

of heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B); and (2) 40 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N- [1- (2-phenylethyl) -4-piperidinyl] propanamide, commonly known as fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B).

4. The use of controlled substances distributed by DENNIS SICA and JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendants, resulted in the deaths of: an individual on or about December 29, 2013, and two individuals on or about February 1, 2014.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

The bases for my knowledge and for the foregoing charge are, in part, as follows:

5. I have been involved in the investigation of the above-described offense. I make this affidavit, in part, on personal knowledge based on my participation in this investigation, and, in part, upon information and belief. The sources of my information and belief include: conversations with lay witnesses, with other DEA agents, and with other law enforcement officers, including officers and agents who are members of the Dutchess County Drug Task Force (the "Task Force"), which investigates, among other things, drug activity in Dutchess County. I have also reviewed reports and other documents prepared by law enforcement officers, and records and reports relating to the investigation or obtained from public sources.

6. In addition to the sources of information already described, I have reviewed text messages stored on a cellular telephone belonging to JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, (the "Rohlman Cellphone"), which was examined pursuant to a search warrant issued by the Honorable Ronald L. Ellis, United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York on April 4, 2014.

7. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

8. Since in or about December 2013, the DEA, in cooperation with the Task Force has been investigating a string

of heroin overdoses in and around Dutchess County, New York. The investigation has focused in particular on three individuals who have died as a result of heroin overdoses -- the first, Anthony Delello, on or about December 30, 2013, and the other two, Laura Brown and Thomas Miller, in separate incidents on or about February 1, 2014. As set forth below, the investigation has revealed that DENNIS SICA and JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendants, conspired to supply and did supply the heroin that resulted in the deaths of Delello, Brown, and Miller.

9. In the course of my investigation, I have spoken to multiple witnesses who have purchased heroin from DENNIS SICA and/or JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendants. From these witnesses, I have learned the following:

a. Since at least late 2013, SICA has offered for sale a particularly potent form of heroin, bags of which are stamped with the brand name "Breaking Bad." SICA is the only known source of supply of "Breaking Bad" in Dutchess County, New York. SICA sells "Breaking Bad" at a cost of \$60-\$100 per bundle, a price consistent with the market price for other brands and potencies of heroin in the Dutchess County region.

b. ROHLMAN assists SICA in distributing "Breaking Bad." Because SICA seldom if ever drives, ROHLMAN has driven SICA to meet with many of the witnesses to whom I have spoken, and has distributed "Breaking Bad" to customers when SICA was unavailable.

10. Based on my training, my experience, and my conversations with other DEA agents, I know that a bundle of heroin consists of 10 glassine bags, each of which typically contains 0.1 grams of heroin. Moreover, based upon my training and experience, I know that stamps like the "Breaking Bad" stamp that appears on heroin sold by SICA are generally used by heroin sellers to identify their heroin and distinguish it from product sold by other dealers.

Anthony Delello Dies from Heroin Provided by SICA

11. From reviewing a report created by detectives with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, I know that on or about the morning of December 29, 2013, law enforcement officers responded to a home in Beekman, New York to find a young male, later identified as Anthony Delello, dead from an apparent drug overdose.

12. I have also reviewed the report prepared by a medical examiner with the Office of the Medical Examiner for Dutchess County regarding the autopsy that was performed on Delello's body. The report concludes that Delello, a 20-year-old male, died from "acute heroin intoxication."

