

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 12-320

v.

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SECTION: "I"

CHASE M. ROBICHAUX

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant **CHASE M. ROBICHAUX**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegation against the defendant, **CHASE M. ROBICHAUX** ("**ROBICHAUX**"):

Unless stated otherwise, all events set forth herein occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On September 7, 2012, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) along with the Terrebonne Narcotics Task Force (TNTF) and Louisiana State Police (LSP) planned an operation in furtherance of an ongoing methamphetamine investigation. This particular investigation involved **ROBICHAUX**. The operation involved the cooperation of a state confidential source (CS) that had been obtaining methamphetamine from **ROBICHAUX** for several months.

On September 17, 2012, **ROBICHAUX** contacted the CS, to whom he had previously sold methamphetamine, and stated that he may have received a new supply of methamphetamine. **ROBICHAUX** told the CS to gather as much money as possible and travel to **ROBICHAUX's** apartment.

Agents met with the CS and conducted an integrity search of the CS and CS' vehicle with negative results. The CS was also fitted with audio / video and monitoring device.

At agent's direction, the CS called **ROBICHAUX**, but **ROBICAHUX** told the CS not to come because he was at his mother's residence. Agents, however, observed **ROBICHAUX** at his residence in his front yard.

At 5:41 p.m., **ROBICHAUX** exited his residence carrying a backpack, entered his red Ford 500, and departed the area. **ROBICHAUX** traveled to the Days Inn Hotel at 158 Glenwild Drive in Thibodaux, Louisiana. **ROBICHAUX** entered the hotel carrying his backpack. Inside, he collected packages from

individuals therein. The packages contained methamphetamine. At 6:15 p.m., **ROBICHAUX** exited the hotel carrying the backpack, entered his vehicle, and left the area.

As **ROBICHAUX** was traveling, he received information from another person who had intercepted law enforcement radio traffic that revealed law enforcement had an operation against **ROBICHAUX**. **ROBICHAUX** then contacted the CS and told the CS not to go to his residence.

ROBICHAUX then began driving through sugar cane fields, which proved difficult for surveillance to follow. While there, he hid the packages containing the methamphetamine in a canal running through the cane field. Surveillance lost contact with **ROBICHAUX**.

At 10:30 p.m., surveillance teams coordinated plans to execute the search warrant on **ROBICHAUX**'s residence. **ROBICHAUX** returned to his residence at about 10:50 p.m. The warrant team made entry at about 11:12 p.m. and discovered **ROBICHAUX** and his girlfriend in the master bedroom. **ROBICHAUX** was placed under arrest.

A search of the residence yielded several pipes, a digital scale, baggies, some methamphetamine residue, hard drives, laptop computers, a money counter, a DVR security system, and other miscellaneous items.

Following his arrest and Miranda warning, **ROBICHAUX** stated that he had received one-half pound of crystal methamphetamine from an individual at the Days Inn in Thibodaux. He admitted that he hid the methamphetamine in a canal running through a cane field on his family's property after he learned about the law enforcement operation.

ROBICHAUX traveled with agents to the area where he had buried the packages. The agents dug it up by hand. Six inches below the surface, agents found a white plastic bag sealed bag with duct tape. Inside the bag was a silver pot, also secured with duct tape. Inside the pot were five plastic bags, each containing crystal methamphetamine. **ROBICHAUX** stated that he had been obtaining and distributing crystal methamphetamine in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes for at least 11 months from his source of supply from California.

The controlled substance that **ROBICHAUX** had obtained from the individual in the Days Inn and thereafter buried was sent to be analyzed by the South Central Laboratory in Dallas, Texas. It tested positive for the presence of d-methamphetamine hydrochloride. It had net weight of 2,106.3 grams. The amount of actual d-methamphetamine hydrochloride was 2,032.7 grams.

Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **ROBICHAUX** and described by **ROBICHAUX** to the government, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for **ROBICHAUX**'s plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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