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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

KENOSHA COUNTY

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Plaintiff,

AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

File no. 2025CF000645

VS.

JOSE ANTONIO BAEZ-FUERTE

3919 28th Avenue, # 4

Kenosha, WI 53140 DOB: 11/13/1996 Sex/Race: M/W Eye Color: Brown Hair Color: Black Height: 5 ft 2 in Weight: 136 lbs

Alias:

AND Dann

Danna Gomez, Fausto Gonzalez-Medrano, Manuel Perez-Sanchez, Yareli Salas-Ramirez, Ana Villeda-Sevilla, Sharon Villeda-Sevilla, Jorge Villeda-Sevilla,

Defendant.

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY - (> \$10,000) - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did intentionally receive stolen property having a value greater than \$10,000, contrary to sec. 943.34(1)(c), 939.50(3)(g), 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class G Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

On March 31, 2025, Detective Castillo with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Oak Brook Police Officer Pfotenhauer. Officer Pfotenhauer advised that he had obtained a warrant to put a tracker on a 2014 Silver Chevrolet Equinox. The suspects who used this vehicle are suspects in retail thefts from several retailers in Oak Brook where they took approximately \$21,000.00 worth of stolen merchandise from retailers. Officer Pfotenhauer advised that the vehicle was located at 3925 28th Avenue, in the City and County of Kenosha, State of Wisconsin.

Deputies conducted surveillance and observed the Chevy Equinox parked behind 3919 28th Ave, facing East. A tracking device was placed on the Chevy Equinox on April 02, 2025.

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On April 05, 2025, Officer Pfotenhauer contacted Detective Castillo and informed him that the Chevy Equinox was at 3919 28th Ave. The Organized Retail Crime Investigator for Lululemon. Kareem Kashmiry, was conducting surveillance at the residence. Mr. Kashmiry observed 3 subjects enter into the upper floor apartment together with the male carrying a large black garbage bag that appeared to be full of unknown items. The individuals were also observed going into Unit #4 at the apartment building.

On April 06, 2025, the Chevy Equinox was tracked at the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets. Detective Castillo responded and performed surveillance on the vehicle. Detective Castillo observed females carrying large shopping bags from various retailers and putting them in the Chevy Equinox. Later that evening, the Chevy Equinox was observed stationary at Gurnee Mills Mall in Illinois.

On April 10, 2025, Officer Pfotenhauer contacted Detective Castillo informing him that the vehicle was tracked in Madison, Wisconsin and was observed and involved in a retail theft from Lululemon. A traffic stop of the vehicle was conducted in Kenosha County. Located in the vehicle were defendants: Yareli Salas-Ramirez, Manuel Perez-Sanchez, and Danna Gomez. Various bags of clothing with tags still on them were located in the vehicle. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered 260 clothing items that had been confirmed stolen. The clothing was valued at \$20,874.37. The clothing was from retailers such as Victoria's Secret, Jordan, Nike, American Eagle, BOSS, and Lululemon.

On April 17, 2025, Detective Castillo conducted surveillance at 3919 28th Avenue. While there, he observed a Black Ford Explorer with IL Registration FB41962 parked in the complex's shared parking lot. Detective Castillo was aware that the suspects may have been using a Black Ford Explorer as Officer Pfotenhauer had informed him that the vehicle was used. Officer Pfotenhauer confirmed that the Ford Explorer had previously been observed meeting with the Chevy Equinox in connection with retail theft incidents. Detective Castillo ran the Explorer's registration. The vehicle was registered to Fausto Gonzalez-Medrano. The search also returned a relevant incident involving a retail theft that occurred in January of 2025 at the Walmart in Somers, Wisconsin.

On April 24, 2025, Detective Castillo was conducting surveillance at 3919 28th Avenue. Detective Castillo observed defendant Gonzalez-Medrano entering the apartment of Unit #4. Detective Castillo terminated his surveillance and made contact with Detective Darrhshoori of the Katy, Texas Police Department. Detective Darrehshoori advised that he is a task force officer for Homeland Security Investigations. Detective Darrehshoori confirmed with Detective Castillo that Gonzalez-Medrano is a suspect in Texas. Defendant Gonzalez-Medrano had previously shipped approximately \$20,000 worth of stolen merchandise to Laredo, TX, addresses over a two day period.

Detective Castillo obtained a tracking warrant for the Black Ford Explorer. That tracker was placed on the vehicle successfully. On April 30, 2025, Detective Castillo was conducting surveillance at 3919 29th Avenue. Detective Castillo observed defendant Gonzalez-Medrano exit Unit #4 carrying a small suitcase. He placed the suitcase in the Ford Explorer and went

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back inside. He then came out of Unit #4 again with a duffle-style bag. Defendant Gonzalez-Medrano left the apartment building.

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On May 02, 2025, Detective Castillo obtained a search warrant for Unit #4 at 3919 28th Avenue. The search warrant was signed, authorizing the search of the specified apartment. On May 06, 2025, KDOG, along with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, conducted a search warrant at 3919 28th Ave #4, in the City and County of Kenosha, Wisconsin, where four subjects were taken into custody. Inside the residence, KDOG recovered approximately \$100,000.00 worth of suspected stolen merchandise from various retailers.

Detective Castillo was able to confirm with Lululemon Corporate Organized Retail Crime Asset Protection Manager Kareem Kashmiry that the 36 tagged Lululemon items recovered from within the residence were taken from the Pleasant Prairie Prime Outlet store location as well as the Fashion Outlets of Chicago in Rosemont, Illinois. The value of those items was totaled at **\$4,138.00**.