13. I have spoken with a witness who was romantically involved with Delello before his death ("Witness-1"). From speaking with Witness-1, I have learned the following information, in substance and in part:

a. On or about the night of December 28, 2013, Witness-1 contacted a friend she knew as "Tim," who worked at a local Dunkin' Donuts, regarding the possibility of purchasing heroin. "Tim" provided Witness-1 with the name of his heroin supplier "Dennis," and the telephone number where "Dennis" could be reached (XXX-XXX-7208).

b. Later that evening, Witness-1 and Delello met "Dennis" outside of Dennis's apartment in the Chelsea Cove apartment complex in Hopewell Junction, New York, for the purpose of purchasing one bundle of heroin. Delello, who had arranged the meeting, drove them there; Witness-1 was in the front passenger's seat. The individual who Witness-1 believed to be "Dennis" approached the car on the driver's side and handed Delello a bundle of heroin. In exchange, Delello handed "Dennis" \$100.

c. After receiving the bundle of heroin from "Dennis," Delello handed it to Witness-1. Witness-1 unwrapped the bundle and noticed that each of the glassine bags bore a distinctive mark that read "Breaking Bad" in letters mimicking the logo of the popular television show.

d. Delello and Witness-1 drove back to Witness-1's house and parked outside. While sitting in the car, Witness-1 snorted 1 bag of the "Breaking Bad" heroin and Delello snorted 2 bags. Sometime later, after the couple entered the house, Delello snorted a third bag of heroin inside of Witness-1's bedroom.

e. Witness-1 stated that the quantities of heroin that she and Delello used that night were consistent with the quantities they had used in the past. They fell asleep at approximately 3:00 a.m.

f. The next day, December 29, 2013, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Witness-1 awoke to find Delello lying

on the ground next to her bed, face down. Witness-1 attempted to rouse Delello, but he did not respond. She rolled his body over to discover that his mouth was covered in dark spit or foam.

14. I have also spoken with the mother of Witness-1 ("Witness-2"), who is also the owner of the house in Beekman, New York where Delello was found dead. From speaking with Witness-2, I have learned the following:

a. At approximately 10:00 a.m. on the morning that Delello was found dead, Witness-2 entered Witness-1's bedroom and found Delello vomiting a red substance into a trash can. Witness-2 asked Delello whether he was okay; he replied that he was.

b. Approximately 3 hours later, Witness-2 came back into the bedroom to find Delello lying on the bedroom floor facedown. Witness-2 assumed that Delello was sleeping, covered him with a blanket, and left the room. A short time later, Witness-2 learned from her daughter that Delello was dead.

c. While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, Witness-2 found four or five glassine bags, at least some of which were full, on her daughter's desk underneath a book. The bags had the words "Breaking Bad" stamped on them. Witness-2 took the bags outside, tore them open, and allowed the product inside to be blown away by the wind. She then discarded the bags.

**After Learning of Delello's Death,
SICA and ROHLMAN Continue to Distribute "Breaking Bad"**

15. On or about January 2, 2014, an individual who I believe to be JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, used the Rohlman Cellphone to send the following text messages:

a. To Thomas Miller, who later died from a heroin overdose: "Yoo im taking over for dennis so I have his shit for now on. So if u need something we dont gotta take a ride anymore ill have it on me personally. So im sellin now."

b. To another apparent customer: "Yea ill have them at work I work from 12 to 6 and the stamp is called Breaking Bad and im telling you now its rediculously good. Shit is way better than anything around right now. Best iv had in months. 10 a bag 100 a bun. Worth it."

c. To a third apparent customer: "Yo im takin over for dennis if u ever need call my phone or his 7208 number I have his phone."

16. The same day, the following exchange of text messages occurred between the Rohlman Cellphone and a number identified in the contacts of the Rohlman Cellphone as "Dennis," which I believe was being used by DENNIS SICA, the defendant:

