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United States of America v.

June 12, 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of California

SUSAN Y. SOONG
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE

XAVIER JIMENEZ ROBLEDO) Case No. CR 2) Case No. CR 20-70770-MAG)		
	Defendant(s))			
		CRIMIN	NAL COMPLAINT			
I, the cor	nplainant in this	case, state that the f	following is true to the best of my	knowledge and belief		
On or about the d	date(s) ofAp	oril 13, 2020 to May	5, 2020 in the county of	Monterey	in the	
Northern	District of	California	, the defendant(s) violated:			
Code Section			Offense Descript	Offense Description		
21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) Distribution and P			and Possession with Intent to Dis	tribute Fentanyl		
		supervised r denial of fed	enalties: 20 years in prison; at lea release; \$1,000,000 fine; \$100 sp eral benefits; immigration consec for non-citizens.	ecial assessment; forf	eiture;	
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			/s/ Christophe	r Flores by VKD w/pe	mission	
Approved as to form:/s/AUSA Casey Boome			Co	Complainant's signature		
				Flores, DEA Special	Agent	
		•	F	rinted name and title		
Sworn to before	me and signed in	n my presence.				
Date:06	/12/2020		Vivigii	in Z. D.M. Judge's signature	erchi	
City and state:		San Jose, CA		DeMarchi, U.S. Magist	rate Judge	

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATION

I, CHRISTOPHER FLORES, Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, being duly sworn, hereby declare as follows:

PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

- 1. I respectfully submit this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint charging Xavier JIMENEZ ROBLEDO with distribution and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) (the "Target Offense").
- 3. The items to be searched for and seized, more specifically detailed in Attachment B hereto, include, among other things, electronic and digital data and information contained in computers (specifically, laptop and desktop computers), tablets and mobile telephones that are associated with the **Subject Premises** and the **Subject Vehicle**. The protocol by which these items will be searched is detailed in Attachment C hereto, which is the accepted Northern District of California protocol for searching devices or media that store data electronically.
- 4. For the reasons stated below, I submit that there is probable cause for the issuance of the requested criminal complaint against Xavier JIMENEZ ROBLEDO and probable cause to believe that the **Subject Premises** and **Subject Vehicle** contain evidence of violations of the Target Offense.
 - 5. The facts stated in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, on my

review of reports prepared by other law enforcement officers and records prepared by others, and on conversations I have had with other law enforcement officers and witnesses involved in this investigation. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause for the issuance of a criminal complaint and a search warrant for the **Subject Premises**, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of this investigation.

AFFIANT BACKGROUND

- 6. I am a Special Agent (SA), Criminal Investigator for the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), San Francisco Field Division, San Jose Resident Office, Salinas Post of Duty, and have been so employed since January 2019. I have been assigned to the Salinas Post of Duty since February 2020. My daily occupation is the investigation of offenses relating to violations of controlled substances laws and other related offenses.
- 7. I attended the Department of Justice, DEA Academy at Quantico, Virginia as part of my basic training to become a Special Agent. I received approximately seventeen weeks of training on controlled substances, and the investigation of other controlled substance violations. I learned how each drug is produced/manufactured, processed, packaged, sold, ingested into the human body, and the symptoms a user displays while under the influence of each drug. I saw samples of controlled substances during my training at the academy, handled and tested each drug, and participated in practical exercises related to the investigation and detection of drug trafficking activities. Further, training included the documentation of investigative efforts.
- 8. After I graduated from the DEA Academy, I participated in a Field Training Agent Program, during which I received hands-on application and training for all aspect of investigative work associated to drug enforcement activities, from experienced senior investigators. Further, I have received training in the application of search warrants while at the DEA Academy and through my experience. As a member of the San Francisco Field Division, San Jose Resident Office, Salinas Post of Duty, my exposure thus far has provided me with

experience and training in many facets of drug trafficking and techniques utilized in the manufacture, smuggling, distribution, and sale of controlled substances. My awareness of drug trafficking practices, as well as my knowledge of drug use and distribution techniques as set forth in this Affidavit arise from the following: (a) my training and involvement in drug investigations and searches during my career as a law enforcement officer, as previously described; (b) advisement from other more experienced agents and police related to their own drug investigations; and (c) other intelligence information provided through law enforcement channels.

