

Attachment A

On 02-27-07 at about 9:00pm, I received information that Reggie Smith driving a gray Honda and an unknown person driving a Lexus were meeting at a location in Athens, TN. to exchange money for cocaine.

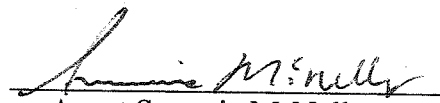
While traveling to the location I was told that the black Lexus and the gray Honda were leaving the location where the transaction occurred. Agent Allman and I saw the Lexus leaving the location and Agent Allman saw that it had a specialty tag displayed on it. I notified DTF interdiction units to be watching for the Lexus traveling south on I-75 because my information was that the Lexus was from Chattanooga. Agent Allman and I attempted to stop the Honda and the driver refused to stop and we were unable to locate the vehicle.

A few minutes later I was notified that Agent Matt Bales had found the Lexus on the interstate and stopped it for speeding. Agent Bales asked for consent to search the vehicle from the operator Edward L. Stoutemire Jr. Mr. Stoutemire refused to allow Agent Bales to search the vehicle. DTF Lt. Bobby Queen then used his K-9 partner to check the vehicle for the presence of controlled substances. The K-9 alerted to the presence of drug odor coming from the vehicle. Agent Bales then began to search the vehicle and located \$5100.00 cash in a jacket pocket which was in the back seat. Mr. Stoutemire told Agent Bales that he and his girl Brandi N. Kennedy were just riding around. Brandi N. Kennedy told us that she wasn't sure where she was or where she had been because she had been asleep. Neither of them would tell us where they were going or where they had been.

We then brought them to the DTF office in Charleston. I asked Mr. Stoutemire if there would be cocaine on his hands or his clothing. He stated that there wasn't. I asked for his consent to use ion swabs to check for the presence of cocaine on his hands and clothing. He refused consent to do so. Brandi N. Kennedy did allow us to swab her hands for the presence of cocaine. The vehicle was swabbed for the presence of a controlled substance. The ion swabs were tested and there was a positive alert to the presence of cocaine in the jacket pocket where the money was located. There was a positive alert to the presence of cocaine and MDMA on the driver's side area controls. There was no alert for Brandi Kennedy's hands.

Agent Allman asked Mr. Stoutemire if he was employed and Mr. Stoutemire told him that he makes rap music. Agent Allman asked him how he made money and he told him that he would go to different places and make rap music. Mr. Stoutemire made no statement concerning the money found in his coat pocket. He didn't say that it was or wasn't his money. His only concern was that he wanted to make a mark on each bill with a blue pen.

Based upon this investigation, I believe that the \$5100.00 found is proceeds of a drug transaction.


Agent Sammie McNeilly