SICA	Wow well ill figure it out listen erase every message out of my phone I gave u now I meant to do it
ROHLMAN	Ok I got you
SICA	Goto messages the. Hit Menu button on bottom left then put check in every thread then hit delete button n will erase all do that now cuz been worried with shot
SICA	that happened with kid
SICA	Let me know u did it do I can go to bed
SICA	Let me know if ha e problem just check every thread of messages in right corner then hit delete
ROHLMAN	Doing it as I speak..taking a sec to delete them all there was a lot of threads
SICA	Gotta check everyone at once then press it don't do one at a time put check on everyone then hit the delete button
ROHLMAN	Yea thats what I did. Its just taking long to delete it all at once cause there was a lot of messages
SICA	Leave it alone fog five minutes then check n make sure as ll gone. Then let me know n be smarter than me n don't text too much n if get any calls from tim dunk
SICA	or anyone who says his name ad friend of don't answer n if anyone calls n says anything bout u know nothing found phone weeks ago n can't find owner so answer
SICA	tryin to figure who's phone ii t is
SICA	I'll show u numbers not to answer tomorrow but that should start ringing early so be ready n send Steve to;me dud erase all yet

ROHLMAN	Ok I gotcha. Dont text too much. Dont answer tim and dont answer anyone whos says there a friend of..... and if anyone calls and says something about you know what I know nothing and I found the phone and im trying to find the owner.. and u want me to send steve to you
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17. Based on my training, experience and participation in this investigation, I believe that during this exchange, DENNIS SICA, the defendant, was instructing JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, to delete messages from the cellular phone that SICA used to distribute heroin, because SICA was worried about the repercussions of Delello's death from "Breaking Bad" ("been worried with sh[i]t that happened with kid"). I also believe that SICA was instructing ROHLMAN not to answer any calls from the Dunkin' Donuts employee "Tim" ("tim dunk"), who placed Witness-1 and Delello in contact with SICA the night that Delello died. Furthermore, I believe that SICA was instructing ROHLMAN to tell anyone who might call to inquire about Delello or the manner of his death ("you know what") that ROHLMAN had only recently found the phone and that he was attempting to locate its owner.

18. I have spoken with multiple witnesses who purchased "Breaking Bad" from DENNIS SICA and/or JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendants, in the weeks following Delello's death. One witness who bought heroin from SICA during that period and has known him for over 10 years ("Witness-3") described a conversation with SICA during which SICA said that he was selling approximately 250 bundles of "Breaking Bad" per day due to the drug's popularity in Dutchess County.

19. Another witness ("Witness-4") recounted that she purchased heroin from DENNIS SICA, the defendant, on at least four occasions between December 2013 and January 31, 2014, and that, on multiple occasions, SICA was driven to the meeting by JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant. The last time Witness-4 bought heroin from SICA was on January 31, 2014. ROHLMAN drove SICA to Witness-4's house. Witness-4 traded Klonopin, a prescription drug, for "Breaking Bad." Witness-4 shot two bags of the "Breaking Bad" she received from SICA that night and overdosed. She was later told by an emergency medical technician that she had stopped breathing due to the overdose and that naloxone had been used to restart her respiratory system.

20. The glassine envelopes of "Breaking Bad" that Witness-4 had not yet used at the time of her overdose were

recovered by crime scene detectives with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and are currently in the possession of the DEA. A photograph of some of those envelopes is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Laura Brown Dies After Overdosing on "Breaking Bad"

21. Regarding the death of Laura Brown, I have learned the following information from speaking with Witness-3:

a. On or about January 31, 2014, Witness-3 made contact with DENNIS SICA, the defendant, for the purpose of purchasing "Breaking Bad" for himself and his sister, Laura Brown. SICA told Witness-3 that he was en route to his supplier to obtain additional "Breaking Bad." SICA told Witness-3 that if he wanted heroin immediately, Witness-3 could contact an associate of SICA's, who would provide him, on SICA's behalf, with a different brand of heroin also distributed by SICA known as "Dunkin' Donuts."

b. Witness-3 agreed to buy "Dunkin' Donuts" heroin. He and Brown drove to SICA's apartment, where they purchased "Dunkin' Donuts" from SICA's associate. Witness-3 and Brown then returned to their respective homes.

c. Later that evening, Brown called Witness-3 and told him that she was still craving "Breaking Bad." Witness-3 then contacted SICA again and learned that SICA had returned home with a fresh supply of "Breaking Bad."