KDOG and HSI Agents interviewed three of the four occupants who were located inside 3919 28th Ave #4. The four occupants of the residence were identified as Jorge Alberto Villeda-Sevilla, Ana P. Villeda-Sevilla, Sharon Y. Villeda-Sevilla, and Antonio Baez-Fuerte.

During the search, Detectives located a U-Haul rental agreement in the name of Faustio Gonzalez-Medrano. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the U-Haul storage Unit #1166 at the U-Haul Storage Center in Kenosha. The manager from U-Haul, Ryan Lemke, provided detectives with a detailed access log for the unit as well as CCTV footage corresponding to the last entry dated May 05, 2025.

The surveillance showed both Defendant Baez-Fuerte and Defendant Sharon Villeda-Sevilla entering the facility in the Chevy Equinox. A search warrant was executed on the storage Unit of #1166. The location of the U-Haul Storage Center is 4404 52nd St., in the City and County of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Detectives recovered two large boxes containing new, folded clothing items as well as one white bag also containing new, folded clothing.

During the interviews, Both Ana and Sharon admitted to committing retail thefts at Prime Outlets Pleasant Prairie, Fashion Outlets of Chicago and other locations in Aurora, IL, Johnson Creek, WI, Appleton, WI, and Milwaukee, WI, Sharon and Ana admitted the groups would work in pairs, where they would wear loose clothing into the store, then conceal the items under the clothing they and walk out of the retailer without paying for any of the merchandise. They both advised that they targeted high-value retailers such as Lululemon, American Eagle, Nike, and Victoria Secrets as well as others.

Sharon was able to identify the following locations where the thefts had occurred: Chicago Premium Outlets (Aurora, IL), Fashion Outlets of Chicago (Rosemont, IL), Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets (Pleasant Prairie, WI), Johnson Creek Premium Outlets (Johnson Creek, WI) and Mayfair Mall (Wauwatosa, WI). Sharon also asserted that all stolen merchandise from recent thefts was located in the apartment.

Ana also admitted that all the stolen merchandise was shipped to Mexico. She admitted to participating in a theft at the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlet Mall during the weekend of April 25, 2025. Ana also stated that ledgers were kept of the stolen merchandise that was shipped. She advised the shipments occurred approximately every two weeks. Ana stated that her and others would only enter "name-brand stores", explaining that such merchandise was the most sought after in Mexico.

Detective Castillo spoke with Jose Amezcua, who is the regional asset protection manager for Victoria's Secret. Mr. Amezcua confirmed 12 items from Victoria's Secret was stolen and the defendants did not have consent to take the items. The items had a total value of \$609.55.

Detective Castillo also spoke with John Marketti, who is the asset protection lead for Ralph Lauren. Mr. Marketti confirmed that 59 items were stolen and they did not give the defendants consent to take items. These items were taken from various Ralph Lauren locations. The total value was \$7,950.94.

Detective Castillo also spoke with Meghan Heath, who is the manager of American Eagle in the investigations unit. She confirmed that there were 71 items of American Eagle's recovered from the search warrant. She also confirmed these items were stolen and they did not give the defendants consent to take them. The total value was \$1798.35.

Listed below are summaries of the items and value recovered at the 3919 28th Ave,. as well as the U-Haul unit #1166.

Room A:

Clothing with tags were recovered from the following brands: Adidas, Alo, American Eagle, Calvin Klein, Jordan, Lacoste, Iululemon, Nautica, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, True Religion, and more. The total pieces of clothing found with tags was 211 items, valued at \$21,108.48.

Room F:

Clothing with tags were recovered from the following brands: American Eagle, Coach, Levi, Polo Ralph Lauren, and more. The total pieces of clothing with tags was 9 items, valued at \$1,738.69.

Room G:

Clothing with tags were recovered from the following brands: American Eagle, Armani, BOSS, Coach, Jordan, Iululemon, Michael Kors, Nike, North Face, Puma, True Religion, Victoria's Secret and more. The total pieces of clothing found with tags was 294 items, valued at \$31,177.70.

Storage Unit:

Clothing with tags were recovered from the following brands: Alexander McQueen, American Eagle, Coach, Jordan, Karl Lagerfeld, Michael Kors, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, True Religion, and more. The total pieces of clothing found with tags was 137 items, valued at \$16,491.41.

Your complainant is an Assistant District Attorney with the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office, who bases her knowledge of this complaint on:

> The official law enforcement agency reports of the KESO prepared by Detective Castillo, Detective Colaluca, Detective Scifres, Sgnt. Isaac, Oak Brook Officer

- Pfotenhauer, Katy, TX Detective Darreshoori, which reports were prepared in the normal course of law enforcement duties;
- > Statements by citizen informant(s) Kareem Kashmiry, Ana Villeda-Sevilla, Sharon Villeda-Sevilla, Ryan Lemke, Meghan Heath, Jose Amezcua, John Marketti; who are eyewitnesses to the facts they relate;
- > Statements by the defendant, which were made contrary to his penal interests;
- ➤ The official records of: The Circuit Court for Kenosha County; The Department of Transportation; The Wisconsin Circuit Court Automated Program, which records are maintained in the normal course of business duties.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/15/25
Electronically Signed By:
Zachary L Brost
Assistant District Attorney
State Bar #: 1105364

Electronically Signed By: Sarah J. Norkus Complainant