

AO (Rev. 5/85) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

vs.

CASE NUMBER: 6:13-mj-1217

SEBASTIEN SALZMANN

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Beginning on an unknown date, but no later than on or about March 20, 2013, and continuing through April 10, 2013, in Seminole and Orange Counties, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant did, conspire to possess with intent to distribute one (1) or more kilograms of methylene in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: Yes No



Signature of Complainant
SA Steven L. Schappert, DEA

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

April 12, 2013 _____

at

Orlando, Florida _____

GREGORY J. KELLY
United States Magistrate Judge
Name & Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Judicial Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned Steven L. Schappert, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and have been so employed as such since June 10, 2010.

I am an investigative, or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7), that is, an Officer of the United States who is empowered to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2516.

2. I have received nineteen weeks of training in drug investigations and related legal matters at the DEA Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Prior to my employment with DEA, I was a Captain in the United States Air Force for approximately four years.

3. I have received courses of instruction from DEA related to investigative techniques and conducting drug and financial investigations. I have participated in and conducted investigations which have resulted in the arrests of individuals who have smuggled, received and distributed controlled substances, including marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and other synthetic drugs, as well as the seizure of illegal drugs and proceeds of the sale of those illegal drugs.

4. In addition, I have conducted, in connection with these and other cases, follow-up investigations concerning the concealment of drug produced assets, money, bank records, etc., and the identification of drug conspirators through the use of ledgers, telephone bills and records, photographs and bank checks, as related to drug trafficking. I have participated in investigations involving the interception of wire communications and am familiar with the ways in which drug traffickers conduct their business, including, but not limited to, their methods of importing and distributing drugs, their use of cellular telephones, and their use of numerical codes and code words to conduct their illegal transactions.

**BASIS FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR THE ARREST OF
SEBASTIEN SALZMANN**

5. This affidavit is based upon knowledge that I have acquired during an investigation of drug trafficking activities committed by Sebastien SALZMANN in the Middle District of Florida. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge, training and experience as a law enforcement officer, information that I received from other law enforcement officers and agents, and information I received from other investigative means, including surveillance, controlled phone calls, and confidential sources. The statements contained in this affidavit are based in part on information and official reports of Special Agents of the DEA. From personal participation in this investigation, reports received from Special Agents of the DEA, and also from other records, documents and other evidence obtained as a result of this investigation, I am familiar with the circumstances and offenses described in this affidavit and the information has been reviewed and

determined to be reliable. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of issuing a criminal complaint against Sebastien SALZMANN, I have not included each and every fact known concerning this investigation.

6. Starting on or about March 20, 2013, the DEA Orlando District Office began an investigation into the methylene trafficking activities of Sebastien SALZMANN. A DEA confidential source (CS) identified SALZMANN as a trafficker of 3, 4- Methylendioxyethylcathinone, a Schedule I narcotic commonly known and referred to as methylene, or by its street name "Molly." The CS identified SALZMANN as an individual who received kilogram quantities of methylene in the mail from an unknown source in China and distributes the methylene in the Middle District of Florida.

7. The CS has no criminal history and is cooperating with DEA Orlando District Office Special Agents in the hopes of not being charged with committing a drug-related offense. The information provided by the CS was independently corroborated by DEA Special Agents through different means of intelligence gathering throughout the investigation to include surveillance, recorded phone calls, and confidential source debriefings.

8. On April 1, 2013, the CS placed a recorded phone call to SALZMANN at 786-300-9341 to negotiate the purchase of a kilogram of methylene. The CS explained to SALZMANN that he/she has a buyer interested in purchasing one kilogram of methylene. SALZMANN then said that he also has a buyer, and that he would like to put together one order of methylene for both

buyers.

9. SALZMANN then questioned the CS about the price that his/her buyer would be willing to pay for the kilogram of methylene. The CS responded by explaining that he/she would get \$10,000 from the buyer, and then pay SALZMANN approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the kilogram of methylene. The CS would then keep the difference in price as payment for brokering the deal. SALZMANN then agreed to that amount of payment.

