

AO 257 (Rev. 6/78)

**DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

BY:  COMPLAINT  INFORMATION  INDICTMENT  
 SUPERSEDING

**OFFENSE CHARGED**

21 U.S.C. § 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) – Conspiracy to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing Methamphetamine

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Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

**DEFENDANT - U.S.**

NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

CR 23 0345 TLT

**PROCEEDING**

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court, give name of court

this person/proceeding is transferred from another district per (circle one) FRCrp 20, 21, or 40. Show District

this is a reprosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:

U.S. ATTORNEY  DEFENSE

SHOW DOCKET NO.

this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant

MAGISTRATE CASE NO.

prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate regarding this defendant were recorded under

Name and Office of Person Furnishing Information on this form ISMAIL J. RAMSEY

U.S. Attorney  Other U.S. Agency

Name of Assistant U.S. Attorney (if assigned) Daniel Pastor, AUSA

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Northern District of California

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If answer to (6) is "Yes", show name of institution

Has detainer been filed?  Yes  No

If "Yes" give date filed

DATE OF ARREST 9/13/2023

Or... if Arresting Agency & Warrant were not

DATE TRANSFERRED TO U.S. CUSTODY

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 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS**

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SUMMONS  NO PROCESS\*  WARRANT

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RORY SPENCER RICKEY

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Comments:

# United States District Court

FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VENUE: SAN FRANCISCO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ,  
FREDERICK CARL GAESTEL,  
MATTHEW THOMAS SESTAK, and  
RORY SPENCER RICKEY,

CR 23 0345  
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DEFENDANT(S).

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## INDICTMENT

- 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) – Conspiracy to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing Methamphetamine;
- 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) – Distribution of a Mixture and Substance Containing Methamphetamine;
- 21 U.S.C. § 853 – Forfeiture Allegation

A true bill.

*Foreperson of the Grand Jury*  
Foreman

Filed in open court this 5th day of

October, 2023

*Jury L. Garcia 10/5/23*  
Clerk

*[Signature]*

Hon. Donna M. Ryu, Chief Magistrate Judge

Bail, \$ Warrant *for A Sestak*  
*10/5/23* *no process for As*  
*Gonzalez, Gaestel +*  
*Rickey -*

1 ISMAIL J. RAMSEY (CABN 189820)  
United States Attorney

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

**TLT**

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ,  
16 FREDERICK CARL GAESTEL, and  
RORY SPENCER RICKEY,

17 Defendants.

) CASE NO.

**CR 23 0345**

) VIOLATIONS:

) 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) – Conspiracy  
) to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing  
) Methamphetamine;

) 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) – Distribution of  
) a Mixture and Substance Containing  
) Methamphetamine;

) 21 U.S.C. § 853 – Forfeiture Allegation

) [SAN FRANCISCO VENUE]

20 INDICTMENT

21 The Grand Jury charges:

22 COUNT ONE: (21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) – Conspiracy to Distribute a Mixture and  
23 Substance Containing Methamphetamine)

24 1. Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but no later than April 14, 2023, and  
25 continuing through at least September 13, 2023, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the  
26 defendants,

27 NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ,  
28 FREDERICK CARL GAESTEL,  
MATTHEW SESTAK, and  
RORY SPENCER RICKEY,

1 and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute  
2 a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and  
3 salts of its isomers, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
4 Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C).

5 COUNT TWO: (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) –Distribution of a Mixture and Substance  
6 Containing Methamphetamine)

7 2. On or about April 14, 2023, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

8 MATTHEW THOMAS SESTAK,

9 did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, to wit: a mixture and substance  
10 containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, a  
11 Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and  
12 (b)(1)(C).

13 COUNT THREE: (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) – Distribution of a Mixture and Substance  
14 Containing Methamphetamine)

15 3. On or about June 14, 2023, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

16 FREDERICK CARL GAESTEL,

17 did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, to wit: a mixture and substance  
18 containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, a  
19 Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and  
20 (b)(1)(C).

21 COUNT FOUR: (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C) – Distribution of a Mixture and Substance  
22 Containing Methamphetamine)

23 4. On or about August 24, 2023, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

24 RORY SPENCER RICKEY,

25 did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, to wit: a mixture and substance  
26 containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, a  
27 Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and  
28 (b)(1)(C).

1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (21 U.S.C. § 853(a))

2 5. The allegations contained above are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for  
3 the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a).

4 6. Upon conviction of any of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Four above, the  
5 defendants,

6 NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ,  
7 FREDERICK CARL GAESTEL,  
8 MATTHEW SESTAK, and  
9 RORY SPENCER RICKEY,

10 shall forfeit to the United States all right, title, and interest in any property constituting and derived from  
11 any proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said violations, and any  
12 property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of  
13 such violations, including but not limited to a forfeiture money judgment.

14 7. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the  
15 defendants:

- 16 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- 17 b. has been transferred, or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- 18 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- 19 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- 20 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without  
21 difficulty;

22 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21,  
23 United States Code, Section 853(p). All pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, and  
24 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2.

25 DATED: October 5, 2023

A TRUE BILL.

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27 FOREPERSON



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4 */s/ Daniel Pastor*  
DANIEL PASTOR  
5 Assistant United States Attorney

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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**CRIMINAL COVER SHEET**

*Instructions: Effective November 1, 2016, this Criminal Cover Sheet must be completed and submitted, along with the Defendant Information Form, for each new criminal case.*

CASE NAME:

USA V. NATALIE MARIE GONZALEZ ET AL.

CASE NUMBER:

**CR 23 0345**

This Case Under Seal?

Yes No

**TLT**

Total Number of Defendants:

1 2-7  8 or more

Does this case involve ONLY charges under 8 U.S.C. § 1325 and/or 1326?

Yes No

Venue (Per Crim. L.R. 18-1):

SF  OAK SJ

Is this a potential high-cost case?

Yes No

Is any defendant charged with a death-penalty-eligible crime?

Yes No

Is this a RICO Act gang case?

Yes No

Assigned AUSA

(Lead Attorney): Daniel Pastor

Date Submitted: 10/05/2023

Comments: