

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

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:23-mj-24
)	
VERONICA DITTMAN,)	<u>UNDER SEAL</u>
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)	
Defendant.)	

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT

I, Daniel McCoy, being duly sworn, depose and state the following:

INTRODUCTION

1. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant charging that on or between January 2022 and August 2022, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant, VERONICA DITTMAN (hereinafter referred to as “DITTMAN”), did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others, known and unknown, to unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally distribute controlled substances, including methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

2. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and have been so employed since January 2021. I am currently assigned to the Washington Field Office, Northern Virginia Resident Agency. I am on a squad that investigates darknet related narcotics trafficking and I have been assigned to this squad since June 2021. Prior to being hired as a Special Agent with the FBI, I was a Deputy Sheriff with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office in Naples,

Florida, and was so employed from April 2015 until January 2021. I have received formal training in the investigation of drug and violent crimes, including specialized training in forensic evidence collection. I have experience investigating various types of crime, and I have investigated or assisted in the investigation of several cases involving violent criminal activity, narcotics, and crimes against persons and property. I have been a sworn law enforcement officer during all times herein.

3. The facts and information contained in this affidavit are based upon my training and experience, participation in this and other investigations, personal knowledge, and observations during the course of this investigation, as well as the observations of other individuals involved in this investigation. All observations not personally made by me were relayed to me by the individuals who made them or were conveyed to me through my review of the records, documents, and other physical evidence obtained during the course of the investigation. This affidavit is meant to convey information necessary to support probable cause for the requested complaint and arrest warrant and is not intended to include each and every fact observed by me or known to the government. The inferences and conclusions I draw from the evidence included in this affidavit are what I believe based on my training, experience, and knowledge of the investigation.

FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

I. Background of the Investigation

4. The United States, including the FBI, the Food and Drug Administration – Office of Criminal Investigations (FDA-OCI), and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS"), is conducting a criminal investigation of a darknet market ("DM") vendor that operates using several different monikers including, but not limited to, TrustedTraphouse, TrustableTraphouse,

TrusteeTrap, and PopcornPlug. Since February of 2022, the FBI has been conducting controlled purchases of narcotics from this vendor.

5. A DM is a hidden commercial website that operates on a portion of the Internet that is often referred to as the TOR network, darkweb, or darknet. A DM operates as a black market, selling or brokering transactions involving legal products as well as drugs, weapons, counterfeit currency, stolen credit card details, forged documents, unlicensed pharmaceuticals, steroids, and other illicit goods.

6. Individuals typically purchase narcotics through DMs from “vendors,” who accept digital currency such as Bitcoin¹ for payment. “Vendors” are the darknet’s sellers of goods and services, often of an illicit nature, and they do so through the creation and operation of “vendor accounts” on DMs. Customers, meanwhile, operate “customer accounts.” Vendor and customer accounts are not identified by numbers, but rather monikers or “handles,” much like the username one would use on a clear web site. If a moniker on a particular marketplace has not already been registered by another user, vendors and customers can use the same moniker across multiple marketplaces. Based on customer reviews, vendors can become well known as “trusted” vendors.

7. Since February 2022, the FBI has reviewed the vendor profile for monikers TrustedTraphouse, TrustedTrapper, TrustedTrap, TrustableTraphouse, TrusteeTrap, GoldenTrails, and PopcornPlug and others across several DMs to include ARES, ASAP, Bohemia,

¹ Bitcoin is a type of digital cryptocurrency. Functionally, it serves the same purpose as United States dollars, except that it is not tied to a central bank and is not regulated by a government body such as a treasury. Bitcoin transactions take place entirely online and offer a degree of anonymity to users. Bitcoin transactions are securely recorded in a public ledger called a blockchain. Based on my training and experience, individuals who are involved in criminal activity over the darkweb often purchase items in Bitcoin to conceal the true nature of the funds from law enforcement.

Dark0de, darkfox, Incognito, Kerberos, Kingdom, Nemesis, Royal Market, Tor2Door, ToRReZ, Versus, and World Market.