10. SALZMANN then mentioned that he possibly had a house available to have the methylene parcel sent to. SALZMANN further explained that SALZMANN could not have the methylene delivered to his own house, but that SALZMANN had a friend who was willing to have it sent to the friend's house. Based on a previous conversation with SALZMANN, the CS believed SALZMANN was referring to an individual named Jordy GODINEZ as SALZMANN's potential buyer and possibly also as SALZMANN'S friend who was willing to take delivery of the package of methylene through the mail. SALZMANN ended the call by telling the CS that SALZMANN will make contact with his source and will get back in touch with the CS.

11. On April 9, 2013, the CS provided me with a United States Postal Service tracking number (EE839399428CN) that the CS received from SALZMANN. The CS said that SALZMANN ordered the package related to the tracking number containing approximately one kilogram of methylene from an unknown distributor in China, and that SALZMANN was having the package

shipped to Jordy GODINEZ, with the CS as the final intended recipient. The CS said that he did not know the address where GODINEZ was scheduled to receive delivery of the package.

12. On April 10, 2013, at approximately 2:32 p.m., the CS stated to DEA Special Agent Joshua Baker that he/she spoke with GODINEZ and learned that GODINEZ drives a newer black Hyundai Elantra with a Miami Heat registration tag. The CS also said that GODINEZ lives in a duplex community named "Foxhound." SA Baker later learned that there is a Foxhound Lane located off Alafaya Trail in Orlando, Florida, near the University of Central Florida. The residences located on Foxhound Lane are multi-family/duplex-type structures.

13. At approximately 2:45 p.m., agents set up surveillance in the area of Foxhound Lane. At approximately 4:06 p.m., SA Baker saw a black Hyundai Elantra with a Miami Heat registration tag turn onto Foxhound Lane. Moments later, SA Baker saw the same vehicle parked in front of 12226 Foxhound Lane. DEA Special Agent Brian Conlin found out that the black Hyundai Elantra's registration was from Florida with a tag number of L461Z, and is registered to Manuel GODINEZ of 1840 Dewey St., Apartment 207, Hollywood, Florida, 33020.

14. At approximately 4:37 p.m., SALZMANN called the CS from 786-300-9341. The CS recorded the call. On the recorded call, SALZMANN told the CS that the methylone had in fact been delivered and that he (SALZMANN) was

currently in Arizona. SALZMANN then instructed the CS to meet with "Jordy" to arrange pick-up of the methylene.

15. At approximately 5:45 p.m., SA Baker saw a blue Subaru pull into the parking lot of 12226 Foxhound Lane and park behind the black Hyundai Elantra. SA Baker saw a white male with dark hair exit the blue Subaru and walk towards 12226 Foxhound Lane. SA Baker later learned that the male's name is Jessed VILLALBA and that VILLALBA is GODINEZ's roommate.

16. At approximately 6:06 p.m., SA Baker received a message from the CS who said that he/she had just spoken with GODINEZ. The CS recorded the call and said that GODINEZ was leaving GODINEZ's apartment to meet the CS at the Publix at McCulloch Road and Alafaya Trail in Oviedo, Florida. GODINEZ said that he had the methylene and would meet the CS in five minutes.

17. At approximately 6:12 p.m., SA Conlin saw a white male carrying a white package walk from the area of 12226 Foxhound Lane towards the blue Subaru. The white male then got into the Subaru, left the area, and drove north on Alafaya Trail. DEA Special Agent Timothy McGraw followed the blue Subaru to the Publix parking lot at McCulloch Road and Alafaya Trail where SA McGraw confirmed that GODINEZ was driving the blue Subaru.

18. At approximately 6:20 p.m., SA Baker received a message from the CS who said that GODINEZ told him/her that GODINEZ was parked in the Publix parking lot in front of a bookstore. SA McGraw confirmed that this was the same location where the blue Subaru driven by GODINEZ was currently parked.

