#### POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF: BUTLER Magisterial District Number: 50-5-03 VS. (NAME and ADDRESS): DEFENDANT: MDJ: Hon. William T. Fullerton PATRICIA ZEDIKER Address: 227 West Cunningham Street BRANDI Last Name Gen First Name Middle Name Butler, PA 16003-1208 100 Spooner Drive Butler, PA 16002 Telephone: (724)431-4854 NCIC Extradition Code Type □ C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States □ 1-Felony Full 5-Felony Pending Extradition ☐ Distance: ☐ 6-Felony Pending Extradition Determ. D-Misdemeanor No Extradition 2-Felony Limited E-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ A-Misdemeanor Full 3-Felony Surrounding States □ B-Misdemeanor Limited ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition 4-Felony No Extradition **DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION** Date Filed Request Lab Services? Complaint/Incident Number OTN/LiveScan Number Docket Number ☐ YES ☐ NO BN6005117BZ Co-Defendant(s) ров 7/4/1996 Add'l DOB GENDER POB Gen. Last Name First Name Middle Name □ Male AKA Unknown White ■ Black Native American RACE Asian Non-Hispanic Unknown ETHNICITY Hispanic BLU (Blue) PLE (Purple) BRO (Brown) SDY (Sandy) RED (Red/Aubn.) GRY (Gray) Hair PNK (Pink) WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Bald) GRN (Green) BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) Color ☐ BLN (Blonde / Strawberry) GRY (Gray) GRN (Green) BLK (Black) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) Eye MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) XXX (Unknown) MUL (Multicolored) Color ☐ HAZ (Hazel) WEIGHT (lbs.) **DNA Location** DNA ☐ YES □ NO FBI Number **MNU Number** 110 Ft. HEIGHT In. Defendant Fingerprinted ☐ YES ☐ NO 5 Fingerprint Classification: DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION Comm'l Veh. School Veh. Oth. NCIC Veh. Code Reg. State Haz Registration same as Ind. 🔲 mat Plate # Sticker (MM/YY) Def. Model Style Color Year Make VIN Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507). (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date) DOUGLAS C. BRINK/TIMOTHY FENNELL (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge # (Name of the Affiant) PA0222400 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) (Police Agency ORI Number) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as

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City Of Butler

on or about JANUARY 18, 2020 THRU OCTOBER 15, 2020

(Place-Political Subdivision)

in BUTLER County

therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301]

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

Douglas Brink, Narcotics Agent, of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations assigned to the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Timothy Fennell, Chief County Detective, Butler County District Attorney's Drug Task Force being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

Your Affiants are empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses involving violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

On April 13, 2021, the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury issued Presentment No. 14, recommending that criminal charges be filed against Brandi Zediker for violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The aforementioned Presentment was accepted by the Honorable Anthony M. Mariani, Supervising Judge of the Forty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, by Order dated April 14, 2021. A copy of the Presentment and the Order accepting the Presentment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Having read and reviewed the Presentment, and after having participated in this investigation and considering all the facts and circumstances, your Affiants are adopting the Presentment and incorporating it fully into this Affidavit of Probable Cause. Your Affiants aver that the testimony of the individuals who appeared before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury is consistent with the information contained within Presentment No.14 and the information developed within the course of the investigation specified herein. Furthermore, Presentment No. 14 shows on its face that it is based upon evidence which the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated which included sworn testimony of witnesses appearing before it and physical evidence presented to it.

Your Affiants have reviewed the evidence presented before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and find that it comports with the findings of the investigation.

Douglas Brink Narcotics Agent

Timothy Fennell

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Chief County Detective

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS <u>28</u> DAY

OF April \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

#### INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence pertaining to violations of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania occurring in Butler County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 41, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of heroin/fentanyl in and around Butler County. The investigation revealed that from January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, Quinzal Powell ("Powell") traveled from Philadelphia to Butler County in order to deliver large quantities of the controlled substances. Powell then conspired with Desirae Feitl ("Feitl") and Crystal Pakutz ("Pakutz") to distribute the drugs to others. It was determined that Feitl and Pakutz each had their own network of individuals to whom they sold heroin/fentanyl. During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that when Feitl was out of the country, Jodi Shirey ("Shirey") assumed responsibility for Feitl's role in the organization. Finally, Brandi Zediker ("Zediker") was found to be involved in the illegal distribution of heroin/fentanyl.

In terms of the quantity of narcotics being trafficked during this time period, a conservative estimate is that Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl. A conservative estimate of the heroin/fentanyl subsequently sold by Feitl and Pakutz is 256 bricks (256 grams) and 820 bricks (820 grams), respectively. Investigators also seized in excess of \$244,000.00 in U.S. currency suspected to be associated with the drug trafficking activity.

The Grand Jury heard testimony that members of law enforcement utilized various investigative techniques during the course of the investigation including electronic surveillance, in-person surveillance, cellular telephone communications monitoring/trap and trace number monitoring, and, GPS and cellular tower location tracking. Investigators also listened to recorded prison telephone calls, executed search warrants for text message communications, utilized confidential informants and sources, and conducted traffic stops. With respect to cellular telephones, the Grand Jury learned that Feitl had one telephone that maintained the same number throughout the investigation and was generally only used for conversations with her boyfriend, Eric Barlow ("Barlow"), Powell, and others close to her. Her second telephone - - which was primarily used to conduct her drug transactions - - changed numbers nine times throughout the course of the investigation. For his part, Powell maintained two telephones and used both for conversations with Feitl and Pakutz. Both telephones changed numbers five times during the course of the investigation. The Grand Jury heard testimony that changing telephone numbers is common for individuals who are trafficking narcotics in an attempt to conceal their activities from law enforcement.

#### Powell to Desirae Feitl and Jodi Shirey

Cellular telephone communications between Feitl and Powell were constant throughout the course of the investigation, increasing around the dates when Powell was traveling to and/or present in Butler. Surveillance confirmed many of the meetings. Text messages detailed the amount of narcotics Powell would be supplying on particular trips; and on one occasion, as noted below, police stopped Powell's car and recovered over 1,000 bags of fentanyl in a search. The bags matched those later found in a search of Feitl's house.

Investigators were able to trace the path of the drugs Powell delivered to Feitl. Records revealed that Feitl had daily communications with Shirey, Victoria Baptiste ("Baptiste"), Shannon Winters ("Winters"), Cayla Cygan ("Cygan"), Rachel Barber ("Barber"), Chad Finucan ("Finucan") and others who were not identified. Multiple search warrants were obtained for Feitl's text messages and the results revealed thousands of conversations with the aforementioned individuals concerning the illegal distribution of controlled substances. Most of the text messages utilized coded language concerning drug trafficking. This included using other words to describe the drugs, texting only numbers to order a specific number of stamp bags and/or price, and, using single words to direct the buyers to a meeting location.

Throughout the investigation, members of law enforcement observed Feitl meeting with Baptiste, Winters, Shirey, Cygan, Barber and Finucan at various locations throughout Butler. Some of Feitl's regular meeting places included the parking lots of the following establishments: Save-A-Lot; the Clearview Mall; McDonald's; the Pointe Plaza; and the Greater Butler Mart. At each of these meetings, Feitl met with the individual for a brief period of time and then both vehicles left the parking lot. Text message conversations between Feitl and these individuals - occurring prior to and after the meetings - - confirmed that they were purchasing controlled substances from Feitl. The chart below provides the date, location and the name of the individual with whom Feitl met to sell drugs, as observed by investigators conducting surveillance.

DATE	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING DRUGS
February 2, 2020	Clearview Mall parking lot	Shannon Winters
March 19, 2020	McDonald's parking lot in the Greater Butler Mart	Victoria Baptiste and Shannon Winters
March 25, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Rachel Barber and Shannon Winters

April 21, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Billy Abrams
April 27, 2020	Clearview Mall	Jodi Shirey and Shannon Winters
April 28, 2020	Point Plaza parking lot	Chad Finucan
April 28, 2020	Rite Aid parking lot	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Hillvue Self Storage	Jodi Shirey
June 4, 2020	Intersection of Eau Claire Street and Fifth Street	Cayla Cygan
September 11, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Jodi Shirey

The Grand Jury heard evidence that Baptiste had been purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl on a daily basis for approximately two to three years. She was buying 10 to 20 bags per day. Baptiste testified that she would text Feitl the number of bags that she wanted and then wait for Feitl to send her a message regarding the meeting location. Baptiste stated that she routinely met Feitl at the Save-A-lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony that Cygan began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl in March or April 2020 and that she continued to purchase from her until sometime in September of that year. Cygan stated that she purchased anywhere from 10 stamp bags to two bricks<sup>1</sup> from Feitl on a daily basis. She would often meet Feitl at the Save-A-Lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Grand Jury learned that there are typically ten bags of heroin/fentanyl in a bundle and five bundles in a brick. A brick usually weighs one to one and a half grams.

The Grand Jury learned that Winters began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl, on a daily basis, sometime in May 2019. Winters purchased one or two bundles per day, occasionally buying a brick. Winters met with Feitl at the Clearview Mall, Walmart, Greater Butler Mart and other locations and they would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

On October 2, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Barlow's residence in McKeesport, Allegheny County where 150 bricks of heroin were seized. Barlow was arrested and then transferred to the Butler County Prison on a detainer. On November 15, 2019 at 10:54 a.m., Barlow placed a recorded call to Feitl from the prison. During the call, Feitl told Barlow that she was "pissed." She explained that she heard a garbage truck outside of her residence at 2:45 a.m., woke up, and assumed it was the police coming to her house. Feitl stated to Barlow, "I think you already know what happened . . . ahh, bunch of shit went down the toilet." Feitl then elaborated by stating, "I just fu\*king, I just lost a bunch of money . . . I just fu\*ked myself for real" meaning that she had flushed the controlled substances that she had prepared to sell.

On November 18, 2019, in another recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, the two discussed a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Butler that day where Shirey was present. Feitl told Barlow that "Jodi got the car impounded with my God damn money in it".

On February 2, 2020, in another recorded call to Barlow, Feitl stated, "The fu\*king township cops are driving around . . . now I can't leave. This is real fu\*king stressful, this is making me real sick to my stomach right now. He's definitely watching. I can't be on the phone right now and deal with this shit."

On March 20, 2020, during a recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, Feitl was heard talking to a female in the background. Feitl stated, "What the fu\*k do I look like, a mother fu\*king gas station, go get cash." Feitl then explained to Barlow that "the bitch tried to pay me with a

lottery ticket." Prior to this meeting, there were six calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber. Following Feitl's directive to "go get cash," there were an additional three calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber.

On March 8, 2020, Feitl flew from Pittsburgh to Miami and thereafter boarded a cruise ship. Through GPS tracking, it was confirmed that she was out of the country until March 15, 2020 when she arrived in Miami and flew back to Pittsburgh. While Feitl was out of the country, Shirey was in charge of handling Feitl's "business." Through a review of text messages and use of video surveillance, it was determined that Shirey communicated with at least two of Feitl's customers - Winters and Baptiste - - and subsequently sold heroin/fentanyl to them. Both Winters and Baptiste were instructed by Feitl to contact Shirey in order to purchase the narcotics. Text messages and video surveillance revealed that Winters purchased heroin/fentanyl from Shirey on at least six occasions for a total of 10 bundles or 100 stamps bags. Baptiste also purchased drugs from Shirey on at least two occasions while Feitl was away.

On May 9, 2020, members of the Butler City Police Department arrested Winters for driving under the influence and recovered 15 full stamp bags and five empty stamp bags. Winters told the officers that she had purchased the drugs from "Dez" (Feitl). The drugs were subsequently submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Regional Laboratory ("PSP Laboratory") for analysis. The results revealed the presence of heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance. Text messages between Feitl and Winters prior to her traffic stop confirmed that Winters had, in fact, ordered 20 stamp bags from Feitl.

On July 28, 2020, officers were conducting surveillance in the parking lot at the Greater Butler Mart in Butler Township when they observed Winters driving up and down the lanes of parked vehicles very slowly. Winters appeared to be checking for the presence of surveillance/law

enforcement. She then parked on the north end of the lot, two rows south of the McDonald's. Feitl then drove into the parking lot, stopping adjacent to Winter's vehicle. Winters proceeded to get out of her vehicle and go to the passenger side window of Feitl's vehicle. Winters then reached in and made an exchange with Feitl. Winters returned to her vehicle and Feitl left the lot. Next, Winters moved her vehicle and parked beside the McDonald's. When she got out of her vehicle, she was approached by the officers. Upon seeing them, she held out two bundles of heroin/fentanyl and stated, "She just rolled up on me and gave me these." The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. Leading up to this purchase, there were seven text messages and/or calls between Feitl and Winters.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic stop was initiated on Renaissance Drive in Butler County. Powell was identified as the sole occupant of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed two knotted baggies containing a combined total of approximately 1,149 stamp bags. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for fentanyl, weighing 24.6 grams.

