

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Western District of Texas

Filed 05/18/18  
Clerk, U. S. District Court  
Western District of Texas  
By [Signature] Deputy

United States of America )  
v. )  
Fidel Lawrence RODRIGUEZ )

Case No. SA18-MJ-648

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 ~~May~~ 17, 2018 in the county of Bexar in the  
Western District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section  
21 U.S.C. §841(a)(1)

Offense Description  
Possession with the intent to distribute to wit: 500 grams or more of a mixture containing methamphetamine

Maximum Penalties: 10 years to life imprisonment; \$10,000,000 fine; At least 5 years supervised release; \$100 mandatory special assessment

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet.

- Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.
- Sworn to telephonically and signed electronically.

Date: 5/18/2018

City and state: San Antonio, Texas

[Signature]  
Complainant's signature

Brian White, SAPD HIDTA Detective  
Printed name and title

[Signature]  
Judge's signature

Richard B. Farrer, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

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### U. S. v. Fidel Lawrence RODRIGUEZ

I, Brian White, I am a City of San Antonio Police detective assigned to the Narcotics Unit (HIDTA) detail. I have been employed by the SAPD for a period of 24 years and have been involved in numerous federal, state narcotic, firearm and gang investigations. I make this affidavit in support of an ongoing investigation in which I have been conducting.

In January 2018, I received information from a credible and reliable source stating that the listed address was being used as a stash location where narcotics would be delivered and distributed out of. The credible and reliable source pointed out the location and identified this address as 454 Astor, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Periodic surveillance was conducted on the residence and noticed that there was only one day a week when numerous vehicles would arrive and all occupants would enter the residence and stay for a period of time before all leaving around the same time. Week after week this same activity took place on Thursday's.

Computer research was conducted on the residence and discovered that utilities had recently been changed and put in the name of Fidel Rodriguez Jr who, in the past, carried at 427 Stratford Ct., San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. This was discussed with other investigators from different agencies who were familiar with a Larry Rodriguez who recently distributed narcotics from 427 Stratford Ct where commercial quantities of narcotics had been seized coming from this location. Through these other investigators, surveillance and further computer research, I was able to identify **Fidel Lawrence (Larry) RODRIGUEZ** 07/\*\*/1975 coming and going from this location.

On May 17, 2018, Thursday, surveillance was established on the listed location in an attempt to identify a possible load vehicle dropping the narcotics at the residence which is consistent with what surveillance had observed in the past. Surveillance observed **RODRIGUEZ** exit the residence with a white trash bag which was placed in a trash container near the street. **RODRIGUEZ** then entered a Mitsubishi Outlander bearing license plate KDC-7527 and leave the residence. Moving surveillance was maintained on **RODRIGUEZ** as he traveled to the east side of San Antonio where he made stops at several different locations. During the surveillance **RODRIGUEZ** was driving erratically in an attempt to make it difficult for surveillance to follow. At one point **RODRIGUEZ** went from the fast lane across several lanes of traffic to make and exit in an attempt to make sure there was no one following. An SAPD helicopter was asked to assist with surveillance from this point on.

While surveillance was being conducted, I went to the trash can and pulled the same bag which was carried to the trash can by **RODRIGUEZ** and relocated. During the search of the trash I discovered a (Kilo wrapper) which is a black taped square that contained cellophane and dryer sheets which had been cut open. Through my training and experience I know this to be the manner in which narcotics are packaged for distribution in commercial quantities.

This evidence coupled with the information I had received from a credible and reliable source, surveillance and information obtained from other investigative agencies, state search warrant # 049079 was prepared, reviewed and signed by a magistrate Judge.

