

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO. _____

v. : DATE FILED: _____

**ARTEM AVDZHYAN
(aka "Rico")**

**: VIOLATION:
21 U.S.C. § 846
(Conspiracy to Distribute "Ecstasy" (MDMA) -
1 Count)**

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

**1. From in or about December 2000
through in or about April 2001, in the Eastern District
of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant**

**ARTEM AVDZHYAN
(aka "Rico")**

**did knowingly and intentionally conspire, combine,
confederate and agree with Leonid Chernyak, who is
charged separately in Criminal No. 02-254-02, and
other persons known and unknown to the United
States Attorney, to distribute a mixture or substance
containing a detectable amount of "ecstasy"
(MDMA), a Schedule I controlled substance, in
violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections
841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).**

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

2. Defendant ARTEM AVDZHYAN and co-conspirator Leonid Chernyak formed a partnership in which they purchased ecstasy from suppliers in New York City and resold the ecstasy to customers in and around the Philadelphia metropolitan area for a profit.

3. Every two to three weeks during the conspiracy, defendant ARTEM AVDZHYAN and co-conspirator Leonid Chernyak contacted persons located in New York City known to the United States Attorney, for the purpose of arranging the purchase of 1,000 to 3,000 ecstasy pills.

4. Defendant ARTEM AVDZHYAN and co-conspirator Leonid Chernyak then traveled together to New York City, where they met with persons known to the United States Attorney and purchased from 1,000 to 3,000 ecstasy pills.

5. Defendant ARTEM AVDZHYAN and co-conspirator Leonid Chernyak transported the ecstasy to Philadelphia, where they resold the drugs

for a profit to other customers.

6. From approximately December 2000 through April 2001, defendant ARTEM AVDZHYAN and co-conspirator Leonid Chernyak obtained approximately 20,000 ecstasy pills, or the equivalent of approximately 6,100 grams of a mixture or substance containing ecstasy, from their suppliers in New York City, for the purpose of reselling the drugs for a profit.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1).

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