

United States District Court

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

JUN 13 2008

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STEVEN M. LARIMORE
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S. D. of FLA. - FT. LAUD.

v.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

MARIA GARZON

CASE NUMBER: 08-6231-BSS

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn states the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about June 12, 2008, at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, at Broward County in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant, MARIA GARZON, did knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from a place outside thereof, a controlled substance, that is, a mixture and substance containing one (1) kilogram or more of a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952(a) and 960(b)(1)(A); and did knowingly and intentionally, possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, that is, a mixture and substance containing one (1) kilogram or more of a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Complainant
JORGE GOMEZ, ICE
JUNE 13, 2008

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

June 13, 2008

Date

at Fort Lauderdale, Florida
City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer

BARRY S. SELTZER
United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT

I, Jorge Gomez, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state the following:

1. I am employed as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement, United States Department of the Homeland Security, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and have been so employed since June, 2002. I am currently assigned to South Broward Drug Enforcement Unit, a multi-agency task force involved in the investigation of narcotics smuggling and money laundering. I have received training in investigations of narcotics related offenses, as well as criminal violations of the United States Code as enumerated in Titles 18, 21, and various other federal statutes.

2. I submit this affidavit based on information known to me personally from the investigation, as well as information obtained from others who have investigated the matter or have personal knowledge of the facts herein. This affidavit is being submitted in support of a Criminal Complaint against Maria Garzon, and as such does not include all the information known to me as part of this investigation, but only information sufficient to establish probable cause for the arrest of Maria

Garzon for violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 841(a)(1).

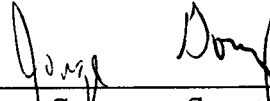
3. On June 12, 2008, at about 3:00 p.m., Customs & Border Protection Officers at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport in the Southern District of Florida, encountered Maria Garzon arriving from Bogota, Colombia, onboard Avianca Airlines flight 36. At the Customs' search area, Garzon's belongings were searched. During the search of Garzon's luggage and belongings, approximately 6.57 pounds of a substance, which field tested positive for the presence for heroin, was discovered in various items in her luggage.

4. During a post-Miranda interview, Garzon admitted knowledge of the controlled substance and that she was to receive \$23,000 upon delivery of the narcotics to an unknown male in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

5. Based upon the foregoing facts, I believe probable cause exists to assert that Maria Garzon, did knowingly and intentionally imported a controlled substance, that is, one kilogram or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, into the United States, from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 952(a) and did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, that is, one kilogram or more of a mixture and substance containing a

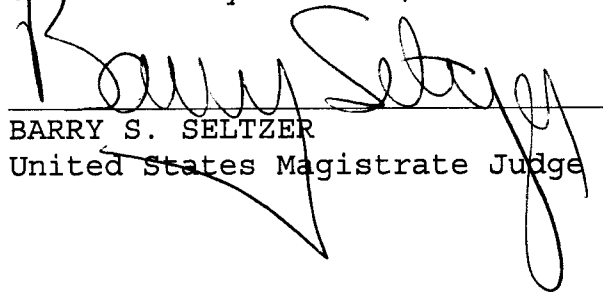
detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT



Jorge Gomez, Special Agent
Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 13th day of June, 2008.



BARRY S. SELTZER
United States Magistrate Judge