On October 15, 2020, Feitl was taken into custody on existing warrants while operating her 2011 GMC Terrain. Seven bundles of suspected heroin and/or fentanyl were recovered from her person. The 66 stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 1.6 grams of fentanyl. A warrant was thereafter obtained to search the 2011 GMC Terrain. A search of that vehicle resulted in the seizure of the following: \$533.00 in U.S. currency; Nine deposit slips between the dates of March 16, 2020 and October 13, 2020 totaling \$13,332.00 for First National Bank Account # 95044008; a Huntington Bank debit card in the name of Feitl; and, a US Bank debit card in the name of Feitl.

Following Feitl's arrest, a search warrant was also executed at her residence in Butler. Investigators seized of 1,121 stamp bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, \$10,220.00 in U.S. currency

and other drug-related items. The stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing confirmed the presence of 27.4 grams of fentanyl.

Search warrants were also executed at two of Feitl's storage facilities at Hillvue Storage in Butler: D. Up 7 and B-6. The search conducted at D. Up 7 resulted in the seizure of a black safe that contained approximately \$234,000.00 in U.S. currency, the majority of which consisted of \$100.00 bills.

Narcotics Agent Douglas Brink ("NA Brink") of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General informed the Grand Jury that he spoke with a representatives at Dollar Bank who advised that Feitl's account had been flagged and subsequently closed due to concerns about money laundering. They stated that Feitl routinely brought in small dollar bills and asked that they be converted into \$100.00 bills.

#### Powell to Crystal Pakutz to Brandi Zediker

Pakutz appeared before the Grand Jury and testified that she began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Powell, whom she knows as "Slim," in March or April 2020. Pakutz stated that she was broke at the time and decided to "work" for him by selling heroin.

Pakutz testified that for the first few weeks, she was purchasing two bricks (100 stamp bags) each time when Powell came to town. After that, she began purchasing 20 to 30 bricks per trip, and, sometime in June or July, she began purchasing 20 to 30 grams of heroin/fentanyl in a single day. She stated that Powell had also provided her with a large quantity of empty stamp bags during one of his trips. Pakutz told the Grand Jury that she lived at the Holiday Inn Express in Butler for approximately one and one-half months prior to her arrest on October 1, 2020. Powell would stay at the hotel when he was in town. She advised that sometimes he would stay in his own room and other times he would stay with her in her room.

Pakutz advised that she sold the heroin/fentanyl that she purchased from Powell to various other individuals on a regular basis. According to Pakutz, she had three clients who purchased from her on a daily basis: Brandi Zediker ("Zediker"), Destiny Stemmerich ("Stemmerich") and Christian Manny ("Manny"). Zediker purchased five grams per day, every day, from March or April until sometime in July or August when she began purchasing five grams every other day until October. In July or August, Pakutz advised that she also began selling to Stemmerich and Manny. She stated that they each purchased one or two bricks, every day or every other day. Pakutz stated that she also sold to other individuals, but not as regularly as she sold to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz advised that she would sometimes "front" these three individuals the controlled substances. She explained that after she began purchasing drugs from Powell in grams rather than stamp bags, she would provide empty stamp bags with the heroin/fentanyl to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. They would then re-package it, sell it and bring Pakutz the money that they owed to her. Pakutz also told the Grand Jury that, on occasion, Powell had provided her with illegal drugs - - other than heroin/fentanyl - - to sell.

The Grand Jury learned that a review of telephone records and text messages confirmed that Pakutz and Powell communicated on a regular basis and that Pakutz frequently communicated with Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz also communicated with multiple other individuals, discussing the distribution of controlled substances.

On July 6, 2020, officers met with a confidential informant ("CI") in order to conduct a controlled purchase of two bundles of heroin from Zediker. The CI was searched prior to the purchase and found to be free of controlled substances, money and weapons. The CI contacted Zediker via telephone and arranged to meet at her (Zediker's) residence. The CI was followed to the residence and was under constant surveillance until entry into the home. A short time later,

that he/she had purchased the heroin from Zediker. The CI stated that Zediker had retrieved a larger bag of heroin from her bedroom and bagged the individual stamp bags in the presence of the CI. The drugs were subsequently submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of less than 1 gram of fentanyl, or, approximately .019 grams of fentanyl per bag.

The Grand Jury learned that on September 10, 2020, Detective Timothy Fennell of the Butler County District Attorney's Office was conducting surveillance of Powell at the Holiday Inn Express when he observed Lorraine Zediker ("L Zediker"), a known heroin user, arrive at the rear of the hotel. Pakutz exited the hotel and met with L. Zediker for a brief period of time. Both of them then departed in L. Zediker's Jeep Cherokee. Pakutz was observed coming and going from the hotel several times on September 10 and 11, 2020.

A review of text messages from Pakutz's mobile telephone revealed that from September 9 through 11, 2020, Pakutz delivered heroin/fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine to at least 10 different people. The quantities varied by person from a "bun" (10 stamp bags), a "whole," a "brick" or a "breezy" (50 stamp bags) to multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl. At one point during these conversations Pakutz told multiple customers that "My Ppls is here at the Telly(Hotel) wit me & they have some light brown shyt; but IDK how it is. They actually want me to have my Ppl try it." The text messages intercepted indicated that Zediker arranged to trade "23 20's" (pills) with Pakutz for a "whole one," meaning a brick of heroin/fentanyl, on September 10, 2020 as was observed through surveillance.

On October 1, 2020, Pakutz was detained and placed in the Butler County Prison on a bench warrant from Allegheny County. At 11:31 a.m., Pakutz placed a recorded telephone call to her mother. During this call, she instructed her mother to go to the room and get the light pink

book bag. At the end of the call, Pakutz stated: "Make sure you get everything out of that room especially that book bag ASAP."

Officers contacted management at the Holiday Inn Express and confirmed that Pakutz had been staying in Room 206. Surveillance video from the rear of the hotel also confirmed that Pakutz stayed there on the night of September 30, 2020 into October 1, 2020. A search warrant was subsequently executed on Room 206 and a bag of suspected fentanyl, a scale, empty stamp bags and other packaging materials were recovered. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 8.67 grams of fentanyl.

Altogether, Powell made at least 33 trips from Philadelphia to Butler, between January 18, 2020 and October 15, 2020, to deliver illegal drugs to Feitl and Pakutz. The dates of Powell's trips are as follows:

- January 18 19, 2020
- January 25 26, 2020
- February 1 − 4, 2020
- February 13 14, 2020
- February 22-23, 2020
- February 28 March 2, 2020
- March 7-11, 2020
- March 15 -16, 2020
- March 20 21, 2020
- March 25 26, 2020
- April 1 2, 2020
- April 6 -8, 2020

- April 9-12, 2020
- April 14 17, 2020
- April 21 23, 2020
- May 2-5, 2020
- May 9 10,2020
- May 14 16, 2020
- May 20-22, 2020
- May 25 27, 2020
- May 30 June 1, 2020
- June 4-6, 2020
- June 12 14, 2020
- June 26 28, 2020
- July 5 6, 2020
- July 13 14, 2020
- July 26 28, 2020
- August 2, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 9, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 23 -25, 2020
- September 9-11, 2020
- September 16 18, 2020
- September 30, 2020 (round trip all in one day)
- October 15, 2020

NA Brink informed the Grand Jury that he was able to estimate the quantities of heroin/fentanyl that Powell, Feitl and Pakutz were selling during the course of investigation based upon witness interviews, narcotics seizures and text message conversations. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from Philadelphia to Butler County for Feitl and Pakutz. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Feitl sold approximately 256 bricks (256 grams) of heroin/fentanyl and that Pakutz sold approximately 820 bricks (820 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.

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#### AFFIDAVIT

Douglas Brink, Narcotics Agent, of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations assigned to the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Timothy Fennell, Chief County Detective, Butler County District Attorney's Drug Task Force being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

Your Affiants are empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses involving violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

On April 13, 2021, the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury issued Presentment No. 14, recommending that criminal charges be filed against Crystal Pakutz for violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The aforementioned Presentment was accepted by the Honorable Anthony M. Mariani, Supervising Judge of the Forty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, by Order dated April 14, 2021. A copy of the Presentment and the Order accepting the Presentment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Having read and reviewed the Presentment, and after having participated in this investigation and considering all the facts and circumstances, your Affiants are adopting the Presentment and incorporating it fully into this Affidavit of Probable Cause. Your Affiants aver that the testimony of the individuals who appeared before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury is consistent with the information contained within Presentment No.14 and the information developed within the course of the investigation specified herein. Furthermore, Presentment No. 14 shows on its face that it is based upon evidence which the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated which included sworn testimony of witnesses appearing before it and physical evidence presented to it.

Your Affiants have reviewed the evidence presented before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and find that it comports with the findings of the investigation.

Douglas Brink Narcotics Agent

Timothy Fennell Chief County Detective

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS <u>B</u> DAY

OF April \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

#### INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence pertaining to violations of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania occurring in Butler County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 41, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of heroin/fentanyl in and around Butler County. The investigation revealed that from January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, Quinzal Powell ("Powell") traveled from Philadelphia to Butler County in order to deliver large quantities of the controlled substances. Powell then conspired with Desirae Feitl ("Feitl") and Crystal Pakutz ("Pakutz") to distribute the drugs to others. It was determined that Feitl and Pakutz each had their own network of individuals to whom they sold heroin/fentanyl. During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that when Feitl was out of the country, Jodi Shirey ("Shirey") assumed responsibility for Feitl's role in the organization. Finally, Brandi Zediker ("Zediker") was found to be involved in the illegal distribution of heroin/fentanyl.

In terms of the quantity of narcotics being trafficked during this time period, a conservative estimate is that Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl. A conservative estimate of the heroin/fentanyl subsequently sold by Feitl and Pakutz is 256 bricks (256 grams) and 820 bricks (820 grams), respectively. Investigators also seized in excess of \$244,000.00 in U.S. currency suspected to be associated with the drug trafficking activity.

The Grand Jury heard testimony that members of law enforcement utilized various investigative techniques during the course of the investigation including electronic surveillance, in-person surveillance, cellular telephone communications monitoring/trap and trace number monitoring, and, GPS and cellular tower location tracking. Investigators also listened to recorded prison telephone calls, executed search warrants for text message communications, utilized confidential informants and sources, and conducted traffic stops. With respect to cellular telephones, the Grand Jury learned that Feith had one telephone that maintained the same number throughout the investigation and was generally only used for conversations with her boyfriend, Eric Barlow ("Barlow"), Powell, and others close to her. Her second telephone - - which was primarily used to conduct her drug transactions - - changed numbers nine times throughout the course of the investigation. For his part, Powell maintained two telephones and used both for conversations with Feith and Pakutz. Both telephones changed numbers five times during the course of the investigation. The Grand Jury heard testimony that changing telephone numbers is common for individuals who are trafficking narcotics in an attempt to conceal their activities from law enforcement.

## Powell to Desirae Feitl and Jodi Shirey

Cellular telephone communications between Feitl and Powell were constant throughout the course of the investigation, increasing around the dates when Powell was traveling to and/or present in Butler. Surveillance confirmed many of the meetings. Text messages detailed the amount of narcotics Powell would be supplying on particular trips; and on one occasion, as noted below, police stopped Powell's car and recovered over 1,000 bags of fentanyl in a search. The bags matched those later found in a search of Feitl's house.

Investigators were able to trace the path of the drugs Powell delivered to Feitl. Records revealed that Feitl had daily communications with Shirey, Victoria Baptiste ("Baptiste"), Shannon Winters ("Winters"), Cayla Cygan ("Cygan"), Rachel Barber ("Barber"), Chad Finucan ("Finucan") and others who were not identified. Multiple search warrants were obtained for Feitl's text messages and the results revealed thousands of conversations with the aforementioned individuals concerning the illegal distribution of controlled substances. Most of the text messages utilized coded language concerning drug trafficking. This included using other words to describe the drugs, texting only numbers to order a specific number of stamp bags and/or price, and, using single words to direct the buyers to a meeting location.

Throughout the investigation, members of law enforcement observed Feitl meeting with Baptiste, Winters, Shirey, Cygan, Barber and Finucan at various locations throughout Butler. Some of Feitl's regular meeting places included the parking lots of the following establishments: Save-A-Lot; the Clearview Mall; McDonald's; the Pointe Plaza; and the Greater Butler Mart. At each of these meetings, Feitl met with the individual for a brief period of time and then both vehicles left the parking lot. Text message conversations between Feitl and these individuals - - occurring prior to and after the meetings - - confirmed that they were purchasing controlled substances from Feitl. The chart below provides the date, location and the name of the individual with whom Feitl met to sell drugs, as observed by investigators conducting surveillance.