- 9. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish the necessary foundation in order to obtain the particular warrant at hand.
- Organization (DTO) discussed in this Affidavit. I have also discussed the investigation with other DEA agents and with other law enforcement agencies involved in it. I have reviewed records and reports relating to this investigation. Unless otherwise noted, wherever in this Affidavit I assert that a statement was made, the information was provided by another DEA Agent, Special Agent, Law Enforcement Officer, or witness who may have had either direct or hearsay knowledge of that statement and to whom I or others have spoken, or whose reports I have read and reviewed.

RELEVANT STATUTES

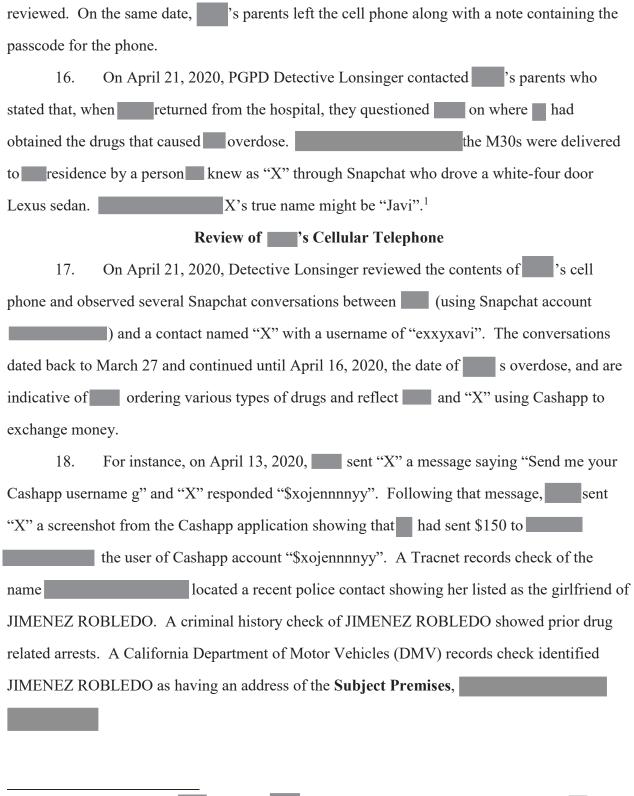
- 11. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), it is unlawful for any person "knowingly or intentionally to manufacture, distribute or dispense, or possess with the intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance."
- 12. Title 21, United States Code, Section 812 provides that fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance.

PROBABLE CAUSE

13. I submit that there is probable cause to believe that the target of the investigation, Xavier Alexis JIMENEZ ROBLEDO, has violated the Target Offense by distributing fentanyl to at least two individuals who suffered drug overdoses after ingesting the fentanyl that they had purchased from JIMENEZ ROBLEDO. The first overdose victim survived, but the second passed away. I further submit that there is probable cause to believe that the information sought by this warrant pertaining to the search of the **Subject Premises** and **Subject Vehicle** will constitute evidence of the crime.

