

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MITRE VEGA GONZALEZ,

*Defendant.*

**UNDER SEAL**

Case No. 1:25-MJ-676

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT**

I, William H. Bowler, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Mitre Vega Gonzalez (**GONZALEZ**). Based on the facts set forth in this Affidavit, I submit that there is probable cause to believe that, beginning in at least August 2025 and continuing thereafter up to and including September 18, 2025, in Prince William County, Virginia, within the Eastern District of Virginia, **GONZALEZ** possessed with intent to distribute controlled substances, to wit, 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B). I further submit that there is probable cause to believe that **GONZALEZ** possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

**AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I am a Detective with the Prince William County Police Department (“PWCPD”).

I have been employed as a police officer with the PWCPD since 2013. I have been assigned to the Street Crimes Unit since 2019. I am currently assigned to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”), where I am federally deputized as a Task Force Officer with the ATF’s Northern Virginia Violent Crime Task Force. As such, I am a law enforcement officer as defined under 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7) (i.e., an officer of the United States or of a political subdivision thereof, who is empowered to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for federal offenses). I have completed multiple law enforcement training programs involving narcotics investigations, search warrants, drug interdiction, search and seizure, and undercover operations. I have participated in numerous federal and state narcotics investigations and executed arrest and search warrants for the seizure of illegal narcotics, paraphernalia related to the use of illegal narcotics, money or proceeds derived from the sale of narcotics, records and documents pertaining to the purchase and sale of controlled substances, weapons, stolen property, and other evidence of criminal activity.

2. As a result of my training and experience, I am familiar with the manner in which controlled substances are used and distributed. Through my employment, I have learned to use various investigative techniques, including the use of physical surveillance, undercover agents, confidential informants, cooperating witnesses, the controlled purchase of illegal narcotics, electronic surveillance, consensually monitored recordings, investigative interviews, and the execution of search and arrest warrants. Based on my training and experience, I have become familiar with the actions, habits, traits, methods, and terminology used by the traffickers of controlled dangerous substances. I have testified at trials, grand jury proceedings, and at preliminary hearings. I have also been certified as an expert in the distribution of narcotics in the Prince William County Courts.

3. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge of the investigation of **GONZALEZ**; information provided to me by other law enforcement officers; and my review of documents and information, including official government information, police reports, physical surveillance, body worn camera footage, and other information obtained during this investigation. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of enabling this Court to make a judicial determination of probable cause to issue a complaint and arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me or the government regarding this investigation.

**FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE**

*Controlled Purchases of Cocaine from GONZALEZ*

4. In August 2025, information was received by Detective Payne with the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office from a reliable Cooperating Individual (CI) that **GONZALEZ** was distributing cocaine in the Manassas area of Prince William County, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia.

5. From August to September 2025, using a CI, the PWCPD and the Virginia State Police Blue Ridge Narcotics and Gangs Task Force conducted three controlled purchases of cocaine from **GONZALEZ**.

6. Prior to each controlled purchase, the CI arranged the deal with **GONZALEZ**. During each controlled purchase, the CI was provided with buy money and a listening device; the CI was searched before and after each deal, and no contraband was found. Buy money is U.S. currency provided to a CI to be used to purchase illegal narcotics at law enforcement's direction. The buy money, as with all U.S. currency, has specific serial number markings that are photographed prior to the controlled purchase. An undercover officer (UC) drove the CI to each controlled purchase in an undercover vehicle. The CI successfully purchased cocaine from

**GONZALEZ** during each of the three controlled purchases and turned the substance over to the UC immediately after each deal. The date of each controlled purchase and the quantity of cocaine purchased is set forth below:

- a. August 27, 2025; 3.5 grams (positive field test for cocaine)
- b. September 11, 2025; 3.5 grams (positive field test for cocaine)
- c. September 17, 2025; 3.5 grams (positive field test for cocaine)

7. For the first controlled purchase, the CI met **GONZALEZ**, and they entered a white Honda CRV to complete the purchase. Detectives observed that **GONZALEZ** was seated in the driver seat of the white Honda CRV during this transaction.

8. During the other two controlled purchases, the white Honda CRV was parked on the street in front of a residence on Branchview Lane in Manassas, Virginia, and the purchases took place on the street near the Branchview Lane residence. Following the second purchase, **GONZALEZ** was observed driving the white Honda CRV from the Branchview Lane residence to a nearby street, where he met with another individual in the white Honda CRV.

9. After conducting physical surveillance during the controlled purchases, and after reviewing **GONZALEZ**'s cell phone location data obtained pursuant to a state-issued search warrant, PWCPD determined that **GONZALEZ** resides at the Branchview Lane residence.

