

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:) CAUSE NO. 71____-____-MC-_____
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)
STATE OF INDIANA)
V.)

Ravinder Singh
51541 Wetherington Ct
Granger, IN 46530

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Affiant swears or affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that:

Affiant, Joseph Formato, a Police Officer with the Indiana State Excise Police Department, was involved in the investigation of Money Laundering, Legend Drug Deception, Counterfeiting and Corrupt Business Influence which occurred in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana.

On October 2, 2023 a complaint was filed against the SYS Beverage Inc d/b/a Kwik Mart I located at 2603 S Michigan St, South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. The complaint stated that an individual had observed a clerk provide a patron with a handful of blue pills and an energy shot. The complaint stated that the patron was charged \$30 for all items. Based on the description of the pills and having previously assisted with similar investigations, I believed the pills in question to be Viagra.

From October 2023 to November 2023, the premises was observed by officers, with no activity consistent with drug transactions observed during these times.

On January 5, 2024 officers began to conduct controlled buys of suspected illegal drugs being sold at the premises. Controlled buys were conducted on the following dates:

- January 5, 2024
- February 2, 2024
- March 1st, 2024
- March 8th, 2024

The buys conducted resulted in the purchase of blue pills with the words "Pfizer" on one side and "VGR 100" on the other. During the buys, US currency used to purchase the pills was confirmed to be stored in the cash register of the premise for the buys on February 2nd, March 1st and March 8th. The blue pills are consistent with "Viagra", which contains sildenafil, which can only be obtained by prescription.

During the buys conducted on January 5th, February 2nd, and March 1st, the clerk working at the time who sold the pills to me was later identified as Jagmeet Singh (DOB 05/18/2002).

On March 11th, 2024, a search warrant was granted for the d/b/a Kwik Mart by St. Joseph Superior Court Judge David Francisco.

On March 15, 2024, a final controlled buy was conducted prior to the execution of the granted search warrant. Jagmeet Singh was the clerk working on this day and the individual who sold me the blue pills. US currency used for this buy was documented by recording the serial number. The US currency used for this buy was placed in the cash register of the premises. The blue pill purchased on this occasion had the words “Pfizer” on one side and “VGR 100” on the other.

On March 15, 2024, at approximately 6:40PM Indiana State Excise Police Lt. Nick Canal, Sgt. Jessica Hyndman, along with Officers Joe Formato, Brant Mendenhall, Javier Arroyo, Markus Oster, Ben Fenstermaker, Tiffany Leer, Jeremy Bovee and Kaycee Sullivan executed a search warrant at the business of Discount Liquor II d/b/a Kwik Mart, located at 2603 S Michigan St., South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. Officer Sullivan reports the following:

On the above-mentioned date, location and approximate time Officers Mendenall, Bovee, and I entered the business. We made contact with the male clerk after identifying ourselves verbally and by display of badges. We secured the clerk in handcuffs as the remaining officers entered the business to secure it. Clerk Jagmeet Singh was informed that we were there to execute a search warrant at the business.

Officers Mendenhall, Oster, Bovee, and I processed the business. Digital photos were taken prior to the seizing of any evidence. Officers Mendenhall and Oster seized all electronic devices, and they will be processed through the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU).

All Items seized were packaged and documented on an ESP 23 Property Receipt:

Items 1-5: UC buys prior to search warrant execution
Item 6: Total USC seized from Cash Register #1: \$1120.54
Item 7: Total USC seized from Cash Register #2: \$250.54
Item 8: One twenty-dollar bill from Cash Register #1 that was used to purchase the blue pill prior to the service of the search warrant
Item 9: One white plastic bottle containing 47 blue pills
Item 10: A plastic bag containing 438 blue pills
Item 11: 11 point of sale receipts

All evidence was transported to the District 1 Office in Bristol, IN. All evidence was packaged and submitted as evidence on March 16, 2024.

The following items were seized by Indiana State Excise Police Digital Forensics Investigator Mendenhall:

- 1 Apple iPhone 12 serial #H4YK3XAM0DXP
- POS System – item not taken – receipts printed