April 16, 2020 Overdose of Juvenile in Pacific Grove, CA

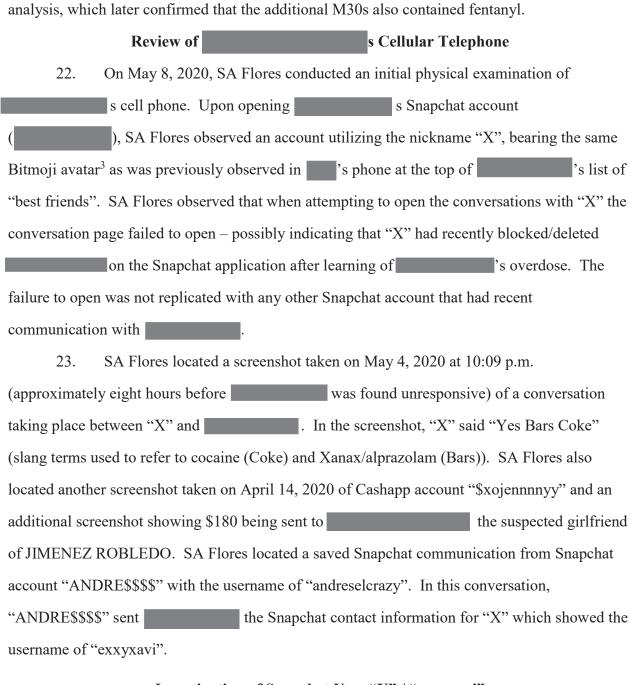
14. On April 16, 2020, at 7:48 p.m., the Pacific Grove Police Department (PGPD)
was dispatched to a report of an unresponsive juvenile Officers administered two
doses of Naloxone and became responsive. was transported by paramedics to the
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP). After was removed from
bed, PGPD Corporal Rodriguez observed a small plastic container sitting on top of's bed
covers. Corporal Rodriguez opened the container and it appeared to have counterfeit Percocet
M30 tablets ("M30s") inside. M30s are round tablets that are light blue in color with an "M"
imprinted on one side and "30" imprinted on the other. Your affiant has seized M30s in
Monterey County in several prior investigations, including prior overdose fatality cases. Based
on my training and my experience in these prior cases, I know that M30s are typically laced with
fentanyl. A toxicology screening of sblood at the time of overdose was positive for the
presence of fentanyl. Analysis conducted by the DEA Western Regional Laboratory of the M30
tablets recovered from selections should later confirm that the tablets contained fentanyl.
15.
On April 17, 2020, PGPD
Detective Ami Lonsinger contacted the Monterey County Probation Office (MCPO) to see if
s parents would be willing to drop 's cell phone off at PGPD so the contents could be



On April 16, 2020, the date of soverdose, was evasive with police officers who interviewed, and initially told police that another person, not JIMENEZ ROBLEDO, had sold he M30s that caused overdose. It later told parents, without police officers present, that it was "X" (JIMENEZ ROBLEDO) who sold the M30s.

May 5, 2020 Overdo	se of	in Carmel Valley, CA				
19. On May 5, 2020,	19. On May 5, 2020, DEA San Francisco Field Division (SFFD) SA Suzette					
Abbasciano received a telephone call on the DEA SFFD Duty Phone from ,						
who called to report that her recently overdosed and was						
hospitalized and unresponsive at CHOMP. A hospital toxicology screening determined that						
had elevated leve	els of fentanyl in ysten	n on May 5.2 A search of the				
Monterey County Emergency Co	ommunications system sho	wed a 911 call related to				
's overdose occur	rred on May 5, 2020 at 6:54	4 a.m. remained				
unresponsive and later died on May 9, 2020. was years old.						
20. During her May 2	2, 2020 call to the DEA Du	ty Phone, also				
stated that she observed money t	transfers in	s phone from to				
someone named "Jennifer". On May 8, 2020, DEA SAs Trinita Verano and Christopher Flores						
met with at 1	her residence in Carmel Va	illey, CA and took custody of what				
appeared to be a counterfeit M30 and foil with drug residue, which Mrs.						
s bedroom on the	e day of verdose. Ana	llysis of the M30 conducted by the				
DEA Western laboratory confirmed the presence of fentanyl.						
agents s cell pho	one and explained to SAs V	erano and Flores that she maintains				
joint custody and control over the phone, knows the password to it, purchased the device, and						
pays the monthly service bill. consented to a search of the device and signed						
a consent to search form.						
21. On May 18, 2020	, DEA Group Supervisor S	Shawn Foust and SA Flores met with				
at her reside	ence in Carmel Valley, CA	and took possession of numerous				
counterfeit M30s. Per	, she was cleanir	s room and found				
the pills inside of a plastic baggi	e that was located on the ta	ble beside s bed.				
SA's Flores and Verano sent the counterfeit M30s to the Western Regional Laboratory for						
² CHOMP records also indicate that er	nergency room staff administere	ed fentanyl to during the				