DATE	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING DRUGS
February 2, 2020	Clearview Mall parking lot	Shannon Winters
March 19, 2020	McDonald's parking lot in the Greater Butler Mart	Victoria Baptiste and Shannon Winters
March 25, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Rachel Barber and Shannon Winters

April 21, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Billy Abrams
April 27, 2020	Clearview Mall	Jodi Shirey and Shannon Winters
April 28, 2020	Point Plaza parking lot	Chad Finucan
April 28, 2020	Rite Aid parking lot	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Hillvue Self Storage	Jodi Shirey
June 4, 2020	Intersection of Eau Claire Street and Fifth Street	Cayla Cygan
September 11, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Jodi Shirey

The Grand Jury heard evidence that Baptiste had been purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl on a daily basis for approximately two to three years. She was buying 10 to 20 bags per day. Baptiste testified that she would text Feitl the number of bags that she wanted and then wait for Feitl to send her a message regarding the meeting location. Baptiste stated that she routinely met Feitl at the Save-A-lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony that Cygan began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl in March or April 2020 and that she continued to purchase from her until sometime in September of that year. Cygan stated that she purchased anywhere from 10 stamp bags to two bricks<sup>1</sup> from Feitl on a daily basis. She would often meet Feitl at the Save-A-Lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Grand Jury learned that there are typically ten bags of heroin/fentanyl in a bundle and five bundles in a brick. A brick usually weighs one to one and a half grams.

The Grand Jury learned that Winters began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl, on a daily basis, sometime in May 2019. Winters purchased one or two bundles per day, occasionally buying a brick. Winters met with Feitl at the Clearview Mall, Walmart, Greater Butler Mart and other locations and they would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

On October 2, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Barlow's residence in McKeesport, Allegheny County where 150 bricks of heroin were seized. Barlow was arrested and then transferred to the Butler County Prison on a detainer. On November 15, 2019 at 10:54 a.m., Barlow placed a recorded call to Feitl from the prison. During the call, Feitl told Barlow that she was "pissed." She explained that she heard a garbage truck outside of her residence at 2:45 a.m., woke up, and assumed it was the police coming to her house. Feitl stated to Barlow, "I think you already know what happened... ahh, bunch of shit went down the toilet." Feitl then elaborated by stating, "I just fu\*king, I just lost a bunch of money... I just fu\*ked myself for real" meaning that she had flushed the controlled substances that she had prepared to sell.

On November 18, 2019, in another recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, the two discussed a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Butler that day where Shirey was present. Feitl told Barlow that "Jodi got the car impounded with my God damn money in it".

On February 2, 2020, in another recorded call to Barlow, Feitl stated, "The fu\*king township cops are driving around . . . now I can't leave. This is real fu\*king stressful, this is making me real sick to my stomach right now. He's definitely watching. I can't be on the phone right now and deal with this shit."

On March 20, 2020, during a recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, Feitl was heard talking to a female in the background. Feitl stated, "What the fu\*k do I look like, a mother fu\*king gas station, go get cash." Feitl then explained to Barlow that "the bitch tried to pay me with a

lottery ticket." Prior to this meeting, there were six calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber. Following Feitl's directive to "go get cash," there were an additional three calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber.

On March 8, 2020, Feitl flew from Pittsburgh to Miami and thereafter boarded a cruise ship. Through GPS tracking, it was confirmed that she was out of the country until March 15, 2020 when she arrived in Miami and flew back to Pittsburgh. While Feitl was out of the country, Shirey was in charge of handling Feitl's "business." Through a review of text messages and use of video surveillance, it was determined that Shirey communicated with at least two of Feitl's customers - Winters and Baptiste - - and subsequently sold heroin/fentanyl to them. Both Winters and Baptiste were instructed by Feitl to contact Shirey in order to purchase the narcotics. Text messages and video surveillance revealed that Winters purchased heroin/fentanyl from Shirey on at least six occasions for a total of 10 bundles or 100 stamps bags. Baptiste also purchased drugs from Shirey on at least two occasions while Feitl was away.

On May 9, 2020, members of the Butler City Police Department arrested Winters for driving under the influence and recovered 15 full stamp bags and five empty stamp bags. Winters told the officers that she had purchased the drugs from "Dez" (Feitl). The drugs were subsequently submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Regional Laboratory ("PSP Laboratory") for analysis. The results revealed the presence of heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance. Text messages between Feitl and Winters prior to her traffic stop confirmed that Winters had, in fact, ordered 20 stamp bags from Feitl.

On July 28, 2020, officers were conducting surveillance in the parking lot at the Greater Butler Mart in Butler Township when they observed Winters driving up and down the lanes of parked vehicles very slowly. Winters appeared to be checking for the presence of surveillance/law

enforcement. She then parked on the north end of the lot, two rows south of the McDonald's. Feitl then drove into the parking lot, stopping adjacent to Winter's vehicle. Winters proceeded to get out of her vehicle and go to the passenger side window of Feitl's vehicle. Winters then reached in and made an exchange with Feitl. Winters returned to her vehicle and Feitl left the lot. Next, Winters moved her vehicle and parked beside the McDonald's. When she got out of her vehicle, she was approached by the officers. Upon seeing them, she held out two bundles of heroin/fentanyl and stated, "She just rolled up on me and gave me these." The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. Leading up to this purchase, there were seven text messages and/or calls between Feitl and Winters.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic stop was initiated on Renaissance Drive in Butler County. Powell was identified as the sole occupant of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed two knotted baggies containing a combined total of approximately 1,149 stamp bags. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for fentanyl, weighing 24.6 grams.

On October 15, 2020, Feitl was taken into custody on existing warrants while operating her 2011 GMC Terrain. Seven bundles of suspected heroin and/or fentanyl were recovered from her person. The 66 stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 1.6 grams of fentanyl. A warrant was thereafter obtained to search the 2011 GMC Terrain. A search of that vehicle resulted in the seizure of the following: \$533.00 in U.S. currency; Nine deposit slips between the dates of March 16, 2020 and October 13, 2020 totaling \$13,332.00 for First National Bank Account # 95044008; a Huntington Bank debit card in the name of Feitl; and, a US Bank debit card in the name of Feitl.

Following Feitl's arrest, a search warrant was also executed at her residence in Butler. Investigators seized of 1,121 stamp bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, \$10,220.00 in U.S. currency

and other drug-related items. The stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing confirmed the presence of 27.4 grams of fentanyl.

Search warrants were also executed at two of Feitl's storage facilities at Hillvue Storage in Butler: D. Up 7 and B-6. The search conducted at D. Up 7 resulted in the seizure of a black safe that contained approximately \$234,000.00 in U.S. currency, the majority of which consisted of \$100.00 bills.

Narcotics Agent Douglas Brink ("NA Brink") of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General informed the Grand Jury that he spoke with a representatives at Dollar Bank who advised that Feitl's account had been flagged and subsequently closed due to concerns about money laundering. They stated that Feitl routinely brought in small dollar bills and asked that they be converted into \$100.00 bills.

#### Powell to Crystal Pakutz to Brandi Zediker

Pakutz appeared before the Grand Jury and testified that she began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Powell, whom she knows as "Slim," in March or April 2020. Pakutz stated that she was broke at the time and decided to "work" for him by selling heroin.

Pakutz testified that for the first few weeks, she was purchasing two bricks (100 stamp bags) each time when Powell came to town. After that, she began purchasing 20 to 30 bricks per trip, and, sometime in June or July, she began purchasing 20 to 30 grams of heroin/fentanyl in a single day. She stated that Powell had also provided her with a large quantity of empty stamp bags during one of his trips. Pakutz told the Grand Jury that she lived at the Holiday Inn Express in Butler for approximately one and one-half months prior to her arrest on October 1, 2020. Powell would stay at the hotel when he was in town. She advised that sometimes he would stay in his own room and other times he would stay with her in her room.

Pakutz advised that she sold the heroin/fentanyl that she purchased from Powell to various other individuals on a regular basis. According to Pakutz, she had three clients who purchased from her on a daily basis: Brandi Zediker ("Zediker"), Destiny Stemmerich ("Stemmerich") and Christian Manny ("Manny"). Zediker purchased five grams per day, every day, from March or April until sometime in July or August when she began purchasing five grams every other day until October. In July or August, Pakutz advised that she also began selling to Stemmerich and Manny. She stated that they each purchased one or two bricks, every day or every other day. Pakutz stated that she also sold to other individuals, but not as regularly as she sold to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz advised that she would sometimes "front" these three individuals the controlled substances. She explained that after she began purchasing drugs from Powell in grams rather than stamp bags, she would provide empty stamp bags with the heroin/fentanyl to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. They would then re-package it, sell it and bring Pakutz the money that they owed to her. Pakutz also told the Grand Jury that, on occasion, Powell had provided her with illegal drugs - other than heroin/fentanyl - to sell.

The Grand Jury learned that a review of telephone records and text messages confirmed that Pakutz and Powell communicated on a regular basis and that Pakutz frequently communicated with Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz also communicated with multiple other individuals, discussing the distribution of controlled substances.

On July 6, 2020, officers met with a confidential informant ("CI") in order to conduct a controlled purchase of two bundles of heroin from Zediker. The CI was searched prior to the purchase and found to be free of controlled substances, money and weapons. The CI contacted Zediker via telephone and arranged to meet at her (Zediker's) residence. The CI was followed to the residence and was under constant surveillance until entry into the home. A short time later,

the CI left the residence and returned to officers where he/she turned over 20 stamp bags, advising that he/she had purchased the heroin from Zediker. The CI stated that Zediker had retrieved a larger bag of heroin from her bedroom and bagged the individual stamp bags in the presence of the CI. The drugs were subsequently submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of less than I gram of fentanyl, or, approximately .019 grams of fentanyl per bag.

The Grand Jury learned that on September 10, 2020, Detective Timothy Fennell of the Butler County District Attorney's Office was conducting surveillance of Powell at the Holiday Inn Express when he observed Lorraine Zediker ("L Zediker"), a known heroin user, arrive at the rear of the hotel. Pakutz exited the hotel and met with L. Zediker for a brief period of time. Both of them then departed in L. Zediker's Jeep Cherokee. Pakutz was observed coming and going from the hotel several times on September 10 and 11, 2020.

A review of text messages from Pakutz's mobile telephone revealed that from September 9 through 11, 2020, Pakutz delivered heroin/fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine to at least 10 different people. The quantities varied by person from a "bun" (10 stamp bags), a "whole," a "brick" or a "breezy" (50 stamp bags) to multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl. At one point during these conversations Pakutz told multiple customers that "My Ppls is here at the Telly (Hotel) wit me & they have some light brown shyt; but IDK how it is. They actually want me to have my Ppl try it." The text messages intercepted indicated that Zediker arranged to trade "23 20's" (pills) with Pakutz for a "whole one," meaning a brick of heroin/fentanyl, on September 10, 2020 as was observed through surveillance.

On October 1, 2020, Pakutz was detained and placed in the Butler County Prison on a bench warrant from Allegheny County. At 11:31 a.m., Pakutz placed a recorded telephone call to her mother. During this call, she instructed her mother to go to the room and get the light placed.

book bag. At the end of the call, Pakutz stated: "Make sure you get everything out of that room especially that book bag ASAP."

Officers contacted management at the Holiday Inn Express and confirmed that Pakutz had been staying in Room 206. Surveillance video from the rear of the hotel also confirmed that Pakutz stayed there on the night of September 30, 2020 into October 1, 2020. A search warrant was subsequently executed on Room 206 and a bag of suspected fentanyl, a scale, empty stamp bags and other packaging materials were recovered. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 8.67 grams of fentanyl.