8. Across these markets, vendor pages for these monikers claimed to be the same vendor, often through explicit reference to corresponding vendor pages on other markets. In addition, some had matching PGP2 keys, while others had different PGP keys, but used the same introduction on their vendor page, and signed with the trademark “-TTH” or “-TT.” On all DMs, the vendor advertised for sale Oxycodone pills in quantities ranging from 10 to 5,000 pills. The vendors also advertised sale crystal methamphetamine in quantities ranging from 3.5 grams to 4 ounces, as well as heroin and cocaine, among other things.

9. Within the product description for the Oxycodone on the DM Dark0de, the pills were described as follows: “These are Not normal OxyCodone 30 mg. These are Much stronger than pharmaceutical OxyCodone These were NOT made by a pharmacy. These are the ones that taste like popcorn. They slide on foil perfectly. Golden trails. Be careful. Price is per pill. These are pressed Oxy 30s that everyone’s been falling head over heels for. We focus on quality over quantity. We believe you get what you pay for, and if you’re trying to save a few bucks on something you consume, that literally alters your state of mind, you’re shopping at the wrong store.”

² PGP is used on darknet markets to encrypt communications between vendors and customers. When a customer orders from a vendor or sends a vendor a message on a darknet market, that information may be stored in the marketplace’s database. Given concerns that the marketplace server may be hacked or seized by law enforcement, vendors and customers often communicate via PGP encrypted means to address this security problem. A vendor has both a PGP private key and a public key. A customer can use the vendor’s public key to encrypt a message. The vendor then uses the private key to decrypt the message. Vendors keep their private key secure but not their public key, which they put on their profile. This is done so customers may use a vendor’s PGP public key to encrypt data sent to the vendor, such as the customer’s name and address. Only the corresponding PGP private key, held by the vendor, can decrypt the data.

10. Based on my training and experience, “pressed” indicates counterfeit pills. Counterfeit pills are fake medications that have different ingredients than the actual medication. They may contain no active ingredient, the wrong active ingredient, or have the right ingredient but in an incorrect quantity. Counterfeit pills may contain lethal amounts of fentanyl and are extremely dangerous because they often appear identical to legitimate prescription pills, and the user is likely unaware of how lethal they can be.

11. On or about February 2, 2022, an FBI employee operating in an undercover capacity (herein after referred to as “UC”) accessed Dark0de Reborn Market and ordered 10 pills of counterfeit Oxycodone from Trustedtraphouse for \$65, plus shipping costs and a transaction fee. The pills were advertised as “pressed m30 oxycodone x10 new.” The UC made the purchase through the DM and provided an address within the Eastern District of Virginia where TrustedTraphouse could send the pills. UC paid for the pills with Bitcoin. On February 9, 2022, law enforcement retrieved a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Priority Mail envelope at the address designated by the UC. USPS records show that the package initially entered USPS custody in Peoria, Arizona. The envelope contained a manila envelope and, within that, a white envelope. Within the white envelope was a small baggie with 10 blue pills. The pills were debossed with an “M” enclosed in a square on one side, and half-scored with “30” debossed above the score on the other side. Pharmaceutical grade Oxycodone pills are debossed with “M” on one side and “30” on the other; the “M” indicates the manufacturer, Mallinckrodt pharmaceuticals, and the “30” indicates 30 milligrams. Proper chain of custody was maintained on the pills until they were analyzed by the DEA Mid-Atlantic Laboratory, where they tested positive for fentanyl with a weight of 1.102 grams.

12. Following the initial purchase as described in paragraph 11, the UC made additional purchases using similar means and methods. In all, between February 2022 and August 2022, the UC conducted the following³ purchases from the conspirator's various monikers, as reflected in the table below. Unless otherwise indicated, all purchases were analyzed by the DEA Mid-Atlantic Laboratory:

Order Date	Darknet Market	Moniker	Quantity Ordered	Weight / Substance	Location Package Received
2/2/2022	Dark0de Reborn	Trustedtraphouse	10 pills	1.102 grams / fentanyl	Gainesville, VA
3/3/2022	Versus	TrustableTraphouse	50 pills	5.418 grams / fentanyl, acetaminophen, xylazine	Gainesville, VA
4/5/2022	Versus	TrustableTraphouse	50 pills	5.419 grams fentanyl	Gainesville, VA
4/29/2022	ASAP	TrustedTraphouse	2 grams	2 grams / Testing Pending (Suspected heroin)	Los Angeles, CA
4/29/2022	Royal Market	POPCORNPLUG	10 pills	1.08 grams / fentanyl, acetaminophen	Boston, MA
5/1/2022	ASAP	TrustedTraphouse	2 ounces	58.707 grams / methamphetamine hydrochloride	Gainesville, VA
5/25/2022	ASAP	TrustedTraphouse	2 ounces	56.92 grams / methamphetamine hydrochloride	Gainesville, VA

