

**AFFIDAVIT**

My name is [REDACTED] and I am employed by the Drug Enforcement Administration Department, and currently assigned to the Fayetteville Resident Office. I have been employed by the Drug Enforcement Administration since 2000. I am familiar with the seizure of a 2006 Toyota Tacoma, VIN: STELU42N46Z223345 on February 22, 2012 and state the following:

Jose Mejia-Machado uses an alias of Marco Machado. Marcos Antonio Machado (DOB: XX/XX/1970; SSN XXX-XX-0024; Address, 2105 South Thompson Street, Springdale, AR.) is Jose Mejia-Machado's brother who shows to be the owner listed on the 2006 Toyota Tacoma registration. During a vehicle accident in Springdale, Arkansas Jose Mejia-Machado gave the name of Marco Machado to police officers and gave a Driver's License and Commercial Driver's License that was in the name of Marco Antonio Machado. Jose Mejia-Machado is an illegal immigrant and agents believe he used his brother information and identification often. The 2006 Toyota Tacoma was used for facilitation purposes by Jose Mejia-Machado.

On the following occasions, Jose Mejia-Machado used the 2006 Toyota Tacoma to facilitate the distribution of methamphetamine. On August 16, 2011, Mejia-Machado, while driving the Toyota Tacoma, delivered a one gram sample of methamphetamine to a DEA Confidential Source at the La Huerta Mexican food restaurant located at 4901 S. Thompson, Springdale, Arkansas. On August 17, 2011, Mejia-Machado, while driving the Toyota Tacoma, delivered one ounce of methamphetamine to a DEA Confidential Source at the Phillips 66 gas station located at 3427 South Thompson Street, Springdale, Arkansas. The Confidential Source paid \$1,200.00 for the methamphetamine. On August 24, 2011, Mejia-Machado, while driving the Toyota Tacoma, delivered one ounce of methamphetamine to a DEA Confidential Source at the Phillips 66 gas station located at 3427 South Thompson Street, Springdale, Arkansas. The Confidential Source paid \$1,200.00 for the methamphetamine. On September 20, 2011, Mejia-Machado, while driving the Toyota Tacoma, delivered two ounces of methamphetamine to a DEA Confidential Source at the Phillips 66 gas station located at 3427 South Thompson Street, Springdale, Arkansas. The Confidential Source paid \$2,400.00 for the methamphetamine.

On February 22, 2012, DEA Fayetteville Resident Office agents and TFOs arrested Jose Mejia-Machado at 2105 South Thompson Street, Springdale, Arkansas. As officer approached Mejia-Machado, Mejia-Machado reached into his right front pants pocket and threw out a plastic bag containing six individual wrapped bags of methamphetamine. Also found on Mejia-Machado's person was a Commercial Arkansas Driver's license (AR-XXXXX7750) in the name of Marco Antonio Machado. Jose Mejia-Machado was arrested and transported to his residence for the search warrant, then transferred to the Washington County Detention Facility.

Based on the foregoing, I believe there is sufficient evidence to believe the 2006 Toyota Tacoma was used to facilitate illegal drug trafficking and is therefore forfeitable pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(4).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 2nd day of July, 2012.



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