Altogether, Powell made at least 33 trips from Philadelphia to Butler, between January 18, 2020 and October 15, 2020, to deliver illegal drugs to Feitl and Pakutz. The dates of Powell's trips are as follows:

- January 18 19, 2020
- January 25 26, 2020
- February 1 − 4, 2020
- February 13 14, 2020
- February 22-23, 2020
- February 28 March 2, 2020
- March 7-11, 2020
- March 15 -16, 2020
- March 20 21, 2020
- March 25 26, 2020
- April 1-2, 2020
- April 6 -8, 2020

- April 9-12, 2020
- April 14 17, 2020
- April 21 23, 2020
- May 2-5, 2020
- May 9 10, 2020
- May 14 16, 2020
- May 20-22, 2020
- May 25-27, 2020
- May 30 June 1, 2020
- June 4-6, 2020
- June 12 14, 2020
- June 26-28, 2020
- July 5 6, 2020
- July 13 − 14, 2020
- July 26 28, 2020
- August 2, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 9, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 23 -25, 2020
- September 9-11, 2020
- September 16 18, 2020
- September 30, 2020 (round trip all in one day)
- October 15, 2020

NA Brink informed the Grand Jury that he was able to estimate the quantities of heroin/fentanyl that Powell, Feitl and Pakutz were selling during the course of investigation based upon witness interviews, narcotics seizures and text message conversations. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from Philadelphia to Butler County for Feitl and Pakutz. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Feitl sold approximately 256 bricks (256 grams) of heroin/fentanyl and that Pakutz sold approximately 820 bricks (820 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.

### POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF:BUTLER COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS. Magisterial District Number: 50-5-03 (NAME and ADDRESS): MDJ: Hon. William T. Fullerton Address: 227 West Cunningham Street FEITL DESTRAE First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen Butler, PA 16003-1208 210 Pillow Street Butler, PA 16001 Telephone: (724)431-4854 NCIC Extradition Code Type C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States 5-Felony Pending Extradition ☐ Distance: 6-Felony Pending Extradition Determ. □ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition 2-Felony Limited ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States A-Misdemeanor Full ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ 4-Felony No Extradition ☐ B-Misdemeanor Limited DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OTN/LiveScan Number Complaint/Incident Number Request Lab Services? Date Filed Docket Number ☐ YES ☐ NO BN6005117DF RIFID Co-Defendant(s) GENDER ров 1/16/1987 POB Add'l DOB Gen. First Name Middle Name Last Name ☐ Male AKA Black Unknown Native American RACE ☑ White ☐ Asian Non-Hispanic Unknown Hispanic **ETHNICITY** PLE (Purple) BRO (Brown) BLU (Blue) SDY (Sandy) GRY (Gray) RED (Red/Aubn.) Hair PNK (Pink) GRN (Green) BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) ☐ WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Bald) Color BLN (Blonde / Strawberry) GRY (Gray) GRN (Green) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) BLK (Black) Eye MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) XXX (Unknown) Color HAZ (Hazel) MUL (Multicolored) **DNA Location** WEIGHT (lbs.) DNA ☐ YES ☐ NO FBI Number **MNU Number** 160 Ft. HEIGHT In. **Defendant Fingerprinted** ☐ YES ☐ NO Fingerprint Classification: DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION School Veh. Oth, NCIC Veh, Code Reg. Registration Comm'l Veh. Haz Ind. same as mat Plate # Sticker (MM/YY) Def. Make Model Style Color VIN Year Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507). (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date) DOUGLAS C. BRINK/TIMOTHY FENNELL 338/4179 (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge # (Name of the Affiant) Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General PA0222400 (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) (Police Agency ORI Number) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) 1. ☐ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301] City Of Butler (Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)

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### AFFIDAVIT

Douglas Brink, Narcotics Agent, of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations assigned to the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Timothy Fennell, Chief County Detective, Butler County District Attorney's Drug Task Force being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

Your Affiants are empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses involving violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

On April 13, 2021, the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury issued Presentment No. 14, recommending that criminal charges be filed against Desirae Feitl for violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The aforementioned Presentment was accepted by the Honorable Anthony M. Mariani, Supervising Judge of the Forty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, by Order dated April 14, 2021. A copy of the Presentment and the Order accepting the Presentment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Having read and reviewed the Presentment, and after having participated in this investigation and considering all the facts and circumstances, your Affiants are adopting the Presentment and incorporating it fully into this Affidavit of Probable Cause. Your Affiants aver that the testimony of the individuals who appeared before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury is consistent with the information contained within Presentment No.14 and the information developed within the course of the investigation specified herein. Furthermore, Presentment No. 14 shows on its face that it is based upon evidence which the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated which included sworn testimony of witnesses appearing before it and physical evidence presented to it.

Your Affiants have reviewed the evidence presented before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and finds that it comports with the findings of the investigation.

Douglas Brink Narcotics Agent

Timothy Fennell Chief County Detective

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### INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence pertaining to violations of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania occurring in Butler County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 41, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of heroin/fentanyl in and around Butler County. The investigation revealed that from January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, Quinzal Powell ("Powell") traveled from Philadelphia to Butler County in order to deliver large quantities of the controlled substances. Powell then conspired with Desirae Feitl ("Feitl") and Crystal Pakutz ("Pakutz") to distribute the drugs to others. It was determined that Feitl and Pakutz each had their own network of individuals to whom they sold heroin/fentanyl. During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that when Feitl was out of the country, Jodi Shirey ("Shirey") assumed responsibility for Feitl's role in the organization. Finally, Brandi Zediker ("Zediker") was found to be involved in the illegal distribution of heroin/fentanyl.

In terms of the quantity of narcotics being trafficked during this time period, a conservative estimate is that Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl. A conservative estimate of the heroin/fentanyl subsequently sold by Feitl and Pakutz is 256 bricks (256 grams) and 820 bricks (820 grams), respectively. Investigators also seized in excess of \$244,000.00 in U.S. currency suspected to be associated with the drug trafficking activity.

The Grand Jury heard testimony that members of law enforcement utilized various investigative techniques during the course of the investigation including electronic surveillance, in-person surveillance, cellular telephone communications monitoring/trap and trace number monitoring, and, GPS and cellular tower location tracking. Investigators also listened to recorded prison telephone calls, executed search warrants for text message communications, utilized confidential informants and sources, and conducted traffic stops. With respect to cellular telephones, the Grand Jury learned that Feitl had one telephone that maintained the same number throughout the investigation and was generally only used for conversations with her boyfriend, Eric Barlow ("Barlow"), Powell, and others close to her. Her second telephone - - which was primarily used to conduct her drug transactions - - changed numbers nine times throughout the course of the investigation. For his part, Powell maintained two telephones and used both for conversations with Feitl and Pakutz. Both telephones changed numbers five times during the course of the investigation. The Grand Jury heard testimony that changing telephone numbers is common for individuals who are trafficking narcotics in an attempt to conceal their activities from law enforcement.

### Powell to Desirae Feitl and Jodi Shirey

Cellular telephone communications between Feitl and Powell were constant throughout the course of the investigation, increasing around the dates when Powell was traveling to and/or present in Butler. Surveillance confirmed many of the meetings. Text messages detailed the amount of narcotics Powell would be supplying on particular trips; and on one occasion, as noted below, police stopped Powell's car and recovered over 1,000 bags of fentanyl in a search. The bags matched those later found in a search of Feitl's house.

Investigators were able to trace the path of the drugs Powell delivered to Feitl. Records revealed that Feitl had daily communications with Shirey, Victoria Baptiste ("Baptiste"), Shannon Winters ("Winters"), Cayla Cygan ("Cygan"), Rachel Barber ("Barber"), Chad Finucan ("Finucan") and others who were not identified. Multiple search warrants were obtained for Feitl's text messages and the results revealed thousands of conversations with the aforementioned individuals concerning the illegal distribution of controlled substances. Most of the text messages utilized coded language concerning drug trafficking. This included using other words to describe the drugs, texting only numbers to order a specific number of stamp bags and/or price, and, using single words to direct the buyers to a meeting location.

Throughout the investigation, members of law enforcement observed Feitl meeting with Baptiste, Winters, Shirey, Cygan, Barber and Finucan at various locations throughout Butler. Some of Feitl's regular meeting places included the parking lots of the following establishments: Save-A-Lot; the Clearview Mall; McDonald's; the Pointe Plaza; and the Greater Butler Mart. At each of these meetings, Feitl met with the individual for a brief period of time and then both vehicles left the parking lot. Text message conversations between Feitl and these individuals -- occurring prior to and after the meetings -- confirmed that they were purchasing controlled substances from Feitl. The chart below provides the date, location and the name of the individual with whom Feitl met to sell drugs, as observed by investigators conducting surveillance.

DATE	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING DRUGS
February 2, 2020	Clearview Mall parking lot	Shannon Winters
March 19, 2020	McDonald's parking lot in the Greater Butler Mart	Victoria Baptiste and Shannon Winters
March 25, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Rachel Barber and Shannon Winters

April 21, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Billy Abrams
April 27, 2020	Clearview Mall	Jodi Shirey and Shannon Winters
April 28, 2020	Point Plaza parking lot	Chad Finucan
April 28, 2020	Rite Aid parking lot	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Hillvue Self Storage	Jodi Shirey
June 4, 2020	Intersection of Eau Claire Street and Fifth Street	Cayla Cygan
September 11, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Jodi Shirey

The Grand Jury heard evidence that Baptiste had been purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl on a daily basis for approximately two to three years. She was buying 10 to 20 bags per day. Baptiste testified that she would text Feitl the number of bags that she wanted and then wait for Feitl to send her a message regarding the meeting location. Baptiste stated that she routinely met Feitl at the Save-A-lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony that Cygan began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl in March or April 2020 and that she continued to purchase from her until sometime in September of that year. Cygan stated that she purchased anywhere from 10 stamp bags to two bricks<sup>1</sup> from Feitl on a daily basis. She would often meet Feitl at the Save-A-Lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury learned that there are typically ten bags of heroin/fentanyl in a bundle and five bundles in a brick. A brick usually weighs one to one and a half grams.

The Grand Jury learned that Winters began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl, on a daily basis, sometime in May 2019. Winters purchased one or two bundles per day, occasionally buying a brick. Winters met with Feitl at the Clearview Mall, Walmart, Greater Butler Mart and other locations and they would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

On October 2, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Barlow's residence in McKeesport, Allegheny County where 150 bricks of heroin were seized. Barlow was arrested and then transferred to the Butler County Prison on a detainer. On November 15, 2019 at 10:54 a.m., Barlow placed a recorded call to Feitl from the prison. During the call, Feitl told Barlow that she was "pissed." She explained that she heard a garbage truck outside of her residence at 2;45 a.m., woke up, and assumed it was the police coming to her house. Feitl stated to Barlow, "I think you already know what happened... ahh, bunch of shit went down the toilet." Feitl then elaborated by stating, "I just fu\*king, I just lost a bunch of money... I just fu\*ked myself for real" meaning that she had flushed the controlled substances that she had prepared to sell.

On November 18, 2019, in another recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, the two discussed a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Butler that day where Shirey was present. Feitl told Barlow that "Jodi got the car impounded with my God damn money in it".

On February 2, 2020, in another recorded call to Barlow, Feitl stated, "The fu\*king township cops are driving around . . . now I can't leave. This is real fu\*king stressful, this is making me real sick to my stomach right now. He's definitely watching. I can't be on the phone right now and deal with this shit."

On March 20, 2020, during a recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, Feitl was heard talking to a female in the background. Feitl stated, "What the fu\*k do I look like, a mother fu\*king gas station, go get cash." Feitl then explained to Barlow that "the bitch tried to pay me with a

lottery ticket." Prior to this meeting, there were six calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber. Following Feitl's directive to "go get cash," there were an additional three calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber.

On March 8, 2020, Feitl flew from Pittsburgh to Miami and thereafter boarded a cruise ship. Through GPS tracking, it was confirmed that she was out of the country until March 15, 2020 when she arrived in Miami and flew back to Pittsburgh. While Feitl was out of the country, Shirey was in charge of handling Feitl's "business." Through a review of text messages and use of video surveillance, it was determined that Shirey communicated with at least two of Feitl's customers - Winters and Baptiste - - and subsequently sold heroin/fentanyl to them. Both Winters and Baptiste were instructed by Feitl to contact Shirey in order to purchase the narcotics. Text messages and video surveillance revealed that Winters purchased heroin/fentanyl from Shirey on at least six occasions for a total of 10 bundles or 100 stamps bags. Baptiste also purchased drugs from Shirey on at least two occasions while Feitl was away.

On May 9, 2020, members of the Butler City Police Department arrested Winters for driving under the influence and recovered 15 full stamp bags and five empty stamp bags. Winters told the officers that she had purchased the drugs from "Dez" (Feitl). The drugs were subsequently submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Regional Laboratory ("PSP Laboratory") for analysis. The results revealed the presence of heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance. Text messages between Feitl and Winters prior to her traffic stop confirmed that Winters had, in fact, ordered 20 stamp bags from Feitl.

