
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
: :
v. : HON. TONIANNE J. BONGIOVANNI
: :
WESLEY RUCKER : Mag. No. 21-3041 (TJB)

I, Renee Repasky, being duly sworn, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.

s/ Renee Repasky
Renee Repasky, Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives

Attested to by telephone pursuant to
Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1(b)(2)(A) on November 29th, 2021,
in the District of New Jersey

HONORABLE TONIANNE J. BONGIOVANNI
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE


Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

Count One

On or about October 22, 2021, in Monmouth County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

WESLEY RUCKER,

knowing that he previously had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, did knowingly possess a firearm, namely, a Glock Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number BSXG222, and the firearm was in and affecting commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

Count Two

On or about October 22, 2021, in Monmouth County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

WESLEY RUCKER,

did falsely assume and pretend to be an officer and employee acting under the authority of the United States and a department, agency, and officer thereof, and acted as such.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 912.

Count Three

On or about October 22, 2021, in Monmouth County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

WESLEY RUCKER,

did knowingly possess a badge, identification card, and other insignia, of the design prescribed by the head of a department or agency of the United States for use by any officer and employee thereof, namely, a Drug Enforcement Administration identification card and badge, or colorable imitations thereof.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 701.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Renee Repasky, am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents and other items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

1. During the early morning of October 22, 2021, defendant Wesley Rucker ("RUCKER") sought medical treatment in the emergency room of a hospital in Red Bank, New Jersey. While administering medical assistance, hospital personnel observed a handgun in RUCKER's waistband. RUCKER told hospital personnel that he was a federal law enforcement officer.

2. A security officer from the hospital approached RUCKER and asked him if he was a member of law enforcement. RUCKER stated that he was a member of law enforcement and that he had his firearm on his person. The security officer led RUCKER to the security office where the security officer watched RUCKER place the handgun in a temporary locker. RUCKER showed the security officer two identification cards in a leather bifold wallet with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") logo embossed on the outside. The cards identified RUCKER as a member of the DEA. RUCKER took the key to the temporary locker where he stored his gun and returned to the emergency room. Hospital personnel became suspicious of RUCKER and called the Red Bank Police Department.

3. Officers responded to the hospital and approached RUCKER in the emergency room. RUCKER told officers that he was a "DEA Agent." RUCKER retrieved his leather wallet with DEA identification cards from a black backpack and showed it to the officers. RUCKER told the officers that he was "an intelligence specialist out of Newark." Officers left RUCKER's treatment area to further investigate RUCKER's law enforcement status.

4. Shortly thereafter, RUCKER left the emergency room and approached a vehicle in the hospital parking lot. Officers approached RUCKER and questioned him about leaving the hospital without his handgun. RUCKER stated that he was no longer an active member of the DEA and he was not the owner of the handgun. RUCKER handed to law enforcement the key to the locker containing the handgun. The driver of the vehicle RUCKER had approached handed RUCKER's backpack to the officers. A search of the backpack revealed the wallet with DEA identification cards that RUCKER had displayed to officers and a gold-colored DEA Special Agent badge. The reverse

side of the identification cards, hidden while in the wallet, contained warnings that the cards were for “cosplay collectible use only” and that misuse of the cards could result in criminal penalties.

5. Officers used the key that RUCKER had given to them to open the temporary storage locker in the hospital. Officers seized a Glock Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number BSXG222, a ten round 9mm magazine, and 11 rounds of 9mm ammunition from the locker.

6. Subsequent analysis confirmed that the firearm was not manufactured in the State of New Jersey and therefore moved in interstate commerce before October 22, 2021.

7. RUCKER is not, and never has been, a member of the DEA. Indeed, RUCKER is not, and never has been, employed by the DEA in any capacity.

8. On or about November 18, 2014, RUCKER was convicted in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10(a)(1), and obstructing administration of law, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-1, crimes punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. RUCKER was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three years.