10. Each of the substances purchased during the controlled purchases have been sent to the Virginia Department of Forensic Science laboratory for testing, and results are pending.

*September 18, 2025: Arrest of GONZALEZ and  
Search of GONZALEZ's Residence and Vehicle*

11. Following the three controlled purchases described above, PWCPD obtained a state arrest warrant for **GONZALEZ** for the distribution of Schedule I or II controlled substances. PWCPD also obtained a state search warrant for **GONZALEZ**'s residence on Branchview Lane.

12. On September 18, 2025, PWCPD executed the search warrant on the Branchview Lane residence. When officers approached and announced their presence, a woman who purported to be the homeowner ran from the backyard into the residence. The woman told police that she had listed her basement apartment for rent a couple of months prior, **GONZALEZ** responded to the ad, and he moved into the residence in August.

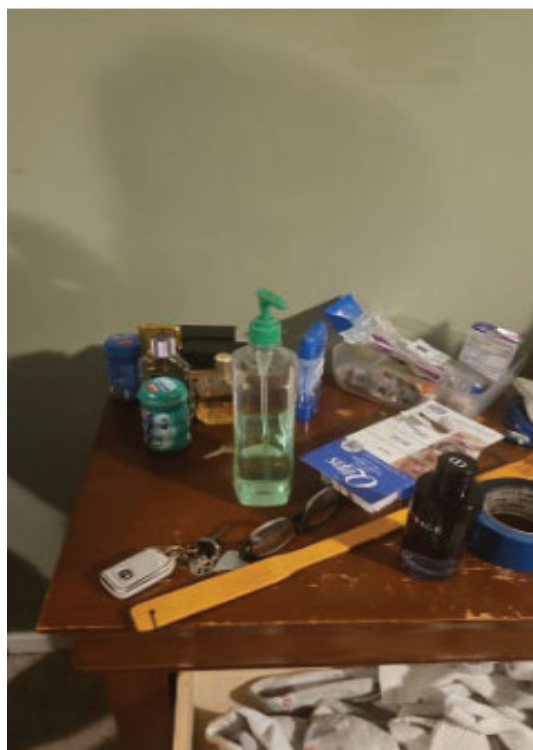
13. Law enforcement went down to the basement level of the residence and found **GONZALEZ** in his basement bedroom with the door locked. PWCPD took **GONZALEZ** into custody without incident.

14. During the search of **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom, law enforcement located the following, among other items: (1) a total of approximately 1 kilogram of suspected cocaine; (2) a Polymer80 9mm pistol; (3) a pistol magazine containing thirteen 9mm cartridges, and (4) approximately \$5,410 in U.S. currency. Some of the suspected cocaine, the firearm, the loaded firearm magazine, and \$3,900 in U.S. currency were in a safe in **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom closet.

15. When officers first located the safe in **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom, it was locked. While searching **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom, officers found a key ring with a Honda-branded car key. On the same key ring, officers found another key, which they used to successfully unlock the safe. The white Honda CRV was parked in front of the Branchview residence on the day PWCPD executed the residential warrant. During a subsequent search of that vehicle pursuant to a state search warrant, an oil change receipt with **GONZALEZ**'s name was located. Law enforcement used the Honda key found in **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom to lock, and unlock, the Honda CRV when it was searched.



*Safe located in **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom closet. (Figure 1)*



*Honda key and safe key on the dresser in **GONZALEZ**'s bedroom. (Figure 2)*

*Honda key and safe key after opening safe. (Figure 3)*



*Photo inside safe upon opening. (Figure 4)*



*Firearm, narcotics, and paraphernalia located in the safe. (Figure 5)*



*Identifying document for **GONZALEZ** located in the safe. (Figure 6)*



*Polymer80 9mm pistol and loaded magazine located in the safe. (Figure 7)*

16. Additionally, while counting the U.S. currency seized from the safe and **GONZALEZ**'s wallet, officers identified that \$340 of that U.S. currency was the law enforcement buy money from the controlled purchases based on the serial number on each

specific bill.

17. Based on my training and experience, I believe that the quantity of narcotics located during the search of **GONZALEZ**'s residence are inconsistent with personal use.

**CONCLUSION**

18. Based on the facts set forth above, I submit that there is probable cause to believe that, on or about September 18, 2025, in Prince William County, Virginia, within the Eastern District of Virginia, **GONZALEZ** possessed with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B). I further submit that there is probable cause to believe that **GONZALEZ** possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c).

Respectfully submitted,

*William Bowler*

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Detective William H. Bowler  
Task Force Officer  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives

Subscribed and sworn to in accordance with FED. R. CRIM. P. 4.1  
by telephone on December 4, 2025.

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The Honorable Lindsey R. Vaala  
United States Magistrate Judge