On July 28, 2020, officers were conducting surveillance in the parking lot at the Greater Butler Mart in Butler Township when they observed Winters driving up and down the lanes of parked vehicles very slowly. Winters appeared to be checking for the presence of surveillance/law

enforcement. She then parked on the north end of the lot, two rows south of the McDonald's. Feitl then drove into the parking lot, stopping adjacent to Winter's vehicle. Winters proceeded to get out of her vehicle and go to the passenger side window of Feitl's vehicle. Winters then reached in and made an exchange with Feitl. Winters returned to her vehicle and Feitl left the lot. Next, Winters moved her vehicle and parked beside the McDonald's. When she got out of her vehicle, she was approached by the officers. Upon seeing them, she held out two bundles of heroin/fentanyl and stated, "She just rolled up on me and gave me these." The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. Leading up to this purchase, there were seven text messages and/or calls between Feitl and Winters.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic stop was initiated on Renaissance Drive in Butler County. Powell was identified as the sole occupant of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed two knotted baggies containing a combined total of approximately 1,149 stamp bags. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for fentanyl, weighing 24.6 grams.

On October 15, 2020, Feitl was taken into custody on existing warrants while operating her 2011 GMC Terrain. Seven bundles of suspected heroin and/or fentanyl were recovered from her person. The 66 stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 1.6 grams of fentanyl. A warrant was thereafter obtained to search the 2011 GMC Terrain. A search of that vehicle resulted in the seizure of the following: \$533.00 in U.S. currency; Nine deposit slips between the dates of March 16, 2020 and October 13, 2020 totaling \$13,332.00 for First National Bank Account # 95044008; a Huntington Bank debit card in the name of Feitl; and, a US Bank debit card in the name of Feitl.

Following Feitl's arrest, a search warrant was also executed at her residence in Butler. Investigators seized of 1,121 stamp bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, \$10,220.00 in U.S. currency

and other drug-related items. The stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing confirmed the presence of 27.4 grams of fentanyl.

Search warrants were also executed at two of Feitl's storage facilities at Hillvue Storage in Butler: D. Up 7 and B-6. The search conducted at D. Up 7 resulted in the seizure of a black safe that contained approximately \$234,000.00 in U.S. currency, the majority of which consisted of \$100.00 bills.

Narcotics Agent Douglas Brink ("NA Brink") of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General informed the Grand Jury that he spoke with a representatives at Dollar Bank who advised that Feitl's account had been flagged and subsequently closed due to concerns about money laundering. They stated that Feitl routinely brought in small dollar bills and asked that they be converted into \$100.00 bills.

## Powell to Crystal Pakutz to Brandi Zediker

Pakutz appeared before the Grand Jury and testified that she began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Powell, whom she knows as "Slim," in March or April 2020. Pakutz stated that she was broke at the time and decided to "work" for him by selling heroin.

Pakutz testified that for the first few weeks, she was purchasing two bricks (100 stamp bags) each time when Powell came to town. After that, she began purchasing 20 to 30 bricks per trip, and, sometime in June or July, she began purchasing 20 to 30 grams of heroin/fentanyl in a single day. She stated that Powell had also provided her with a large quantity of empty stamp bags during one of his trips. Pakutz told the Grand Jury that she lived at the Holiday Inn Express in Butler for approximately one and one-half months prior to her arrest on October 1, 2020. Powell would stay at the hotel when he was in town. She advised that sometimes he would stay in his own room and other times he would stay with her in her room.

Pakutz advised that she sold the heroin/fentanyl that she purchased from Powell to various other individuals on a regular basis. According to Pakutz, she had three clients who purchased from her on a daily basis: Brandi Zediker ("Zediker"), Destiny Stemmerich ("Stemmerich") and Christian Manny ("Manny"). Zediker purchased five grams per day, every day, from March or April until sometime in July or August when she began purchasing five grams every other day until October. In July or August, Pakutz advised that she also began selling to Stemmerich and Manny. She stated that they each purchased one or two bricks, every day or every other day. Pakutz stated that she also sold to other individuals, but not as regularly as she sold to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz advised that she would sometimes "front" these three individuals the controlled substances. She explained that after she began purchasing drugs from Powell in grams rather than stamp bags, she would provide empty stamp bags with the heroin/fentanyl to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. They would then re-package it, sell it and bring Pakutz the money that they owed to her. Pakutz also told the Grand Jury that, on occasion, Powell had provided her with illegal drugs - - other than heroin/fentanyl - - to sell.

The Grand Jury learned that a review of telephone records and text messages confirmed that Pakutz and Powell communicated on a regular basis and that Pakutz frequently communicated with Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz also communicated with multiple other individuals, discussing the distribution of controlled substances.

On July 6, 2020, officers met with a confidential informant ("CI") in order to conduct a controlled purchase of two bundles of heroin from Zediker. The CI was searched prior to the purchase and found to be free of controlled substances, money and weapons. The CI contacted Zediker via telephone and arranged to meet at her (Zediker's) residence. The CI was followed to the residence and was under constant surveillance until entry into the home. A short time later,

that he/she had purchased the heroin from Zediker. The CI stated that Zediker had retrieved a larger bag of heroin from her bedroom and bagged the individual stamp bags in the presence of the CI. The drugs were subsequently submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of less than 1 gram of fentanyl, or, approximately .019 grams of fentanyl per bag.

The Grand Jury learned that on September 10, 2020, Detective Timothy Fennell of the Butler County District Attorney's Office was conducting surveillance of Powell at the Holiday Inn Express when he observed Lorraine Zediker ("L Zediker"), a known heroin user, arrive at the rear of the hotel. Pakutz exited the hotel and met with L. Zediker for a brief period of time. Both of them then departed in L. Zediker's Jeep Cherokee. Pakutz was observed coming and going from the hotel several times on September 10 and 11, 2020.

A review of text messages from Pakutz's mobile telephone revealed that from September 9 through 11, 2020, Pakutz delivered heroin/fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine to at least 10 different people. The quantities varied by person from a "bun" (10 stamp bags), a "whole," a "brick" or a "breezy" (50 stamp bags) to multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl. At one point during these conversations Pakutz told multiple customers that "My Ppls is here at the Telly(Hotel) wit me & they have some light brown shyt; but IDK how it is. They actually want me to have my Ppl try it." The text messages intercepted indicated that Zediker arranged to trade "23 20's" (pills) with Pakutz for a "whole one," meaning a brick of heroin/fentanyl, on September 10, 2020 as was observed through surveillance.

On October 1, 2020, Pakutz was detained and placed in the Bufler County Prison on a bench warrant from Allegheny County. At 11:31 a.m., Pakutz placed a recorded telephone call to her mother. During this call, she instructed her mother to go to the room and get the light pink

book bag. At the end of the call, Pakutz stated: "Make sure you get everything out of that room especially that book bag ASAP."

Officers contacted management at the Holiday Inn Express and confirmed that Pakutz had been staying in Room 206. Surveillance video from the rear of the hotel also confirmed that Pakutz stayed there on the night of September 30, 2020 into October 1, 2020. A search warrant was subsequently executed on Room 206 and a bag of suspected fentanyl, a scale, empty stamp bags and other packaging materials were recovered. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 8.67 grams of fentanyl.

Altogether, Powell made at least 33 trips from Philadelphia to Butler, between January 18, 2020 and October 15, 2020, to deliver illegal drugs to Feitl and Pakutz. The dates of Powell's trips are as follows:

- January 18 19, 2020
- January 25 26, 2020
- February 1 − 4, 2020
- February 13 − 14, 2020
- February 22-23, 2020
- February 28 March 2, 2020
- March 7-11, 2020
- March 15 -16, 2020
- March 20 − 21, 2020
- March 25 − 26, 2020
- April 1-2,2020
- April 6 -8, 2020

- April 9-12, 2020
- April 14 17, 2020
- April 21 23, 2020
- May 2-5, 2020
- May 9 10, 2020
- May 14 16, 2020
- May 20-22, 2020
- May 25 27, 2020
- May 30 June 1, 2020
- June 4-6, 2020
- June 12 14, 2020
- June 26 28, 2020
- July 5 6, 2020
- July 13 14, 2020
- July 26 28, 2020
- August 2, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 9, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 23 -25, 2020
- September 9-11, 2020
- September 16 18, 2020
- September 30, 2020 (round trip all in one day)
- October 15, 2020

NA Brink informed the Grand Jury that he was able to estimate the quantities of heroin/fentanyl that Powell, Feitl and Pakutz were selling during the course of investigation based upon witness interviews, narcotics seizures and text message conversations. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from Philadelphia to Butler County for Feitl and Pakutz. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Feitl sold approximately 256 bricks (256 grams) of heroin/fentanyl and that Pakutz sold approximately 820 bricks (820 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.

### POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF: BUTLER (12) \(\frac{12}{2}\), (12) VS. Magisterial District Number: 50-5-03 (NAME and ADDRESS): DEFENDANT: MDJ: Hon. William T. Fullerton SHIREY **SUE** 10DI Address: 227 West Cunningham Street Gen Last Name Middle Name First Name Butler, PA 16003-1208 121 Monaco Street Butler, PA 16002 Telephone: (724)431-4854 NCIC Extradition Code Type C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States 5-Felony Pending Extradition Distance: 1-Felony Full □ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition 6-Felony Pending Extradition Determ. 2-Felony Limited ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ A-Misdemeanor Full ☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ B-Misdemeanor Limited ☐ 4-Felony No Extradition DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION Request Lab Services? Complaint/Incident Number OTN/LiveScan Number Date Filed Docket Number ☐ YES ☐ NO BN6005117JS 2. 1º 4 121 Co-Defendant(s) Add'I DOB ров 6/27/1970 POB GENDER Gen. Last Name Middle Name First Name ☐ Male AKA ☐ Unknown Native American Black Asian ☑ White RACE Unknown Non-Hispanic Hispanic **ETHNICITY** BRO (Brown) PLE (Purple) SDY (Sandy) BLU (Blue) GRY (Gray) RED (Red/Aubn.) PNK (Pink) GRN (Green) Hair XXX (Unk./Bald) ☐ WHI (White) ONG (Orange) BLK (Black) Color BLN (Blonde / Strawberry) GRY (Gray) GRN (Green) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) BLK (Black) Eye XXX (Unknown) MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) MUL (Multicolored) HAZ (Hazel) Color WEIGHT (lbs.) **DNA Location** ☐ YES ☐ NO DNA 110 MNU Number FBI Number Ft. HEIGHT In. ☐ YES ☐ NO Defendant Fingerprinted 11 Fingerprint Classification: DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION Oth. NCIC Veh. Code Reg. School Veh. Registration Comm'l Veh. State Haz same as Ind. mat Sticker (MM/YY) Plate # Def. П Color Style Model Make VIN Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507). (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date) (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) DOUGLAS C. BRINK/TIMOTHY FENNELL (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge # (Name of the Affiant) PA0222400 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (Police Agency ORI Number) (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above $\square$ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe City Of Butler with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301] (Place-Political Subdivision) (Subdivision Code) on or about JANUARY 18, 2020 THRU OCTOBER 15, 2020 [10] in BUTLER County (County Code)



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### **AFFIDAVIT**

Douglas Brink, Narcotics Agent, of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations assigned to the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Timothy Fennell, Chief County Detective, Butler County District Attorney's Drug Task Force being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

Your Affiants are empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses involving violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

On April 13, 2021, the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury issued Presentment No. 14, recommending that criminal charges be filed against Jodi Shirey for violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The aforementioned Presentment was accepted by the Honorable Anthony M. Mariani, Supervising Judge of the Forty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, by Order dated April 14, 2021. A copy of the Presentment and the Order accepting the Presentment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Having read and reviewed the Presentment, and after having participated in this investigation and considering all the facts and circumstances, your Affiants are adopting the Presentment and incorporating it fully into this Affidavit of Probable Cause. Your Affiants aver that the testimony of the individuals who appeared before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury is consistent with the information contained within Presentment No.14 and the information developed within the course of the investigation specified herein. Furthermore, Presentment No. 14 shows on its face that it is based upon evidence which the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated which included sworn testimony of witnesses appearing before it and physical evidence presented to it.

Your Affiants have reviewed the evidence presented before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and find that it comports with the findings of the investigation.

Douglas Brink Narcotics Agent

Timothy Fennell

Chief County Detective

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BEFORE ME THIS <u>JE</u> DAY

OF April \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

### INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence pertaining to violations of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania occurring in Butler County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 41, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of heroin/fentanyl in and around Butler County. The investigation revealed that from January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, Quinzal Powell ("Powell") traveled from Philadelphia to Butler County in order to deliver large quantities of the controlled substances. Powell then conspired with Desirae Feitl ("Feitl") and Crystal Pakutz ("Pakutz") to distribute the drugs to others. It was determined that Feitl and Pakutz each had their own network of individuals to whom they sold heroin/fentanyl. During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that when Feitl was out of the country, Jodi Shirey ("Shirey") assumed responsibility for Feitl's role in the organization. Finally, Brandi Zediker ("Zediker") was found to be involved in the illegal distribution of heroin/fentanyl.