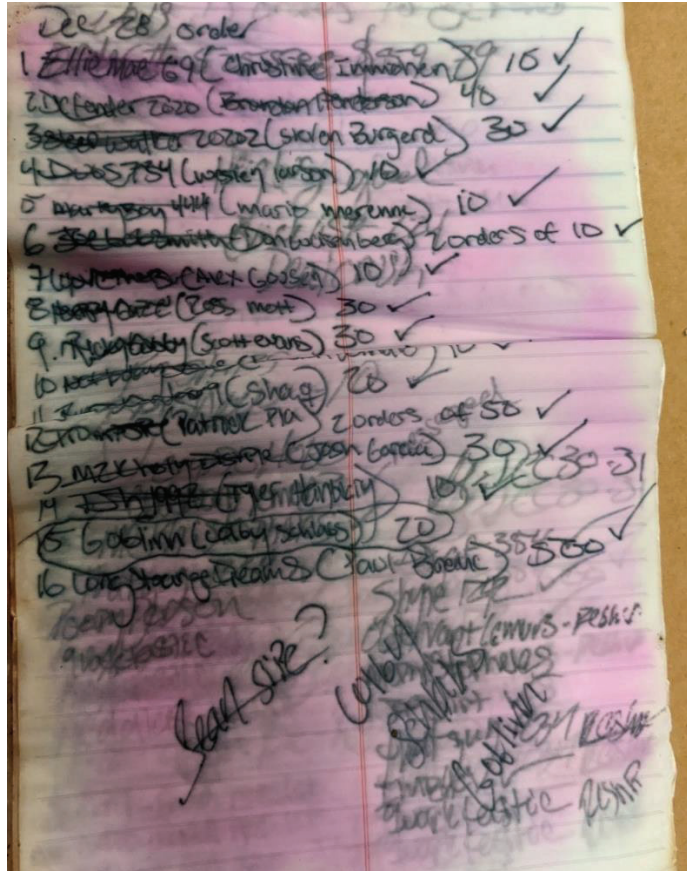
13. As further described below, over the course of the investigation law enforcement identified Rick Schiffner ("SCHIFFNER"), Devin Langer ("LANGER"), and Veronica Dittman as being associated with sales by the moniker TrustedTraphouse and its variants over the darknet.

³ One additional undercover purchase was conducted but never completed.

14. Law enforcement databases and documents obtained during the investigation revealed that both SCHIFFNER and LANGER were associated with an address located at North 24th Place, Phoenix, Arizona (hereinafter referred to as the “SUBJECT PROPERTY”). In early May of 2022, law enforcement conducted surveillance at the SUBJECT PROPERTY and observed SCHIFFNER at the residence. In addition, on May 5, 2022, law enforcement conducted a trash cover at the SUBJECT PROPERTY and found packaging materials similar to those that had been or were eventually received in FBI UC orders.

15. Among the items seized from the trash associated with the SUBJECT PROPERTY was a red spiral notebook with the handwritten title: “Gratitude List[.] Rick’s Please Don’t Touch! Rick Schiffner.” Four colored adhesive notes protruded out of the side of the notebook, each labeled with a different DM which TrustedTraphouse, or one of the varying names, had been active on: “incognito,” “ASAP,” “Darkfox,” and “Royal M”.