d. Brown picked up Witness-3 at approximately 7:30 p.m. and together they drove to SICA's apartment at the Chelsea Cove apartments, where they met SICA. SICA got into Brown's car and Brown purchased 2 bundles of "Breaking Bad" from him for \$180. Brown gave Witness-3 two bags from the other bundle and indicated that she intended to shoot some of what was left when she got home. Brown did not use the "Breaking Bad" in Witness-3's presence.

e. Witness-3 did not hear from Brown the following day, a Friday. On Saturday, February 1, 2014, Witness-3 became concerned. He and his father traveled to Brown's home in New Milford, Connecticut and knocked on the door numerous times. When no one answered the door, Witness-3 broke into the apartment and found Brown lying dead on a bathroom floor.

22. I have reviewed reports prepared by investigators with the New Milford Police Department regarding their investigation into Brown's death. From these sources, I know that in the bathroom where Brown's body was found, a police officer also found 3 needles, 2 measuring spoons and 6 empty glassine bags. Numerous additional glassine bags were found in Brown's bedroom. All of the glassine bags recovered from Brown's apartment were vouchered and placed into a single evidence bag.

23. I have personally inspected the glassine bags recovered from Brown's apartment. Among them are several glassine bags stamped "Breaking Bad."

24. I have also seen a photograph of the empty glassine bags found in Brown's bathroom near her body. A cropped version of that photograph is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The bags depicted in the photograph are stamped with a brand, but the name of the brand is not fully legible in the photograph. Based upon my participation in this investigation and having inspected all of the glassine bags that were recovered from Brown's apartment, the bags depicted in the photograph appear to me to carry the "Breaking Bad" stamp.

25. I have also reviewed a report prepared by a medical examiner with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Connecticut regarding the autopsy that was performed on the body of Brown. The report concludes that Brown, a 35-year-old female, died from "acute heroin and fentanyl intoxication."

Thomas Miller Dies After Overdosing on "Breaking Bad"

26. I have reviewed a report prepared by a sheriff's deputy employed by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office ("Deputy-1"). From that report, I have learned the following information, in substance and in part:

a. On or about February 1, 2014, Deputy-1 responded to a residential home in Pawling, New York after being informed that a 31-year-old resident of the home, later identified as Thomas Miller, had been found dead from an apparent drug overdose.

b. Deputy-1 entered Miller's bedroom and observed a hypodermic needle and an empty glassine bag with the words "Breaking Bad" stamped on it sitting on top of a dresser approximately 3 feet from the bed where Miller's body was found.

c. Deputy-1 conducted a further search of the bedroom and discovered, underneath Miller's body, a used hypodermic needle and 4 additional, empty glassine bags, each stamped with the words "Breaking Bad." Also in the bed, Deputy-1 found a clear plastic bag inside of which were two glassine envelopes stamped with the words "Breaking Bad," each containing an unidentified substance (the "Miller Envelopes").

d. Detective-2 interviewed Miller's mother (the "Mother"), who stated that the night prior to the discovery of Miller's body, Miller had been picked up from the home by an unknown friend at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. Miller returned home at approximately 10:00 p.m., after which the Mother had no further contact with him.

27. I have reviewed a laboratory report summarizing chemical analysis performed on the contents of the Miller Envelopes. The report indicates that the Miller Envelopes each contained a mixture of heroin, fentanyl, and quinine.

28. I have also reviewed the report prepared by a medical examiner with the Office of the Medical Examiner for Dutchess County regarding the autopsy that was performed on the body of Miller. The report concludes that Miller, a 31-year-old male, died from "acute intoxication by the combined effects of heroin and fentanyl."

29. I have spoken with two witnesses who have purchased heroin from DENNIS SICA, the defendant, and who were acquainted with Miller before his death. These witnesses were present on various occasions in the past when Miller purchased "Breaking Bad." According to these witnesses, Miller was not able to deal with DENNIS SICA, the defendant, directly; instead, Miller always purchased "Breaking Bad" through JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant.