19. At approximately 6:30 p.m., SA Baker saw the blue Subaru drive towards a gas station in front of the Publix. SA Baker, SA McGraw and DEA Group Supervisor Mark Lee approached the blue Subaru as GODINEZ was getting out of the car behind the gas station. SA Baker immediately showed GODINEZ his DEA credentials, identified himself as a DEA Special Agent, and asked if he could speak with GODINEZ. GODINEZ agreed and said that he knew why the DEA was there. SA Baker asked GODINEZ why GODINEZ knew that the DEA was there, and GODINEZ replied, "because of what is in the car." SA Baker asked GODINEZ what was in the car, and GODINEZ replied, "Molly." Through my training and experience, I know that "Molly" is the street name for methylene. At that time SA Baker read GODINEZ his Miranda rights and GODINEZ agreed to cooperate with the agents.

20. During the course of the subsequent interview, GODINEZ said that he was delivering the "Molly" to an associate of Sebastien SALZMANN. GODINEZ said that SALZMANN ordered the "Molly" online from China and had the package delivered to GODINEZ's residence. According to GODINEZ, SALZMANN agreed to pay GODINEZ's rent in exchange for receiving the package of methylene and delivering it to SALZMANN's buyer.

21. GODINEZ said he had purchased ounce quantities of "Molly" from SALZMANN in the past, and knows SALZMANN to sell other drugs such as prescription pills (specifically Xanax, Roxycodone and Adderall). GODINEZ stated he was supposed to receive \$8,000 from SALZMANN's buyer in exchange

for the kilogram of methylene and hold on to the money until SALZMANN returned from Arizona to retrieve it.

22. While at the scene, SA Baker reviewed text messages on GODINEZ's phone while GODINEZ watched. SA Baker made a video recording of a string of text messages between GODINEZ and SALZMANN. On April 10, 2013, at approximately 4:14 p.m., GODINEZ sent SALZMANN a text message stating, "Hmu were good" and another text saying, "Yo i ll just meet ths kid but let's call it even for the thirty at least then." At 5:54 p.m., SALZMANN replied, "lol str8, but yo seriously don't tell anyone about the bread lock it somewhere in ur room n no one can be up there without u guard it with ur life plzzz."

23. At approximately 6:45 p.m., GODINEZ retrieved a white and green package from under a coat in the rear passenger seat of the blue Subaru and handed it to SA McGraw. GODINEZ stated the package he handed to SA McGraw was the same package that was delivered in the mail to his residence earlier that day. SA McGraw then took custody of the package.

24. On April 10, 2013, at the DEA Orlando District Office, SA McGraw field-tested the contents of the package that he received from GODINEZ. SA Baker witnessed SA McGraw's field test of the contents of the package. The contents of the package tested presumptive positive for MDMA. I know from my training and experience that methylene has a similar chemical structure to MDMA and it is common for methylene to test positive for MDMA during presumptive field testing. Based on a previous seizure during the course of this investigation,

on March 20, 2013, SALZMANN organized the purchase of approximately 502 grams of methylone from the same Chinese suppliers that supplied the methylone that was seized on April 10, 2013. The prior approximately 502 grams of methylone was delivered to the CS. The DEA South Eastern Laboratory analysis concluded that the substance seized on March 20, 2013 did in fact contain 3,4-Methylenedioxymethylcathinone, a Schedule I narcotic.

25. Based on the text messages between SALZMANN and GODINEZ, and the phone conversations both SALZMANN and GODINEZ had with the CS, I believe that SALZMANN contacted the CS shortly after he received the text from GODINEZ stating that the package had arrived, to inform the CS that the methylone had arrived. I believe that GODINEZ waited for the response from SALZMANN via text message before he contacted the CS to set up a meeting for GODINEZ to deliver the methylone to the CS.


26. Based upon the information detailed above, probable cause exists to believe that Sabastien SALZMANN violated Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

27. This concludes my affidavit.



Steven L. Schappert
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 12th day of April, 2013.



The Honorable Gregory J. Kelly
United States Magistrate Judge