investigation has revealed that REED has been removing narcotics evidence from the evidence vault at ASP and distributing them to JOHNSON. This information comes from a court-authorized Title III wiretap on JOHNSON's phone as well as video surveillance on both the evidence vault as well as JOHNSON's residence.

6. During the course of this investigation, the FBI developed a confidential source (CS) who has the ability and access to purchase large quantities of cocaine from JOHNSON. This CS has proven reliable in that he/she successfully completed a controlled purchase of nine ounces of cocaine from JOHNSON. Additionally, information provided by the CS has been corroborated by intercepted calls from JOHNSON as well as video and agent surveillance.

7. On Friday, July 12, 2013, the CS completed a controlled purchase of nine ounces (approximately 257 grams) of cocaine from JOHNSON. REED personally delivered a portion of the cocaine to JOHNSON.

8. On July 12, 2013, at 11:29 a.m., as part of a planned operation, the CS attempted to contact JOHNSON; however, the CS received a message from the carrier indicating that the JOHNSON's phone is out of minutes. Later that day, at approximately 2:45 p.m., the CS made direct contact with JOHNSON at his residence, Dr., Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209.

The CS told JOHNSON that JOHNSON had no minutes on his telephone and ordered nine ounces of cocaine from JOHNSON. At 2:51 p.m., JOHNSON added minutes on his cellular telephone from the carrier.

9. At 3 p.m., JOHNSON called REED and ordered nine ounces of cocaine. In intercepted call 498, Johnson stated, "I don't want the problem with that other one, it is hard for me to win with that other stuff since it's so old." Reed replied, "Yeah, but that's all I got." Johnson stated, "I know." Reed replied, "When all that mess happened with that fool I had to sit down." Johnson stated, "my guy was talking about 9 of them." Reed replied, "I will call you when I get out of here." The quotations herein are based upon linesheets and are not a final transcription of the discussions in the calls.

10. At 4:58 p.m., REED was observed entering the evidence locker at the ASP Headquarters, removing a box of evidence, and taking it to an adjoining room that has scales and packaging equipment used when drugs come into evidence. REED returned the box within a short amount of time. At 5:48 p.m., JOHNSON and REED discussed the quality of cocaine. JOHNSON stated to Reed that he has five ounces and needs four ounces to complete the deal.

11. REED was observed arriving at JOHNSON's home at _____ at 6:13 p.m., and REED was observed holding a package as he entered JOHNSON's home.

12. At 6:40 p.m., the CS made a controlled drug purchase of approximately nine ounces of cocaine from JOHNSON at _____. Prior to the controlled buy, the CS and his/her vehicle were searched for excess money and contraband with negative results, meaning he/she had only the buy money when he/she went to the controlled buy, and had only the contraband when returning from the controlled buy. The CS's locations were under constant law enforcement surveillance, visual or electronic, during the controlled buy. Following the buy, FBI

agents recovered the purchased cocaine and weighed and field tested the substance. It field tested positive for cocaine and weighed approximately 257.6 grams.

13. Subsequent to the controlled purchase, at 9:05 p.m., ASP personnel and FBI agents entered the evidence room at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters to view the box that REED had earlier removed and returned. The box had been tampered with as the evidence tape was cut. The box originally contained approximately three (3) kilograms of cocaine. Each kilogram was individually wrapped. Upon opening the box agents discovered that one kilogram had been tampered with and only approximately 25 percent of the kilogram remained.

14. On Monday, July 15, 2013, at 3:27 p.m., REED was observed in the ASP evidence room removing and returning the same box he had contact with on Friday, July 12. At 11:41 p.m., ASP personnel entered the evidence room to find that the box had been further tampered with. The open kilogram of cocaine was reduced by approximately another 25 percent.

15. On Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 12:05 p.m., REED and JOHNSON discussed the cocaine deal that occurred on Friday. REED asked JOHNSON if JOHNSON's guy was "good on that from last week. That deal from Friday."

16. On Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in an intercepted call at 4:06 p.m., REED contacted JOHNSON and stated that he just left court and was going to run by JOHNSON's house. JOHNSON told REED to wait and come by when he gets off his second job at Dillard's. REED then stated that he will be off at 10 p.m. JOHNSON stated that his girlfriend is too nosey and JOHNSON does not want REED coming by now.

17. At 4:35 p.m., in another intercepted call, JOHNSON told REED it is OK to bring it now because JOHNSON is outside messing with the grill. REED stated that he has already left his house at _____, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209, and JOHNSON then tells him to

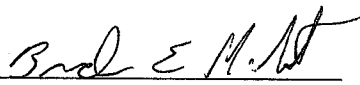
come by whenever. REED says he will turn around and go back to his residence at and go get it because he does not have it with him. REED affirmatively states that he will get it and bring it to JOHNSON.

18. At 4:40 p.m., REED was observed at his residence on

19. At 4:55 p.m. REED was observed in his ASP vehicle and in his ASP uniform walking towards the rear of JOHNSON's residence. REED's service weapon was in plain view. REED left JOHNSON's residence at 5:13 p.m.

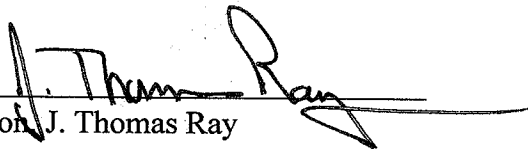
20. In an intercepted call at 5:47 p.m., JOHNSON told REED that they need to find a new place to meet because the female at the residence is nosey. She stands at the door and then asks questions. JOHNSON states that she will run her mouth and JOHNSON does not want her knowing anything about his business and that from now on the meetings between JOHNSON and REED will have to be "legitimate" when she is around.

21. Based upon the above information, I believe that probable cause exists to conclude that Sedrick REED and Lamont M. JOHNSON knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with the intent to distribute less than 500 grams of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C)



Brandon McNab
Special Agent, FBI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 2013.



Hon. J. Thomas Ray
United States Magistrate Judge