30. On or about March 11, 2014, I interviewed JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, at the Dutchess County Jail, where ROHLMAN was detained in connection with New York State charges unrelated to this investigation. Prior to the interview, I read ROHLMAN his Miranda rights. ROHLMAN waived those rights and provided the following information, in substance and in part:

a. ROHLMAN acknowledged that he knew Miller prior to Miller's death and that he was acquainted with DENNIS SICA, the defendant.

b. ROHLMAN admitted that SICA sold "Breaking Bad" heroin and that he had occasionally driven SICA to make sales of "Breaking Bad" and to pick up "Breaking Bad" from SICA's source of supply.

c. ROHLMAN denied having any knowledge of how Miller obtained "Breaking Bad" on the night that Miller died. ROHLMAN acknowledged, however, that he had received a telephone call from Miller on the night of Miller's death. ROHLMAN declined to elaborate on the nature of that call.

31. On the night that Miller died, the following exchange of text messages occurred between the Rohlman Cellphone, which I believed was being used by JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, and a telephone number that I have been informed belonged to Miller:

MILLER	6:46:14 PM EST	Whats up?
ROHLMAN	6:46:30 PM EST	Sup
ROHLMAN	6:46:56 PM EST	?
MILLER	6:47:10 PM EST	Not much, anything around?
ROHLMAN	6:47:26 PM EST	Ya
MILLER	6:48:00 PM EST	How you feeling?
ROHLMAN	6:48:17 PM EST	Horrible
MILLER	6:48:25 PM EST	Where you at? Lets go
ROHLMAN	6:48:59 PM EST	Home why u got money now
MILLER	6:49:01 PM EST	Come get me lets go
ROHLMAN	6:49:17 PM EST	Ok
MILLER	6:49:52 PM EST	A little, i can get us each a couple
ROHLMAN	6:49:58 PM EST	Ok
MILLER	6:50:38 PM EST	Where do we have to go close?
ROHLMAN	6:50:50 PM EST	Dennis
MILLER	6:51:55 PM EST	Oh good im home come asap im sick
MILLER	6:54:41 PM EST	You coming? Dont tell sophie your coming here
ROHLMAN	7:01:17 PM EST	Yea im coming ill be there in 20 leaving now. Do u have any change or singles for a littpe gas. And

		after tonight u wont see me for a while im going to detox
MILLER	7:05:14 PM EST	Oh wow... Well than ask dennis if i can get his number....yeah i have something for gas
ROHLMAN	7:06:24 PM EST	Yea I got you man ill see you in a bit im leaving now
MILLER	7:17:32 PM EST	Ok thanks

32. Approximately 1.5 hours later, Miller exchanged the following text messages with JOHN ROHLMAN, apparently after the two had met up and procured "Breaking Bad":

MILLER	8:57:44 PM EST	You ok? That state boy got me nervous
ROHLMAN	9:01:12 PM EST	Yea im cool and dennis dont want his number out to anyone else so I mean you can go through sophie or greg or something I guess. Hes shady as fuck
MILLER	9:02:55 PM EST	Alright thanks anyway
ROHLMAN	9:03:52 PM EST	I tried man. I told him you were cool but he doesnt want anymore people I guess. I dont get it. Money is money but whatever
MILLER	9:05:24 PM EST	Alright thanks anyway
ROHLMAN	9:06:14 PM EST	No prob man. Sorry. If u need something tomorrow before I go away at like 1 give me a call

SICA is Arrested While in Possession of "Breaking Bad" and Acknowledges Responsibility for the Deaths

33. From speaking with a member of the Task Force, I know that, on or about February 2, 2014, a vehicle in which DENNIS SICA, the defendant, was riding was stopped by the East Fishkill, New York Police Department. After the vehicle was stopped, a police officer observed what appeared to be glassine envelopes of heroin lying on the floor of the vehicle (the "February 2 Envelopes"). SICA was placed under arrest for criminal possession of a controlled substance, in violation of New York Penal Law. Subsequent examination revealed that the

February 2 Envelopes were each stamped with a "Breaking Bad" stamp identical to the one that appeared on the Miller Envelopes. A photograph of some of the February 2 Envelopes is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

34. I have reviewed a laboratory report summarizing chemical analysis performed on the contents of the February 2 Envelopes. The report indicates that the February 2 Envelopes each contained a mixture of heroin, fentanyl, and quinine.