16. Inside the notebook were several handwritten pages. One page, titled “Dec 28 order,” was numbered one through sixteen. Each line had a moniker name, presumably for a customer, which was crossed out, then an individual’s first and last name in parentheses next to it. Law enforcement searched USPS postage data and found that at least twelve of the names listed in parentheses had postage created to be mailed to those individuals on December 28, 2021. A photograph of that page is below:



17. On August 11, 2022, SCHIFFNER was arrested by the FBI in Phoenix, Arizona in relation to the investigation. On December 2, 2022, SCHIFFNER pleaded guilty to a criminal information charging him with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, including 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine and a mixture and substance containing fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846. See *United States v. Schiffner*, Case No. 1:22-cr-00217 (TSE) (E.D. Va.). In the statement of facts accompanying his plea agreement, SCHIFFNER agreed that he and LANGER used different monikers, including TrustedTraphouse, on various darknet markets to distribute controlled substances.

18. On October 6, 2022, LANGER was arrested by the FBI in Las Vegas, Nevada. On January 5, 2023, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging LANGER with conspiring

with SCHIFFNER and others to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl as well as methamphetamine (actual). *See* Indictment, *United States v. Langer*, Case No. 1:23-cr-00003 (Jan 5, 2023 E.D. Va.). LANGER’s case is currently pending.

II. Association of DITTMAN with LANGER and SCHIFFNER

19. When law enforcement conducts investigations involving virtual currency, they sometimes use commercial services offered by several different blockchain-analysis companies. These companies analyze the Bitcoin blockchain and attempt to identify the individuals or groups involved in transactions. Specifically, these companies have developed proprietary software that analyzes all the data underlying each Bitcoin transaction on the Bitcoin blockchain and then groups related Bitcoin transactions into “clusters” based on that analysis. The methods employed by these blockchain analysis companies have been independently validated by computer scientists, who have shown that these “clustering” techniques provide accurate results. Additionally, through numerous investigations, law enforcement has been able to corroborate the accuracy of the information provided via these third-party services.

20. The third-party blockchain-analysis software utilized in this instance is an anti-money laundering software used by financial institutions and law enforcement organizations worldwide. This company identified a group of 31 Bitcoin addresses, including an address which received payment from the March UC order from TrustableTraphouse, which were controlled within one Bitcoin wallet (hereinafter referred to as “TRUSTRAPHOUSE WALLET 1”). Bitcoin wallets are software that manage Bitcoin addresses and their corresponding private keys.

21. The FBI reviewed transactions conducted by TRUSTABLETRAPHOUSE WALLET 1 and identified a transaction on February 10, 2022, wherein

TRUSTABLETRAPHOUSE WALLET 1 sent Bitcoin to a separate address located in a second wallet (hereinafter referred to as “TRUSTABLETRAPHOUSE WALLET 2”).

22. The FBI then reviewed transactions conducted by TRUSTABLETRAPHOUSE WALLET 2 and identified 11 transactions in which the wallet sent Bitcoin to 11 Bitcoin addresses associated with an identified cryptocurrency exchange. Cryptocurrency exchanges are secure online platforms for buying, selling, transferring, and storing cryptocurrency.

23. Records from the cryptocurrency exchange indicated that all 11 Bitcoin addresses were associated with an account registered to SCHIFFNER. SCHIFFNER’s billing address with the aforementioned cryptocurrency exchange was the SUBJECT PROPERTY. LANGER also used the same cryptocurrency exchange with the same billing address.

24. The same cryptocurrency exchange that SCHIFFNER utilized was also utilized by DITTMAN. Further, SCHIFFNER and DITTMAN had a matching credit card tied to their respective accounts. DITTMAN also participated in the “know your customer” process and provided a photograph of herself along with a photograph of her government issued identification to the aforementioned cryptocurrency exchange.

25. During physical surveillance DITTMAN on July 14, 2022, at the SUBJECT PROPERTY, I confirmed it to be the same person.

26. Telephone toll records for telephone numbers in contact with both LANGER and SCHIFFNER found DITTMAN to be a top-ten contact of them both. Physical surveillance conducted found DITTMAN frequently with SCHIFFNER and LANGER. A photograph below

from physical surveillance conducted at the residence SCHIFFNER and LANGER shared (the SUBJECT PROPERTY) showed DITTMAN leaving the residence on July 14, 2022:



III. Association of DITTMAN with Distribution of Controlled Substances via the Darknet

a. CS-1 Confirms DITTMAN's Participation in the Conspiracy

27. In December 2022, a confidential source (“CS-1”)⁴ admitted to his participation in a conspiracy to distribute controlled substances utilizing the various monikers identified above and associated with TrustedTraphouse. CS-1 further told law enforcement that Veronica DITTMAN worked with SCHIFFNER to distribute controlled substances via the TrustedTraphouse moniker. During the interview, the CS was shown a photograph of DITTMAN and positively identified her as the individual he knew as Veronica DITTMAN. In particular, CS-1 stated that DITTMAN began working for SCHIFFNER in approximately late 2021. CS-1 stated that DITTMAN began

⁴ CS-1 is cooperating with law enforcement. Investigators have corroborated CS-1 information concerning DITTMAN, as described below through seized text messages between SCHIFFNER and DITTMAN, as well as recorded calls of SCHIFFNER’s referring to DITTMAN. CS-1’s information has never been found to be false or misleading. For these reasons, investigators consider CS-1 to be credible and reliable. For the purposes of this affidavit, CS-1 is referred to using the male pronouns, regardless of gender. Furthermore, information from the debrief is attributed to “CS-1” regardless of whether CS-1’s identity is explicitly referenced elsewhere in this affidavit.

working at the SUBJECT PROPERTY with SCHIFFNER and filled orders made over the darknet by packaging and sending orders. CS-1 further provided that DITTMAN would typically work with SCHIFFNER from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and that SCHIFFNER would compensate DITTMAN with powdered fentanyl.

b. Recorded Phone Calls

28. The investigation further revealed a phone number associated with SCHIFFNER and found, based on SCHIFFNER's toll records, that he was having frequent communication with several people including LANGER, DITTMAN, and Christopher FLEET (hereinafter referred to as "FLEET"). FLEET was a federal inmate incarcerated at FCI Sheridan in Sheridan, Oregon for federal firearms and narcotics related charges. Telephone conversations involving federal inmates are typically recorded and both parties are made aware of such prior to the initiation of each phone call through a disclosure. Through my training and experience, I know that individuals involved in criminal activity speak, often in detail, about current, past, and future criminal activity. Knowing that these telephone conversations are recorded, those attempting to discuss illicit activity will often speak in a form of code to avoid detection by law enforcement.

29. Between January 2022 and July 2022, over 500 telephone calls between SCHIFFNER and FLEET were recorded. Several telephone conversations both prior to and after the FBI UC placing the UC's two initial orders reveal SCHIFFNER acknowledging his involvement in illicit drug activity utilizing DMs. Based on my training and experience, and knowledge of this investigation, it appears that SCHIFFNER and FLEET refer to the Darknet drug business as a "t-shirt" and "clothing" business.

30. For example, on January 3, 2022, FLEET and SCHIFFNER discuss the "clothing" business. SCHIFFNER stated that he was busy and had 25 packages to send out. On January 6,

2022, SCHIFFNER complained to FLEET that customers had been missing several “orders.” SCHIFFNER stated that he was writing to several people to tell them to resubmit their orders. I know, through my training and experience, that DM vendors often post replies to customers on their vendor discussion forum who have given positive or negative reviews. FLEET suggested that SCHIFFNER go on “vacation.” I know, through my training and experience, that DM vendors will often change their profile status to “vacation mode,” which allows customers to see that the DM vendor is not currently selling. During this telephone conversation, an unidentified male can be heard in the background with SCHIFFNER saying “I don’t have any labels made.”

31. On April 30, 2022, in a recorded jail telephone conversation with FLEET, SCHIFFNER complained about DITTMAN.⁵ SCHIFFNER stated to FLEET that DITTMAN was “lazy” and that “good help was hard to find.” SCHIFFNER explained that since he let DITTMAN take over the “market,” they had been receiving negative reviews on the DM. The ASAP DM allows customers to leave “feedback,” either positive or negative. The vendor then may respond to the feedback. FBI personnel observed that TrustedTraphouse responded to one particular negative review, which was originally posted on April 29, 2022, the day before the recorded telephone conversation between SCHIFFNER and FLEET. In this response to feedback, TrustedTraphouse replied “I am sorry you had a bad experience. It is unacceptable some of our past shipping times, I apologize you had a bad experience. If there is anyway to make it up to you please let us know. Again I apologize...”