While logging the warrant I had heard that surveillance had followed **RODRIGUEZ** back to 454 Astor, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas and entered the residence. Upon leaving the Magistrates office, I heard via the radio that another vehicle had shown up to the residence which I had recognized from previous surveillance of the location. Surveillance observed **RODRIGUEZ** and another individual leave the residence and walk toward their vehicles. **RODRIGUEZ** was carrying a bag which he placed into the back seat of the Mitsubishi behind the driver's seat and leave the location. I instructed surveillance to use uniformed patrol, which was assisting with the investigation, to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle **RODRIGUEZ** was operating in an attempt to secure him for execution of the search warrant. Uniformed patrol, using their overhead emergency lights attempted a traffic stop for a moving traffic violation. Once the marked unit attempted the stop, **RODRIGUEZ** cut through a parking lot and attempted to elude the marked units assisting for approximately 10 minutes before **RODRIGUEZ** pulled into a parking lot at the corner of Fair and 37 North, bailed out of the Mitsubishi and tried to enter a vehicle which was occupied by a female. **RODRIGUEZ** was taken into custody by uniformed and non-uniformed officers.

The female, whose vehicle **RODRIGUEZ** attempted to get into, was interview at the scene and stated that **RODRIGUEZ** had called her while evading the police and asked her to come to this location. The female stated that she was going to by marijuana from him but when she saw the police chasing **RODRIGUEZ**, the female locked the doors of her vehicle. The female stated that the whole time she was on the phone with **RODRIGUEZ**, **RODRIGUEZ** kept saying "I gotta get out of here." The female thought someone might be trying to commit a robbery of **RODRIGUEZ**.

A search of the Mitsubishi which **RODRIGUEZ** was operating turned up the bag which **RODRIGUEZ** carried from the 454 Astor and placed in the back seat behind the driver's seat. This bag contained 8 packages with aggregate weights of approximately 724 grams of cocaine, 240 grams of heroin, 3,783 grams of methamphetamine and 25 grams of marijuana and a Springfield XD9 9mm semi-automatic firearm bearing SN: S3780824 loaded with one round in chamber and a full magazine.

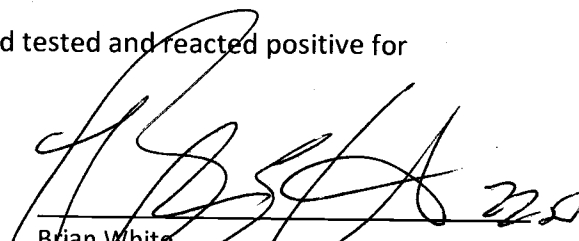
Once **RODRIGUEZ** was in custody, the search warrant was executed. Fidel Rodriguez Jr. and Brianna Ramirez were detained inside the residence, asleep in a bedroom. Fidel Lawrence **RODRIGUEZ** was brought back to the residence once the residence was secure. Fidel Rodriguez Jr, Brianna Ramirez and Fidel Lawrence **RODRIGUEZ** were all seated in the living room and read a copy of the search warrant. **RODRIGUEZ**, after being Mirandized and stating that he understood his rights, was taken to a bathroom where an interview was conducted. **RODRIGUEZ** stated that everything was his and that Rodriguez Jr. and Ramirez had nothing to do with the narcotics. **RODRIGUEZ** was taken back to the living room. A search of the residence turned up another 8 firearms, 4 rifles with high capacity magazines and 4 semi-automatic pistols.

Of these 8 firearms located at the residence, 4 were reported stolen. Also discovered at the residence was another 342 grams of marijuana, 5 sets of body armor, operational digital scales, packaging material, cutting agent and proof of residency for **RODRIGUEZ**.

After the search of the residence was complete, **RODRIGUEZ** was transported to the DPS office where an audio and video taped interview was conducted. **RODRIGUEZ** admitted that all narcotics were his. When asked why he was moving his product out of the residence **RODRIGUEZ** stated that it was because one of his customers was raided the evening prior.


Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Sam Ponder was contacted and given the details of the arrest, AUSA Ponder authorized the booking of **RODRIGUEZ** under federal jurisdiction. Uniformed patrol transported **RODRIGUEZ** to the GEO holding facility where he was released to their custody.

All seized controlled substances were field tested and reacted positive for Methamphetamine, Heroin and Cocaine.



Brian White  
SAPD/HIDTA Narcotics

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on May 18, 2018, at San Antonio, Texas.



RICHARD B. FARRER  
United States Magistrate Judge