35. In addition, I have reviewed a text message exchange that took place on February 4, 2014, between JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendant, and an individual who purchased heroin from DENNIS SICA, the defendant, in the past ("Witness-5"). During the exchange, ROHLMAN made reference to the fact that SICA was in jail. When Witness-5 asked why, ROHLMAN replied, "Man slaughter. People died from breaking bad bags and there tryna get him for it." Shortly thereafter, Witness-5 texted ROHLMAN that she had just called Miller's house and learned of Miller's death. ROHLMAN replied, "Holy shit I cant even believe that. This is why dennis is in trouble im guessing."

36. From speaking with a witness who is a close associate of DENNIS SICA, the defendant, and was with him at the time of his February 2, 2014 arrest, I learned that SICA maintained a safe deposit box at the Poughkeepsie, New York branch of TD Bank in which he stored the proceeds of his drug sales. On or about February 26, 2014, DCDTF officers searched the safe deposit box pursuant to a New York State search warrant and found over \$10,000 inside.


37. After Witness-4 overdosed on "Breaking Bad," she was imprisoned at the Dutchess County Jail for a violation of parole. At the jail, Witness-4 spoke with DENNIS SICA, the defendant, while the two were receiving treatment in the medical unit for heroin withdrawal. According to Witness-4, during that conversation, SICA confessed to her that three people had died from using heroin sold by him. SICA identified Brown by her first name as one of the people who had died and stated that Brown was the sister of Witness-3.

38. Witness-4 has also provided me with letters that DENNIS SICA, the defendant, sent to her while the two of them were detained at the Dutchess County Jail. In one of the letters, SICA wrote, in substance and in part, "[T]his time I finally realized that I gotta change cuz what doing out there actually affecting other people. That's why I'm done for good[.] I aint' just saying it[.] I mean it. Yeah[,] what I

was talking to you about in medical[,] I think is over[.] They gave up on it cuz got nothing. [Witness-3] wasn't mad at me[.] I don't think he told me they gave up but I haven't heard back from him[.]"

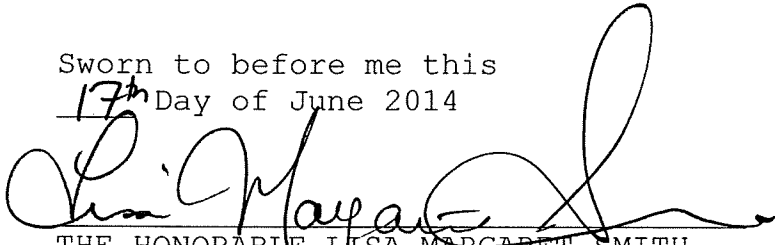
39. Based on my conversations with Witness-4, as well as my involvement in this investigation, I believe that in the letter quoted above, SICA was referring to his belief that prosecutors had given up investigating his role in the death of Brown because of a lack of evidence that he had supplied the heroin on which she overdosed.

WHEREFORE, the deponent respectfully requests that arrest warrants be issued for DENNIS SICA and JOHN ROHLMAN, the defendants, and that they be arrested, and imprisoned, or bailed, as the case may be.



