United States District Court
District of New Jersey

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MADELINE COX ARLEO
U.S. MAG. JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**
v.	:	
MICHAEL STRADFORD, a/k/a "Muff"	:	**Magistrate No. 07-8072**

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about January 4, 2007, and on or about February 6, 2007, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD, a/k/a "Muff," did

SEE ATTACHMENT A

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(iii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 .

I further state that I am a Special Agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

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Morgan Young, Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

June 11, 2007
Date

Newark, New Jersey
City and State

Madeline Cox Arleo
HON. MADELINE COX ARLEO
United States Magistrate Judge

ATTACHMENT A

Count I

On or about January 4, 2007, at Newark, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD, a.k.a. "Muff," did distribute and possess with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture or substance which contains cocaine base in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(iii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count II

On or about February 6, 2007, at Newark, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD, a.k.a. "Muff," did distribute and possess with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture or substance which contains cocaine base in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(iii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Morgan Young, am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration and have been involved with this long term investigation of the 9-3 set of the Bloods street gang operating in parts of Newark, New Jersey. I am familiar with the facts set forth herein through my personal participation in the investigation and through oral and written reports from other federal agents and law enforcement officers. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Since this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

Count I

January 4, 2007, Sale of 60 Grams of Crack Cocaine

1. On or about January 4, 2007, a cooperating witness ("CW") met with defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD, a/k/a "Muff," and two separately charged co-conspirators (hereinafter "CC-2" and "CC-7") at defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD's residence located in the Fairview Homes housing complex in Newark, New Jersey in order to purchase a previously negotiated quantity of crack cocaine. Once inside defendant STRADFORD's residence, the CW handed CC-7 approximately $1,600 in cash and defendant STRADFORD handed the CW a quantity of crack cocaine. The CW stated that the amount of crack cocaine appeared to be less than the previously negotiated 60 grams but was reassured by CC-7 that it was in fact 60 grams.

2. The CW provided the purchased crack cocaine to members of the DEA immediately after the purchase. Members of the DEA weighed it and found that there was approximately 33 grams. At the direction of the DEA, the CW called CC-7 who directed the CW to defendant STRADFORD's residence to retrieve the balance of the crack cocaine. The CW proceeded to defendant STRADFORD's residence where he met with defendant STRADFORD who then handed the CW another 30 grams of crack cocaine. The CW provided the purchased crack cocaine to members of the DEA immediately after the purchase. A laboratory test confirmed the presence of cocaine base in both purchases and a combined net weight of approximately 59.7 grams

Count II

February 6, 2007, Sale of 100 Grams of Crack Cocaine

1. On or about February 1, 2007, the CW contacted defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD to arrange the purchase of 100 grams of crack cocaine. Defendant STRADFORD advised the CW that the price would be $23.00 per gram.

2. On or about February 6, 2007, the CW went to the Fairview Homes housing complex in Newark, New Jersey and met with the defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD, CC-2 and CC-7

inside CC-7's apartment in order to purchase a quantity of crack cocaine. The CW handed approximately $2,350 in cash to CC-7 and defendant MICHAEL STRADFORD handed the CW approximately 100 grams of crack cocaine.

3. The CW provided the purchased crack cocaine to members of the DEA immediately after the purchase. A laboratory test confirmed the presence of cocaine base and a net weight of approximately 96.6 grams.