In terms of the quantity of narcotics being trafficked during this time period, a conservative estimate is that Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl. A conservative estimate of the heroin/fentanyl subsequently sold by Feitl and Pakutz is 256 bricks (256 grams) and 820 bricks (820 grams), respectively. Investigators also seized in excess of \$244,000.00 in U.S. currency suspected to be associated with the drug trafficking activity.

The Grand Jury heard testimony that members of law enforcement utilized various investigative techniques during the course of the investigation including electronic surveillance, in-person surveillance, cellular telephone communications monitoring/trap and trace number monitoring, and, GPS and cellular tower location tracking. Investigators also listened to recorded prison telephone calls, executed search warrants for text message communications, utilized confidential informants and sources, and conducted traffic stops. With respect to cellular telephones, the Grand Jury learned that Feitl had one telephone that maintained the same number throughout the investigation and was generally only used for conversations with her boyfriend, Eric Barlow ("Barlow"), Powell, and others close to her. Her second telephone - - which was primarily used to conduct her drug transactions - - changed numbers nine times throughout the course of the investigation. For his part, Powell maintained two telephones and used both for conversations with Feitl and Pakutz. Both telephones changed numbers five times during the course of the investigation. The Grand Jury heard testimony that changing telephone numbers is common for individuals who are trafficking narcotics in an attempt to conceal their activities from law enforcement.

# Powell to Desirae Feitl and Jodi Shirey

Cellular telephone communications between Feitl and Powell were constant throughout the course of the investigation, increasing around the dates when Powell was traveling to and/or present in Butler. Surveillance confirmed many of the meetings. Text messages detailed the amount of narcotics Powell would be supplying on particular trips; and on one occasion, as noted below, police stopped Powell's car and recovered over 1,000 bags of fentanyl in a search. The bags matched those later found in a search of Feitl's house.

Investigators were able to trace the path of the drugs Powell delivered to Feitl. Records revealed that Feitl had daily communications with Shirey, Victoria Baptiste ("Baptiste"), Shannon Winters ("Winters"), Cayla Cygan ("Cygan"), Rachel Barber ("Barber"), Chad Finucan ("Finucan") and others who were not identified. Multiple search warrants were obtained for Feitl's text messages and the results revealed thousands of conversations with the aforementioned individuals concerning the illegal distribution of controlled substances. Most of the text messages utilized coded language concerning drug trafficking. This included using other words to describe the drugs, texting only numbers to order a specific number of stamp bags and/or price, and, using single words to direct the buyers to a meeting location.

Throughout the investigation, members of law enforcement observed Feitl meeting with Baptiste, Winters, Shirey, Cygan, Barber and Finucan at various locations throughout Butler. Some of Feitl's regular meeting places included the parking lots of the following establishments: Save-A-Lot; the Clearview Mall; McDonald's; the Pointe Plaza; and the Greater Butler Mart. At each of these meetings, Feitl met with the individual for a brief period of time and then both vehicles left the parking lot. Text message conversations between Feitl and these individuals - - occurring prior to and after the meetings - - confirmed that they were purchasing controlled substances from Feitl. The chart below provides the date, location and the name of the individual with whom Feitl met to sell drugs, as observed by investigators conducting surveillance.

DATE	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING DRUGS
February 2, 2020	Clearview Mall parking lot	Shannon Winters
March 19, 2020	McDonald's parking lot in the Greater Butler Mart	Victoria Baptiste and Shannon Winters
March 25, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Rachel Barber and Shannon Winters

April 21, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Billy Abrams
April 27, 2020	Clearview Mall	Jodi Shirey and Shannon Winters
April 28, 2020	Point Plaza parking lot	Chad Finucan
April 28, 2020	Rite Aid parking lot	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Hillvue Self Storage	Jodi Shirey
June 4, 2020	Intersection of Eau Claire Street and Fifth Street	Cayla Cygan
September 11, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Jodi Shirey

The Grand Jury heard evidence that Baptiste had been purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl on a daily basis for approximately two to three years. She was buying 10 to 20 bags per day. Baptiste testified that she would text Feitl the number of bags that she wanted and then wait for Feitl to send her a message regarding the meeting location. Baptiste stated that she routinely met Feitl at the Save-A-lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony that Cygan began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl in March or April 2020 and that she continued to purchase from her until sometime in September of that year. Cygan stated that she purchased anywhere from 10 stamp bags to two bricks<sup>1</sup> from Feitl on a daily basis. She would often meet Feitl at the Save-A-Lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Grand Jury learned that there are typically ten bags of heroin/fentanyl in a bundle and five bundles in a brick. A brick usually weighs one to one and a half grams.

The Grand Jury learned that Winters began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl, on a daily basis, sometime in May 2019. Winters purchased one or two bundles per day, occasionally buying a brick. Winters met with Feitl at the Clearview Mall, Walmart, Greater Butler Mart and other locations and they would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

On October 2, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Barlow's residence in McKeesport, Allegheny County where 150 bricks of heroin were seized. Barlow was arrested and then transferred to the Butler County Prison on a detainer. On November 15, 2019 at 10:54 a.m., Barlow placed a recorded call to Feitl from the prison. During the call, Feitl told Barlow that she was "pissed." She explained that she heard a garbage truck outside of her residence at 2:45 a.m., woke up, and assumed it was the police coming to her house. Feitl stated to Barlow, "I think you already know what happened . . . ahh, bunch of shit went down the toilet." Feitl then elaborated by stating, "I just fu\*king, I just lost a bunch of money . . . I just fu\*ked myself for real" meaning that she had flushed the controlled substances that she had prepared to sell.

On November 18, 2019, in another recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, the two discussed a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Butler that day where Shirey was present. Feitl told Barlow that "Jodi got the car impounded with my God damn money in it".

On February 2, 2020, in another recorded call to Barlow, Feitl stated, "The fu\*king township cops are driving around . . . now I can't leave. This is real fu\*king stressful, this is making me real sick to my stomach right now. He's definitely watching. I can't be on the phone right now and deal with this shit."

On March 20, 2020, during a recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, Feitl was heard talking to a female in the background. Feitl stated, "What the fu\*k do I look like, a mother fu\*king gas station, go get cash." Feitl then explained to Barlow that "the bitch tried to pay me with a

lottery ticket." Prior to this meeting, there were six calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber. Following Feitl's directive to "go get cash," there were an additional three calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber.

On March 8, 2020, Feitl flew from Pittsburgh to Miami and thereafter boarded a cruise ship. Through GPS tracking, it was confirmed that she was out of the country until March 15, 2020 when she arrived in Miami and flew back to Pittsburgh. While Feitl was out of the country, Shirey was in charge of handling Feitl's "business." Through a review of text messages and use of video surveillance, it was determined that Shirey communicated with at least two of Feitl's customers - Winters and Baptiste - - and subsequently sold heroin/fentanyl to them. Both Winters and Baptiste were instructed by Feitl to contact Shirey in order to purchase the narcotics. Text messages and video surveillance revealed that Winters purchased heroin/fentanyl from Shirey on at least six occasions for a total of 10 bundles or 100 stamps bags. Baptiste also purchased drugs from Shirey on at least two occasions while Feitl was away.

On May 9, 2020, members of the Butler City Police Department arrested Winters for driving under the influence and recovered 15 full stamp bags and five empty stamp bags. Winters told the officers that she had purchased the drugs from "Dez" (Feitl). The drugs were subsequently submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Regional Laboratory ("PSP Laboratory") for analysis. The results revealed the presence of heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance. Text messages between Feitl and Winters prior to her traffic stop confirmed that Winters had, in fact, ordered 20 stamp bags from Feitl.

On July 28, 2020, officers were conducting surveillance in the parking lot at the Greater Butler Mart in Butler Township when they observed Winters driving up and down the lanes of parked vehicles very slowly. Winters appeared to be checking for the presence of surveillance/law

enforcement. She then parked on the north end of the lot, two rows south of the McDonald's. Feitl then drove into the parking lot, stopping adjacent to Winter's vehicle. Winters proceeded to get out of her vehicle and go to the passenger side window of Feitl's vehicle. Winters then reached in and made an exchange with Feitl. Winters returned to her vehicle and Feitl left the lot. Next, Winters moved her vehicle and parked beside the McDonald's. When she got out of her vehicle, she was approached by the officers. Upon seeing them, she held out two bundles of heroin/fentanyl and stated, "She just rolled up on me and gave me these." The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. Leading up to this purchase, there were seven text messages and/or calls between Feitl and Winters.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic stop was initiated on Renaissance Drive in Butler County. Powell was identified as the sole occupant of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed two knotted baggies containing a combined total of approximately 1,149 stamp bags. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for fentanyl, weighing 24.6 grams.

On October 15, 2020, Feitl was taken into custody on existing warrants while operating her 2011 GMC Terrain. Seven bundles of suspected heroin and/or fentanyl were recovered from her person. The 66 stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 1.6 grams of fentanyl. A warrant was thereafter obtained to search the 2011 GMC Terrain. A search of that vehicle resulted in the seizure of the following: \$533.00 in U.S. currency; Nine deposit slips between the dates of March 16, 2020 and October 13, 2020 totaling \$13,332.00 for First National Bank Account # 95044008; a Huntington Bank debit card in the name of Feitl; and, a US Bank debit card in the name of Feitl.

Following Feitl's arrest, a search warrant was also executed at her residence in Butler. Investigators seized of 1,121 stamp bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, \$10,220.00 in U.S. currency

and other drug-related items. The stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing confirmed the presence of 27.4 grams of fentanyl.

Search warrants were also executed at two of Feitl's storage facilities at Hillvue Storage in Butler: D. Up 7 and B-6. The search conducted at D. Up 7 resulted in the seizure of a black safe that contained approximately \$234,000.00 in U.S. currency, the majority of which consisted of \$100.00 bills.

Narcotics Agent Douglas Brink ("NA Brink") of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General informed the Grand Jury that he spoke with a representatives at Dollar Bank who advised that Feitl's account had been flagged and subsequently closed due to concerns about money laundering. They stated that Feitl routinely brought in small dollar bills and asked that they be converted into \$100.00 bills.

### Powell to Crystal Pakutz to Brandi Zediker

Pakutz appeared before the Grand Jury and testified that she began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Powell, whom she knows as "Slim," in March or April 2020. Pakutz stated that she was broke at the time and decided to "work" for him by selling heroin.

Pakutz testified that for the first few weeks, she was purchasing two bricks (100 stamp bags) each time when Powell came to town. After that, she began purchasing 20 to 30 bricks per trip, and, sometime in June or July, she began purchasing 20 to 30 grams of heroin/fentanyl in a single day. She stated that Powell had also provided her with a large quantity of empty stamp bags during one of his trips. Pakutz told the Grand Jury that she lived at the Holiday Inn Express in Butler for approximately one and one-half months prior to her arrest on October 1, 2020. Powell would stay at the hotel when he was in town. She advised that sometimes he would stay in his own room and other times he would stay with her in her room.

Pakutz advised that she sold the heroin/fentanyl that she purchased from Powell to various other individuals on a regular basis. According to Pakutz, she had three clients who purchased from her on a daily basis: Brandi Zediker ("Zediker"), Destiny Stemmerich ("Stemmerich") and Christian Manny ("Manny"). Zediker purchased five grams per day, every day, from March or April until sometime in July or August when she began purchasing five grams every other day until October. In July or August, Pakutz advised that she also began selling to Stemmerich and Manny. She stated that they each purchased one or two bricks, every day or every other day. Pakutz stated that she also sold to other individuals, but not as regularly as she sold to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz advised that she would sometimes "front" these three individuals the controlled substances. She explained that after she began purchasing drugs from Powell in grams rather than stamp bags, she would provide empty stamp bags with the heroin/fentanyl to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. They would then re-package it, sell it and bring Pakutz the money that they owed to her. Pakutz also told the Grand Jury that, on occasion, Powell had provided her with illegal drugs - - other than heroin/fentanyl - - to sell.

The Grand Jury learned that a review of telephone records and text messages confirmed that Pakutz and Powell communicated on a regular basis and that Pakutz frequently communicated with Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz also communicated with multiple other individuals, discussing the distribution of controlled substances.

On July 6, 2020, officers met with a confidential informant ("CI") in order to conduct a controlled purchase of two bundles of heroin from Zediker. The CI was searched prior to the purchase and found to be free of controlled substances, money and weapons. The CI contacted Zediker via telephone and arranged to meet at her (Zediker's) residence. The CI was followed to the residence and was under constant surveillance until entry into the home. A short time later,

that he/she had purchased the heroin from Zediker. The CI stated that Zediker had retrieved a larger bag of heroin from her bedroom and bagged the individual stamp bags in the presence of the CI. The drugs were subsequently submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of less than 1 gram of fentanyl, or, approximately .019 grams of fentanyl per bag.