c. Records on SCHIFFNER’s Cellular Phone

32. On December 8, 2022, The Honorable Magistrate Judge William E. Fitzpatrick authorized a search warrant for two phones found on SCHIFFNER while he was searched incident

⁵ SCHIFFNER repeatedly mentioned “Veronica”. “Veronica” is believed to be DITTMAN.

to arrest on August 11, 2022. In one of the phones, numerous messages were found between SCHIFFNER and DITTMAN which were in relation to the Darknet drug operation. Of note were the following:

January 22, 2022

DITTMAN: “Phoenix packages dropped off. . . There’s just 1 Tempe drop left”⁶

SCHIFFNER: “You rock thank you!”

January 24, 2022

DITTMAN “Packages were dropped off at collection box, I’m dropping Devin [LANGER] off rn at your guys house”

April 6, 2022

SCHIFFNER “How many didn’t U finish”

DITTMAN “I finished 5 of them the rest are bagged up I just couldn’t pay for the labels. . .if the computer is still up and running I can come finish them”

April 10, 2022

SCHIFFNER “What packaging for these. . .”

DITTMAN “Charms”

SCHIFFNER “Yes remember . . .there are no bags. . .and before we were putting the black bag inside to cardboard to save money”

April 12, 2022

SCHIFFNER “You forgot a bunch of orders on incognito”

DITTMAN “When I checked there was none. . .so they must be new”

SCHIFFNER “There’s also some on there that haven’t gotten anything yet. There were a bunch of incog messages”

⁶ During the December 2022 interview with law enforcement, CS-1 explained that the coconspirators utilized multiple USPS collection boxes to avoid law enforcement detection.

April 29, 2022

SCHIFFNER “Do you know if I needed to get anything more for the store from my buddy?”⁷

DITTMAN “Uhhhh idk”

SCHIFFNER “Like Product. . . You should know”

DITTMAN “Nose powder”

SCHIFFNER “Okay”

DITTMAN “Probably more blue⁸. . .I just need to print these labels out it would take 5 minutes”

33. On May 4, 2022, DITTMAN sent a photograph of a Walmart receipt to SCHIFFNER to show proof of several mailing products purchased along with the text, “Can you send me \$20 for the packaging?” During the course of the investigation, law enforcement obtained records from Walmart providing the debit card number associated with this order; the debit card was owned by DITTMAN.

d. DITTMAN’s Acquisition of Shipping Materials

34. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement obtained business records from Amazon for an account associated with DITTMAN at her residence. The records showed items which are commonly used to facilitate a Darknet drug operation. A partial selection highlighting some of the items is included below:

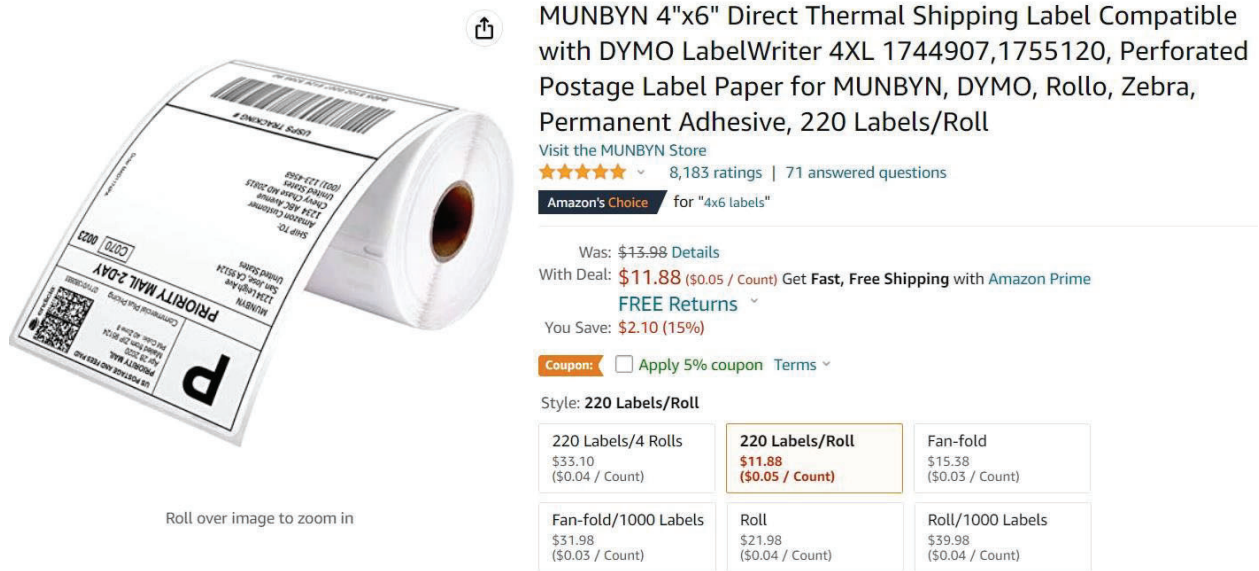
35. On August 8, 2022, DITTMAN ordered 4”x6” Direct Thermal Shipping Labels. This item was delivered to DITTMAN’s residence. Nearly every UC order from TrustedTraphouse

