U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 14-24
v.	*	SECTION: "I"
JAHVAR HOOKS	*	

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible, tangible exhibits, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the indictment now pending against the defendant:

The Defendant, Jahvar Hooks, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the Superseding Indictment charging him with maliciously conveying false information, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e).

Beginning on August 12, 2013 and continuing through August 19, 2013, Hooks called in numerous bomb threats to 911 stating that there were bombs in various locations throughout New Orleans. Locations included schools, Orleans Criminal District Court, Traffic Court, and hotels. Hooks made in excess of 40 calls in which he stated that there was a bomb in various buildings. The persons receiving the calls believed these calls were bomb threats. Evacuations of Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and New Orleans Municpal/Traffic Court were conducted as a result of Hooks stating there was a bomb on the premises.

Hooks originally began making the calls by using a cell phone which was no longer in service but still had access to 911. He did that for several days and then began using various pay

phones around the city. Agents were able to track most of the calls from a pay phone to one particular pay phone.

On August 19, 2013, at approximately 5:03 p.m., Hooks made a call to 911 from a pay phone near 1700 St. Claude Ave. NOPD responded to the scene and found that a business in that area had a surveillance camera. They looked at the footage and obtained a description of the person using the phone at the time of the threat. The officers then searched the area and found Hooks. He was located in the 500 block of Rampart near another pay phone. The officers watched Hooks. He was sitting in a folding chair near the pay phone. They observed as he got up from the chair and began making a phone call from the pay phone. Officers then stopped Hooks. When Hooks was apprehended, he spontaneously admitted to making numerous calls and saying "crazy things."

Hooks was transported to the NOPD district station and interviewed. He admitted that he began calling 911 about a week before. He stated he originally made a call requesting an ambulance pick him up for mental health issues. When the ambulance did not appear, he made another call and said there was a bomb in a local school. Hooks stated he continued making numerous calls to the various courts, schools and hotels over the one week period.

Hooks added that he had been prescribed medication previously for mental health issues. He had been to Covenant House earlier that day to try and get mental health counseling but was unsuccessful.

If this case had gone to trial, the government would have proven the foregoing facts by testimony of law enforcement officials, competent witnesses, and production of other evidence.

The government would also present additional evidence of guilt not contained above in the factual basis.

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