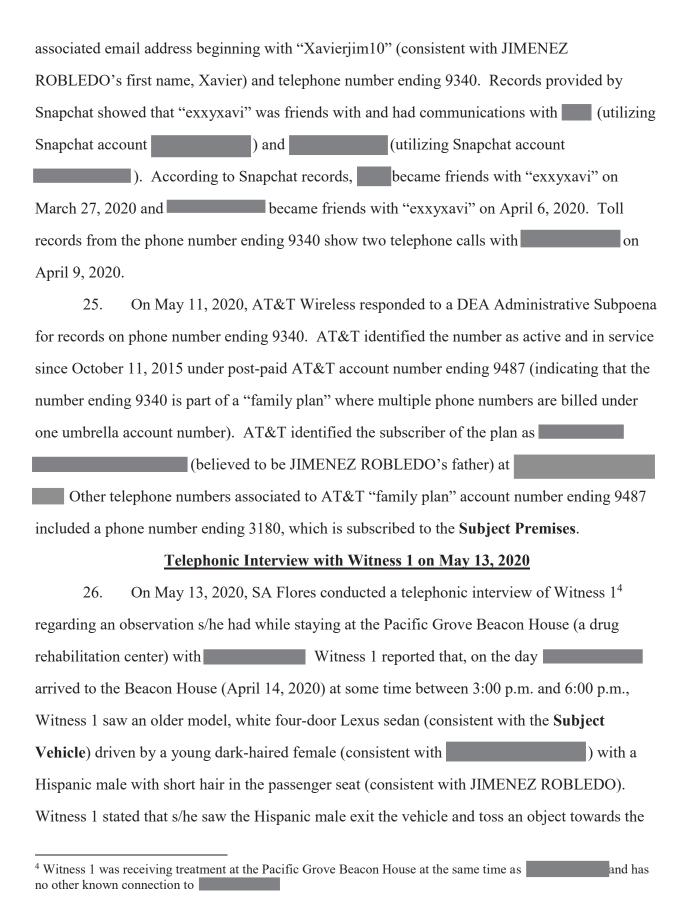
intubation process.



Investigation of Snapchat User "X" / "exxyxavi"

24. On May 9, 2020, Snapchat responded to 2703(d) order 3:20-xr-90494 which was previously served by SA Flores on April 28, 2020. Snapchat identified account "exxyxavi" as having associated display name "X", with an account creation date of June 11, 2014, an

³ A "Bitmoji avatar" is a personalized self-image that the user creates by selecting a number of options, such as skintone, hair and eye color, facial hair configurations, or headwear.

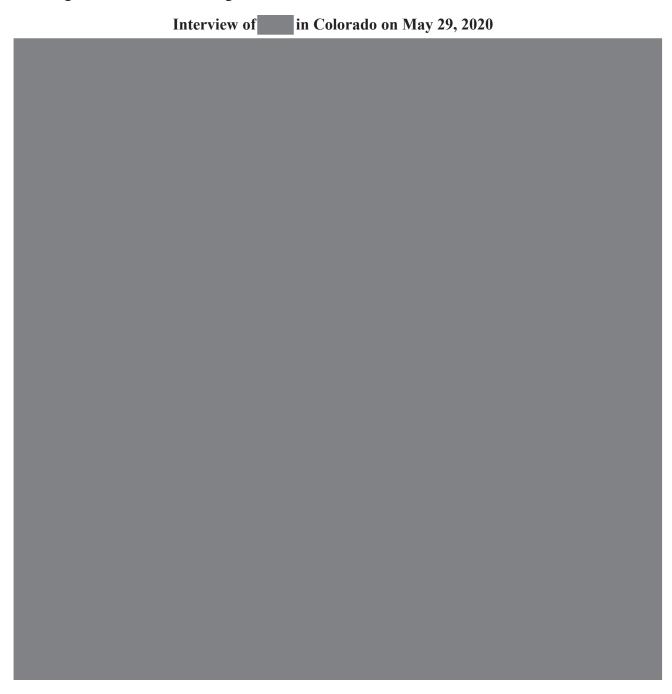


Beacon House. \	Witness I further stated that s/I	he learned from other resi	dents of the Beacon				
House that, at sor	me point later,	went to retrieve the object	et. The review of				
's	s cell phone showed payments	made by t	o the Cashapp account				
associated with	("\$xojen	nnnnyy") on April 14, 202	0. A review of the data				
provided by Snapchat showed numerous messages exchanged between "X" / "exxyxavi" and							
0	on April 14, 2020 between 1:55	p.m. and 3:31 p.m.					
C	llance of the Cubicat Duomica						

Surveillance at the Subject Premises

- 27. Periodic surveillance at the Subject Premises has identified an older model, white Lexus, four-door sedan matching the description given by and Witness 1 bearing California license plate 645, the **Subject Vehicle**. A California DMV records check showed that the **Subject Vehicle** is registered to "at the **Subject Premises**, the same individual in whose name the telephone number associated to "X"/"exxyxavi" is subscribed.
- Premises. The UHM handed JIMENEZ ROBLEDO an unknown amount of US currency as they walked to a black truck parked on the corner of UHM entered the driver's side door of the truck and sat in the driver's seat while JIMENEZ ROBLEDO handed a small plastic baggie to the UHM and the two parted ways after 2-3 minutes. At approximately 9:41 a.m., GS Foust observed JIMENEZ ROBLEDO as he rested against an Audi sedan, which was parked in the driveway of the **Subject Premises**.
 - 29. On May 21, 2020, SA Flores positioned a public camera in the vicinity of the

Subject Premises. The camera was positioned on the street to the east of the residence and recorded the front of the residence between May 21, 2020 and May 24, 2020. Upon reviewing footage obtained during this recording period, SA Flores observed numerous vehicles stopping at the **Subject Premises** for short periods of time and meeting with individuals who have access to the Subject Premises. Based on my training and experience, I know such short stops and meetings are often linked to drug transactions.



KNOWLEDGE REGARDING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

- 34. Based on my experience and training and through consultation with experienced Special Agents and police officers, I know the following with respect to narcotics traffickers:
 - a. They commonly have multiple residences or locations they control.

 Persons who violate narcotics laws are known to keep their illegal contraband, U.S. currency/profits, and their related records in multiple locations that they have access to and control over. This is done in an attempt to avoid detection from law enforcement, as well as to avoid detection from other criminals and/or rivals who may potentially steal/rob them of their contraband and/or profits.
 - b. Drug traffickers commonly possess firearms and ammunition, including handguns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, silencers, explosives, incendiary devices, and other weapons to protect their profits, supply of drugs, and persons from others who might attempt to forcibly take such items and/or harm them during transactions. Such weapons are typically maintained on their persons or in their residences, stash-houses, businesses, and/or vehicles, where they are concealed from law enforcement and readily available.

- c. Narcotics traffickers will generally keep a supply of narcotics on hand for immediate sale. Narcotics traffickers will often hide their supply of narcotics in close proximity to their firearms in garages, outbuildings, storage areas, vehicles, and/or sheds associated with or near their residences, or in yard areas surrounding such premises, or otherwise attempt to conceal the presence of both narcotics and firearms they possess.
- d. Narcotics traffickers maintain books, receipts, purchase orders, notes, ledgers, notebooks, and other forms of records specifically relating to their trafficking activities, in order to account for the transportation, ordering, purchase, manufacturing and distribution of their illegal drugs and the disposition of drug proceeds. Moreover, because narcotics traffickers will often "front" (that is, sell on consignment) narcotics to their clients and sometimes be "fronted" narcotics from their suppliers, such documentation is necessary to keep track of the amounts paid and owed with respect to their customers and suppliers. These ledgers are more commonly known as "pay/owe" sheets and may be as simple as notations on miscellaneous pieces of paper or may be recorded more formally in notebooks or even computer spreadsheets. Such records, which are frequently encoded in order to protect those involved in the distribution activities, will often be maintained by traffickers on their persons or in their residences, stashhouses, businesses, and/or vehicles so that they are close at hand and readily available for the purposes of ascertaining current balances. Moreover, such records are often stored electronically within the memory of computers, computer-related storage devices (such as USB or "thumb" drives, CD-ROMs, diskettes, external hard drives, iPods and similar storage media), cell phones, and/or personal digital assistants such as smart phones.
- e. Narcotics traffickers maintain bank account records, wire transfer records, bank statements, money drafts, checks, letter of credit, credit card bills,