⁷ Throughout the investigation, SCHIFFNER was found to have referred to his drug supplier as “buddy”.

⁸ Based on my training and experience, I know “blues” or “blue” to be a reference to counterfeit pressed pills similar in appearance to those received by the UC as described in paragraph 11. Furthermore, during the December 2022 interview with law enforcement, CS-1 confirmed that he used the term “blues” to refer to counterfeit pressed pills containing fentanyl. He further confirmed that he and his coconspirators marketed these pills over the dark web as pressed OxyCodone, knowing that they contained fentanyl, because fentanyl was taboo on darknet markets.

was received in packaging that had labels consistent with the those ordered by DITTMAN as pictured below: consistent with nearly each UC received by TrustedTraphouse .

results



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MUNBYN 4"x6" Direct Thermal Shipping Label Compatible with DYMO LabelWriter 4XL 1744907,1755120, Perforated Postage Label Paper for MUNBYN, DYMO, Rollo, Zebra, Permanent Adhesive, 220 Labels/Roll

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Coupon: Apply 5% coupon Terms

Style: 220 Labels/Roll

220 Labels/4 Rolls \$33.10 (\$0.04 / Count)	220 Labels/Roll \$11.88 (\$0.05 / Count)	Fan-fold \$15.38 (\$0.03 / Count)
Fan-fold/1000 Labels \$31.98 (\$0.03 / Count)	Roll \$21.98 (\$0.04 / Count)	Roll/1000 Labels \$39.98 (\$0.04 / Count)

Roll over image to zoom in

36. On August 8, 2022, DITTMAN ordered a Heartray Label Holder for Rolls and Fan-Fold Labels, 4x6 Stand. I know that, through my training and experience, these stands are commonly used by Darknet vendors who have large orders in that it streamlines the packaging and mailing process. In particular, this stand is compatible with the shipping labels purchased through Amazon and received in various UC orders. A photograph of the item as advertised on www.Amazon.com is shown below:



DITTMAN's Shipment of Packages Associated with TrustedTraphouse

37. Through postal records analytics, law enforcement found numerous parcels likely to have been mailed by TrustedTraphouse.⁹ Through this analysis, three parcels believed to have been mailed by TrustedTraphouse were retrieved by a USPS mail carrier on June 3, 2022, at a blue USPS collection box outside of the Fry's grocery store located at 3232 South Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This location is less than ½ of one mile away from DITTMAN's residence. Surveillance footage from that date at that location showed a blue Mini Cooper, resembling that registered to DITTMAN at approximately 7:16 AM MST. During the interview with CS-1 as detailed in paragraph 24, he was shown a photograph of this vehicle from the surveillance footage and identified the vehicle as DITTMAN's.

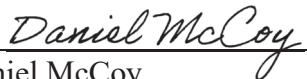
CONCLUSION

38. Based on the facts set forth above, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that between January 2022 and August 2022, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, VERONICA DITTMAN did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others, known and unknown, to unlawfully, knowingly, and

⁹ During the interview with CS-1, this analytical practice was confirmed to be accurate.

intentionally distribute controlled substances, including a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

Respectfully submitted,



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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1
by telephone on January 17, 2023

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The Honorable John F. Anderson
United States Magistrate Judge