LOUIS SCHMIDT
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me this
17th Day of June 2014



THE HONORABLE LISA MARGARET SMITH
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

EXHIBIT A

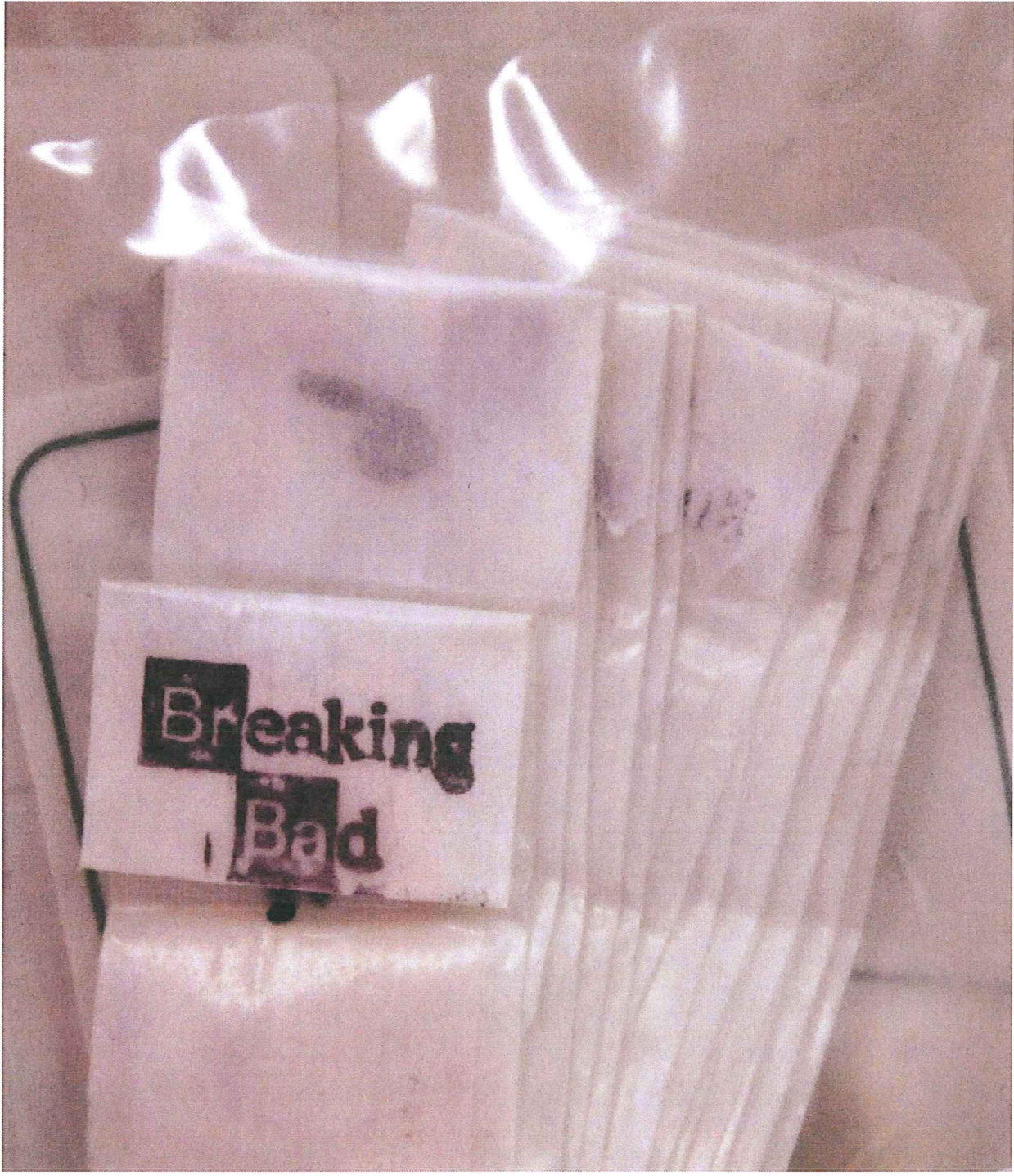


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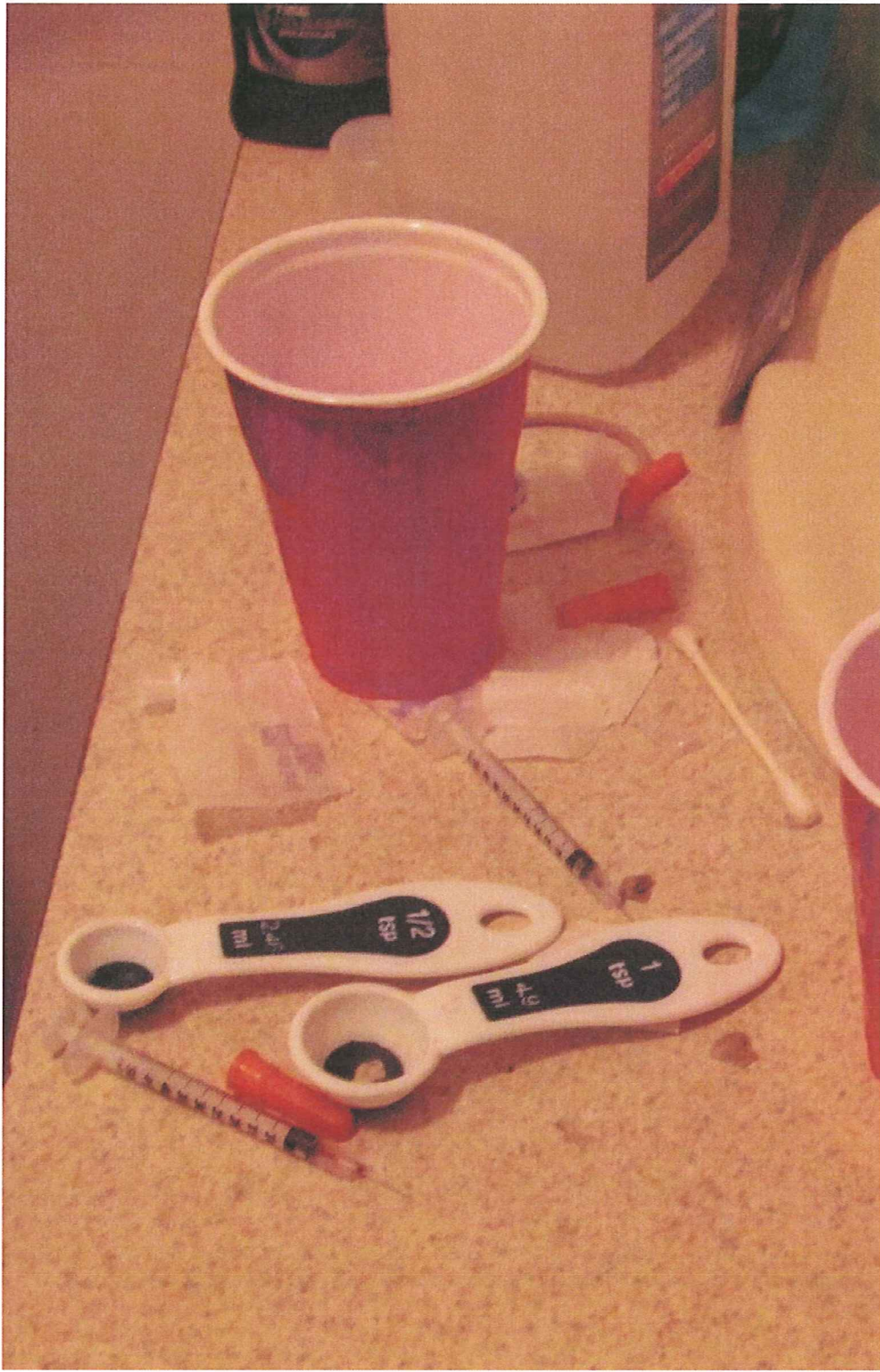


EXHIBIT C