- safety deposit keys and records, money wrappers, money containers, income tax returns, records of financial transfers which reflect the money generated from the sale of narcotics.
- f. Narcotics traffickers maintain items showing unexplained wealth or evidencing the proceeds derived from illicit trafficking, including records concerning currency, precious metals, and/or jewelry; documentation relating to the purchase of real estate or motor vehicles; records evidencing the establishment of shell corporations and/or business fronts; records, documents, or other evidence relating to the existence of wire transfers, cashier's checks, and money orders, travelers checks, bonds, stock certificates, passbooks, bank checks, bank deposit tickets, certificates of deposits, income tax returns, and memoranda and other items evidencing the obtaining, secreting, transfer, concealment, and/or expenditure of money, money counting machines, money wrappers and bags.
- g. Narcotics traffickers maintain listings of names, aliases, telephone numbers, pager numbers, facsimile numbers, physical addresses and email addresses, for the purpose of contacting their suppliers, customers, transporters and others involved in their illicit distribution activities, and these records are typically maintained on their persons or in their residences, stash-houses, businesses, and/or vehicles, so they are readily available in order to efficiently conduct their trafficking business.

 Moreover, such records are often stored electronically within the memory of computers, computer-related storage devices (as mentioned above).
- h. Narcotics traffickers often travel by car, bus, train, or airplane, both domestically and to and/or within foreign countries, in connection with their illegal activities in order to meet with co-conspirators, conduct firearms and/or narcotics transactions, or to transport contraband or illicit proceeds. Documents relating to such travel, such as calendars, travel

itineraries, maps, airline ticket and baggage stubs, frequent-use club membership information, and records and receipts associated with airlines, rental car companies, and/or hotels, credit card bills and receipts, photographs, videos, passports, and visas, are often maintained by traffickers on their person, in their residences, stash-houses, businesses, and/or vehicles, where they are readily available for use or reference. Moreover, such records are often stored electronically within the memory of computers, computer-related storage devices (as mentioned above).

- Narcotics traffickers use devices to conduct counter surveillance against law enforcement, such as two-way radios, police scanners, video surveillance systems, anti-bugging devices, police radios, surveillance cameras, monitors and recording devices.
- j. Narcotics traffickers that engage in the sort of illegal activities described above are often arranged through the use of communication devices such as cell phones. People who negotiate the illegal sale of narcotics often use cell phones to contact their sources of supply to obtain additional quantities of narcotics. Similarly, they will use cell phones to contact their customers to facilitate these illegal transactions, specifically to discuss quantity and price, and arrange meeting locations. Further, people who negotiate these illegal sales will often have their records of telephone calls, text messages, SMS messages, and voicemails stored within the device and with the electronic communications storage for the mobile telephone service provider. Mobile telephones are often programmed for speed dialing, contain contact lists, and recent call activity.

REQUEST TO SEAL THE COMPLAINT, SEARCH WARRANT, AND THIS AFFIDAVIT

35. I believe that, should the contents of this warrant and affidavit be made public, it would jeopardize the search of the locations, the arrest of the defendant, this ongoing investigation, and any personnel assigned to or cooperating in this investigation. Should the

existence of this criminal complaint, search warrant, and affidavit be disclosed, individuals involved in the illegal activities under investigation would likely be prompted to destroy or hide evidence, notify co-conspirators, or flee from prosecution. Therefore, for the foregoing reasons, and because this is an ongoing investigation, I respectfully request that the criminal complaint, the search warrant, this affidavit, and all related documents, be sealed until further order of the Court.

CONCLUSION

36. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to

believe that Xavier JIMENEZ ROBLEDO has committed a violation of Target Offense and that

the Subject Premises and Subject Vehicle contain evidence of that violation. I therefore

respectfully request the issuance of a criminal complaint and a warrant to search the Subject

Premises and **Subject Vehicle** (as further described in Attachments A-1 and A-2) for the items

set forth in Attachment B, according to the procedures set forth in Attachment C.

/s/ Christopher Flores by VKD w/permission

Christopher Flores

Special Agent

Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me over the telephone and signed by me pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P 4.1 and 4(d) on this 12th day of large 2020

on this 12th day of June, 2020.

HON. VIRGINIA K. DEMARCHI

United States Magistrate Judge

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