The Grand Jury learned that on September 10, 2020, Detective Timothy Fennell of the Butler County District Attorney's Office was conducting surveillance of Powell at the Holiday Inn Express when he observed Lorraine Zediker ("L Zediker"), a known heroin user, arrive at the rear of the hotel. Pakutz exited the hotel and met with L. Zediker for a brief period of time. Both of them then departed in L. Zediker's Jeep Cherokee. Pakutz was observed coming and going from the hotel several times on September 10 and 11, 2020.

A review of text messages from Pakutz's mobile telephone revealed that from September 9 through 11, 2020, Pakutz delivered heroin/fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine to at least 10 different people. The quantities varied by person from a "bun" (10 stamp bags), a "whole," a "brick" or a "breezy" (50 stamp bags) to multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl. At one point during these conversations Pakutz told multiple customers that "My Ppls is here at the Telly(Hotel) wit me & they have some light brown shyt; but IDK how it is. They actually want me to have my Ppl try it." The text messages intercepted indicated that Zediker arranged to trade "23 20's" (pills) with Pakutz for a "whole one," meaning a brick of heroin/fentanyl, on September 10, 2020 as was observed through surveillance.

On October 1, 2020, Pakutz was detained and placed in the Butler County Prison on a bench warrant from Allegheny County. At 11:31 a.m., Pakutz placed a recorded telephone call to her mother. During this call, she instructed her mother to go to the room and get the light pink

book bag. At the end of the call, Pakutz stated: "Make sure you get everything out of that room especially that book bag ASAP."

Officers contacted management at the Holiday Inn Express and confirmed that Pakutz had been staying in Room 206. Surveillance video from the rear of the hotel also confirmed that Pakutz stayed there on the night of September 30, 2020 into October 1, 2020. A search warrant was subsequently executed on Room 206 and a bag of suspected fentanyl, a scale, empty stamp bags and other packaging materials were recovered. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 8.67 grams of fentanyl.

Altogether, Powell made at least 33 trips from Philadelphia to Butler, between January 18, 2020 and October 15, 2020, to deliver illegal drugs to Feitl and Pakutz. The dates of Powell's trips are as follows:

- January 18 19, 2020
- January 25 26, 2020
- February 1 4, 2020
- February 13 14, 2020
- February 22-23, 2020
- February 28 March 2, 2020
- March 7-11, 2020
- March 15 -16, 2020
- March 20-21, 2020
- March 25 − 26, 2020
- April 1-2,2020
- April 6 -8, 2020

- April 9-12, 2020
- April 14 17, 2020
- April 21 23, 2020
- May 2 5, 2020
- May 9 10, 2020
- May 14 16, 2020
- May 20-22, 2020
- May 25 27, 2020
- May 30 June 1, 2020
- June 4-6, 2020
- June 12 14, 2020
- June 26 − 28, 2020
- July 5 6, 2020
- July 13 14, 2020
- July 26 28, 2020
- August 2, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 9, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 23 -25, 2020
- September 9-11, 2020
- September 16 18, 2020
- September 30, 2020 (round trip all in one day)
- October 15, 2020

NA Brink informed the Grand Jury that he was able to estimate the quantities of heroin/fentanyl that Powell, Feitl and Pakutz were selling during the course of investigation based upon witness interviews, narcotics seizures and text message conversations. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from Philadelphia to Butler County for Feitl and Pakutz. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Feitl sold approximately 256 bricks (256 grams) of heroin/fentanyl and that Pakutz sold approximately 820 bricks (820 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COUNTY OF:BUTLER ( ) I TO THE TOTAL OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Magisterial District Number: 50-5-03 VS. MDJ: Hon, William T. Fullerton (NAME and ADDRESS): **QUINZAL** SHAMAR POWELL Address: 227 West Cunningham Street Middle Name Last Name Gen First Name Butler, PA 16003-1208 1432 West Rockland St Philadelphia, PA 19141 Telephone: (724)431-4854 NCIC Extradition Code Type C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States ☐ 5-Felony Pending Extradition ☐ Distance: ☐ 6-Felony Pending Extradition Determ. □ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition 2-Felony Limited ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition 3-Felony Surrounding States ☐ A-Misdemeanor Full 4-Felony No Extradition □ B-Misdemeanor Limited ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION Request Lab Services? Complaint/Incident Number Docket Number Date Filed OTN/LiveScan Number YES NO 12.1= 4101 BN60051170P Co-Defendant(s) GENDER ров 9/14/1990 Add'l DOB POB Gen. Male Male First Name Middle Name Last Name Female AKA Black Unknown ☐ White ☐ Hispanic RACE Asian ■ Native American Unknown ETHNICITY Non-Hispanic BRO (Brown) SDY (Sandy) PLE (Purple) GRY (Gray) RED (Red/Aubn.) BLU (Blue) Hair PNK (Pink) ☐ WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Bald) GRN (Green) BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) Color BLN (Blonde / Strawberry) GRY (Gray) BLK (Black) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) GRN (Green) Eye Color HAZ (Hazel) ☐ MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) XXX (Unknown) MUL (Multicolored) DNA ☐ YES ☐ NO **DNA Location** WEIGHT (lbs.) FBI Number MNU Number 140 Ft. HEIGHT In. Defendant Fingerprinted ☐ YES ☐ NO 9 Fingerprint Classification: DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION School Veh. Oth, NCIC Veh, Code Comm'l Veh. Reg. State Haz Registration Ind. 🔲 same as mat Plate # Sticker (MM/YY) Def. VIN Year Make Model Style Color Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa R Crim.P. 507). (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) 338 DOUGLAS C. BRINK/TIMOTHY FENNELL (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge # (Name of the Affiant) PA0222400 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (Police Agency ORI Number) (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) 1. ☐ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301] City Of Butler

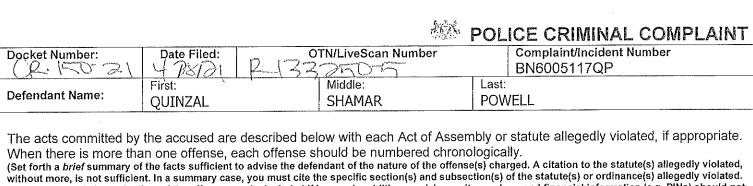
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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

Douglas Brink, Narcotics Agent, of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations assigned to the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Timothy Fennell, Chief County Detective, Butler County District Attorney's Drug Task Force being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

Your Affiants are empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses involving violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

On April 13, 2021, the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury issued Presentment No. 14, recommending that criminal charges be filed against Quinzal Powell for violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The aforementioned Presentment was accepted by the Honorable Anthony M. Mariani, Supervising Judge of the Forty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, by Order dated April 14, 2021. A copy of the Presentment and the Order accepting the Presentment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Having read and reviewed the Presentment, and after having participated in this investigation and considering all the facts and circumstances, your Affiants are adopting the Presentment and incorporating it fully into this Affidavit of Probable Cause. Your Affiants aver that the testimony of the individuals who appeared before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury is consistent with the information contained within Presentment No.14 and the information developed within the course of the investigation specified herein. Furthermore, Presentment No. 14 shows on its face that it is based upon evidence which the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated which included sworn testimony of witnesses appearing before it and physical evidence presented to it.

Your Affiants have reviewed the evidence presented before the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and find that it comports with the findings of the investigation.

Douglas Brink Narcotics Agent

Timothy Fennell

Chief County Detective

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### INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Forty-Sixth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence pertaining to violations of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania occurring in Butler County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 41, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of heroin/fentanyl in and around Butler County. The investigation revealed that from January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, Quinzal Powell ("Powell") traveled from Philadelphia to Butler County in order to deliver large quantities of the controlled substances. Powell then conspired with Desirae Feitl ("Feitl") and Crystal Pakutz ("Pakutz") to distribute the drugs to others. It was determined that Feitl and Pakutz each had their own network of individuals to whom they sold heroin/fentanyl. During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that when Feitl was out of the country, Jodi Shirey ("Shirey") assumed responsibility for Feitl's role in the organization. Finally, Brandi Zediker ("Zediker") was found to be involved in the illegal distribution of heroin/fentanyl.

In terms of the quantity of narcotics being trafficked during this time period, a conservative estimate is that Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl. A conservative estimate of the heroin/fentanyl subsequently sold by Feitl and Pakutz is 256 bricks (256 grams) and 820 bricks (820 grams), respectively. Investigators also seized in excess of \$244,000.00 in U.S. currency suspected to be associated with the drug trafficking activity.

The Grand Jury heard testimony that members of law enforcement utilized various investigative techniques during the course of the investigation including electronic surveillance, in-person surveillance, cellular telephone communications monitoring/trap and trace number monitoring, and, GPS and cellular tower location tracking. Investigators also listened to recorded prison telephone calls, executed search warrants for text message communications, utilized confidential informants and sources, and conducted traffic stops. With respect to cellular telephones, the Grand Jury learned that Feitl had one telephone that maintained the same number throughout the investigation and was generally only used for conversations with her boyfriend, Eric Barlow ("Barlow"), Powell, and others close to her. Her second telephone - - which was primarily used to conduct her drug transactions - - changed numbers nine times throughout the course of the investigation. For his part, Powell maintained two telephones and used both for conversations with Feitl and Pakutz. Both telephones changed numbers five times during the course of the investigation. The Grand Jury heard testimony that changing telephone numbers is common for individuals who are trafficking narcotics in an attempt to conceal their activities from law enforcement.

## Powell to Desirae Feitl and Jodi Shirey

Cellular telephone communications between Feitl and Powell were constant throughout the course of the investigation, increasing around the dates when Powell was traveling to and/or present in Butler. Surveillance confirmed many of the meetings. Text messages detailed the amount of narcotics Powell would be supplying on particular trips; and on one occasion, as noted below, police stopped Powell's car and recovered over 1,000 bags of fentanyl in a search. The bags matched those later found in a search of Feitl's house.

Investigators were able to trace the path of the drugs Powell delivered to Feitl. Records revealed that Feitl had daily communications with Shirey, Victoria Baptiste ("Baptiste"), Shannon Winters ("Winters"), Cayla Cygan ("Cygan"), Rachel Barber ("Barber"), Chad Finucan ("Finucan") and others who were not identified. Multiple search warrants were obtained for Feitl's text messages and the results revealed thousands of conversations with the aforementioned individuals concerning the illegal distribution of controlled substances. Most of the text messages utilized coded language concerning drug trafficking. This included using other words to describe the drugs, texting only numbers to order a specific number of stamp bags and/or price, and, using single words to direct the buyers to a meeting location.

Throughout the investigation, members of law enforcement observed Feitl meeting with Baptiste, Winters, Shirey, Cygan, Barber and Finucan at various locations throughout Butler. Some of Feitl's regular meeting places included the parking lots of the following establishments: Save-A-Lot; the Clearview Mall; McDonald's; the Pointe Plaza; and the Greater Butler Mart. At each of these meetings, Feitl met with the individual for a brief period of time and then both vehicles left the parking lot. Text message conversations between Feitl and these individuals - - occurring prior to and after the meetings - - confirmed that they were purchasing controlled substances from Feitl. The chart below provides the date, location and the name of the individual with whom Feitl met to sell drugs, as observed by investigators conducting surveillance.

DATE	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING DRUGS		
February 2, 2020	Clearview Mall parking lot	Shannon Winters		
March 19, 2020	McDonald's parking lot in the Greater Butler Mart	Victoria Baptiste and Shannon Winters		
March 25, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Rachel Barber and Shannon Winters		

April 21, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Billy Abrams
April 27, 2020	Clearview Mall	Jodi Shirey and Shannon Winters
April 28, 2020	Point Plaza parking lot	Chad Finucan
April 28, 2020	Rite Aid parking lot	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot at Pullman Square	Shannon Winters
May 13, 2020	Hillvue Self Storage	Jodi Shirey
June 4, 2020	Intersection of Eau Claire Street and Fifth Street	Cayla Cygan
September 11, 2020	Save-A-Lot parking lot in Pullman Square	Jodi Shirey

The Grand Jury heard evidence that Baptiste had been purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl on a daily basis for approximately two to three years. She was buying 10 to 20 bags per day. Baptiste testified that she would text Feitl the number of bags that she wanted and then wait for Feitl to send her a message regarding the meeting location. Baptiste stated that she routinely met Feitl at the Save-A-lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony that Cygan began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl in March or April 2020 and that she continued to purchase from her until sometime in September of that year. Cygan stated that she purchased anywhere from 10 stamp bags to two bricks<sup>1</sup> from Feitl on a daily basis. She would often meet Feitl at the Save-A-Lot or McDonald's where the two would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Grand Jury learned that there are typically ten bags of heroin/fentanyl in a bundle and five bundles in a brick. A brick usually weighs one to one and a half grams.

The Grand Jury learned that Winters began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Feitl, on a daily basis, sometime in May 2019. Winters purchased one or two bundles per day, occasionally buying a brick. Winters met with Feitl at the Clearview Mall, Walmart, Greater Butler Mart and other locations and they would complete the transaction in the parking lot.

On October 2, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Barlow's residence in McKeesport, Allegheny County where 150 bricks of heroin were seized. Barlow was arrested and then transferred to the Butler County Prison on a detainer. On November 15, 2019 at 10:54 a.m., Barlow placed a recorded call to Feitl from the prison. During the call, Feitl told Barlow that she was "pissed." She explained that she heard a garbage truck outside of her residence at 2:45 a.m., woke up, and assumed it was the police coming to her house. Feitl stated to Barlow, "I think you already know what happened... ahh, bunch of shit went down the toilet." Feitl then elaborated by stating, "I just fu\*king, I just lost a bunch of money... I just fu\*ked myself for real" meaning that she had flushed the controlled substances that she had prepared to sell.

On November 18, 2019, in another recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, the two discussed a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Butler that day where Shirey was present. Feitl told Barlow that "Jodi got the car impounded with my God damn money in it".

On February 2, 2020, in another recorded call to Barlow, Feitl stated, "The fu\*king township cops are driving around . . . now I can't leave. This is real fu\*king stressful, this is making me real sick to my stomach right now. He's definitely watching. I can't be on the phone right now and deal with this shit."

On March 20, 2020, during a recorded call between Feitl and Barlow, Feitl was heard talking to a female in the background. Feitl stated, "What the fu\*k do I look like, a mother fu\*king gas station, go get cash." Feitl then explained to Barlow that "the bitch tried to pay me with a

lottery ticket." Prior to this meeting, there were six calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber. Following Feitl's directive to "go get cash," there were an additional three calls and/or text messages between Feitl and Barber.

On March 8, 2020, Feitl flew from Pittsburgh to Miami and thereafter boarded a cruise ship. Through GPS tracking, it was confirmed that she was out of the country until March 15, 2020 when she arrived in Miami and flew back to Pittsburgh. While Feitl was out of the country, Shirey was in charge of handling Feitl's "business." Through a review of text messages and use of video surveillance, it was determined that Shirey communicated with at least two of Feitl's customers - Winters and Baptiste - - and subsequently sold heroin/fentanyl to them. Both Winters and Baptiste were instructed by Feitl to contact Shirey in order to purchase the narcotics. Text messages and video surveillance revealed that Winters purchased heroin/fentanyl from Shirey on at least six occasions for a total of 10 bundles or 100 stamps bags. Baptiste also purchased drugs from Shirey on at least two occasions while Feitl was away.

On May 9, 2020, members of the Butler City Police Department arrested Winters for driving under the influence and recovered 15 full stamp bags and five empty stamp bags. Winters told the officers that she had purchased the drugs from "Dez" (Feitl). The drugs were subsequently submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Regional Laboratory ("PSP Laboratory") for analysis. The results revealed the presence of heroin, a schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance. Text messages between Feitl and Winters prior to her traffic stop confirmed that Winters had, in fact, ordered 20 stamp bags from Feitl.

On July 28, 2020, officers were conducting surveillance in the parking lot at the Greater Butler Mart in Butler Township when they observed Winters driving up and down the lanes of parked vehicles very slowly. Winters appeared to be checking for the presence of surveillance/law

enforcement. She then parked on the north end of the lot, two rows south of the McDonald's. Feitl then drove into the parking lot, stopping adjacent to Winter's vehicle. Winters proceeded to get out of her vehicle and go to the passenger side window of Feitl's vehicle. Winters then reached in and made an exchange with Feitl. Winters returned to her vehicle and Feitl left the lot. Next, Winters moved her vehicle and parked beside the McDonald's. When she got out of her vehicle, she was approached by the officers. Upon seeing them, she held out two bundles of heroin/fentanyl and stated, "She just rolled up on me and gave me these." The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. Leading up to this purchase, there were seven text messages and/or calls between Feitl and Winters.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic stop was initiated on Renaissance Drive in Butler County. Powell was identified as the sole occupant of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed two knotted baggies containing a combined total of approximately 1,149 stamp bags. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory and tested positive for fentanyl, weighing 24.6 grams.

On October 15, 2020, Feitl was taken into custody on existing warrants while operating her 2011 GMC Terrain. Seven bundles of suspected heroin and/or fentanyl were recovered from her person. The 66 stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 1.6 grams of fentanyl. A warrant was thereafter obtained to search the 2011 GMC Terrain. A search of that vehicle resulted in the seizure of the following: \$533.00 in U.S. currency; Nine deposit slips between the dates of March 16, 2020 and October 13, 2020 totaling \$13,332.00 for First National Bank Account # 95044008; a Huntington Bank debit card in the name of Feitl; and, a US Bank debit card in the name of Feitl.

Following Feitl's arrest, a search warrant was also executed at her residence in Butler. Investigators seized of 1,121 stamp bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, \$10,220.00 in U.S. currency

and other drug-related items. The stamp bags were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing confirmed the presence of 27.4 grams of fentanyl.

Search warrants were also executed at two of Feitl's storage facilities at Hillvue Storage in Butler: D. Up 7 and B-6. The search conducted at D. Up 7 resulted in the seizure of a black safe that contained approximately \$234,000.00 in U.S. currency, the majority of which consisted of \$100.00 bills.

Narcotics Agent Douglas Brink ("NA Brink") of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General informed the Grand Jury that he spoke with a representatives at Dollar Bank who advised that Feitl's account had been flagged and subsequently closed due to concerns about money laundering. They stated that Feitl routinely brought in small dollar bills and asked that they be converted into \$100.00 bills.

# Powell to Crystal Pakutz to Brandi Zediker

Pakutz appeared before the Grand Jury and testified that she began purchasing heroin/fentanyl from Powell, whom she knows as "Slim," in March or April 2020. Pakutz stated that she was broke at the time and decided to "work" for him by selling heroin.

Pakutz testified that for the first few weeks, she was purchasing two bricks (100 stamp bags) each time when Powell came to town. After that, she began purchasing 20 to 30 bricks per trip, and, sometime in June or July, she began purchasing 20 to 30 grams of heroin/fentanyl in a single day. She stated that Powell had also provided her with a large quantity of empty stamp bags during one of his trips. Pakutz told the Grand Jury that she lived at the Holiday Inn Express in Butler for approximately one and one-half months prior to her arrest on October 1, 2020. Powell would stay at the hotel when he was in town. She advised that sometimes he would stay in his own room and other times he would stay with her in her room.

Pakutz advised that she sold the heroin/fentanyl that she purchased from Powell to various other individuals on a regular basis. According to Pakutz, she had three clients who purchased from her on a daily basis: Brandi Zediker ("Zediker"), Destiny Stemmerich ("Stemmerich") and Christian Manny ("Manny"). Zediker purchased five grams per day, every day, from March or April until sometime in July or August when she began purchasing five grams every other day until October. In July or August, Pakutz advised that she also began selling to Stemmerich and Manny. She stated that they each purchased one or two bricks, every day or every other day. Pakutz stated that she also sold to other individuals, but not as regularly as she sold to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz advised that she would sometimes "front" these three individuals the controlled substances. She explained that after she began purchasing drugs from Powell in grams rather than stamp bags, she would provide empty stamp bags with the heroin/fentanyl to Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. They would then re-package it, sell it and bring Pakutz the money that they owed to her. Pakutz also told the Grand Jury that, on occasion, Powell had provided her with illegal drugs - other than heroin/fentanyl - - to sell.

The Grand Jury learned that a review of telephone records and text messages confirmed that Pakutz and Powell communicated on a regular basis and that Pakutz frequently communicated with Zediker, Stemmerich and Manny. Pakutz also communicated with multiple other individuals, discussing the distribution of controlled substances.

On July 6, 2020, officers met with a confidential informant ("CI") in order to conduct a controlled purchase of two bundles of heroin from Zediker. The CI was searched prior to the purchase and found to be free of controlled substances, money and weapons. The CI contacted Zediker via telephone and arranged to meet at her (Zediker's) residence. The CI was followed to the residence and was under constant surveillance until entry into the home. A short time later,

the CI left the residence and returned to officers where he/she turned over 20 stamp bags, advising that he/she had purchased the heroin from Zediker. The CI stated that Zediker had retrieved a larger bag of heroin from her bedroom and bagged the individual stamp bags in the presence of the CI. The drugs were subsequently submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of less than 1 gram of fentanyl, or, approximately .019 grams of fentanyl per bag.

The Grand Jury learned that on September 10, 2020, Detective Timothy Fennell of the Butler County District Attorney's Office was conducting surveillance of Powell at the Holiday Inn Express when he observed Lorraine Zediker ("L Zediker"), a known heroin user, arrive at the rear of the hotel. Pakutz exited the hotel and met with L. Zediker for a brief period of time. Both of them then departed in L. Zediker's Jeep Cherokee. Pakutz was observed coming and going from the hotel several times on September 10 and 11, 2020.

A review of text messages from Pakutz's mobile telephone revealed that from September 9 through 11, 2020, Pakutz delivered heroin/fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine to at least 10 different people. The quantities varied by person from a "bun" (10 stamp bags), a "whole," a "brick" or a "breezy" (50 stamp bags) to multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl. At one point during these conversations Pakutz told multiple customers that "My Ppls is here at the Telly(Hotel) wit me & they have some light brown shyt; but IDK how it is. They actually want me to have my Ppl try it." The text messages intercepted indicated that Zediker arranged to trade "23 20's" (pills) with Pakutz for a "whole one," meaning a brick of heroin/fentanyl, on September 10, 2020 as was observed through surveillance.

On October 1, 2020, Pakutz was detained and placed in the Butler County Prison on a bench warrant from Allegheny County. At 11:31 a.m., Pakutz placed a recorded telephone call to her mother. During this call, she instructed her mother to go to the room and get the light pink

book bag. At the end of the call, Pakutz stated: "Make sure you get everything out of that room especially that book bag ASAP."

Officers contacted management at the Holiday Inn Express and confirmed that Pakutz had been staying in Room 206. Surveillance video from the rear of the hotel also confirmed that Pakutz stayed there on the night of September 30, 2020 into October 1, 2020. A search warrant was subsequently executed on Room 206 and a bag of suspected fentanyl, a scale, empty stamp bags and other packaging materials were recovered. The drugs were submitted to the PSP Laboratory where testing revealed the presence of 8.67 grams of fentanyl.

Altogether, Powell made at least 33 trips from Philadelphia to Butler, between January 18, 2020 and October 15, 2020, to deliver illegal drugs to Feitl and Pakutz. The dates of Powell's trips are as follows:

- January 18 19, 2020
- January 25 26, 2020
- February 1 4, 2020
- February 13 14, 2020
- February 22-23, 2020
- February 28 March 2, 2020
- March 7-11, 2020
- March 15 -16, 2020
- March 20 21, 2020
- March 25 26, 2020
- April 1-2,2020
- April 6 -8, 2020

- April 9-12, 2020
- April 14 17, 2020
- April 21 23, 2020
- May 2-5, 2020
- May 9 10, 2020
- May 14 16, 2020
- May 20-22, 2020
- May 25 27, 2020
- May 30 June 1, 2020
- June 4-6, 2020
- June 12 14, 2020
- June 26 28, 2020
- July 5 6, 2020
- July 13 14, 2020
- July 26 28, 2020
- August 2, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 9, 2020 (round trip in one day)
- August 23 -25, 2020
- September 9-11, 2020
- September 16 18, 2020
- September 30, 2020 (round trip all in one day)
- October 15, 2020

NA Brink informed the Grand Jury that he was able to estimate the quantities of heroin/fentanyl that Powell, Feitl and Pakutz were selling during the course of investigation based upon witness interviews, narcotics seizures and text message conversations. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Powell transported approximately 1,030 bricks (1,030 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from Philadelphia to Butler County for Feitl and Pakutz. From January 18, 2020 through October 15, 2020, he estimated that, on the conservative end, Feitl sold approximately 256 bricks (256 grams) of heroin/fentanyl and that Pakutz sold approximately 820 bricks (820 grams) of heroin/fentanyl from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.