

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 10-165**

**v.**

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**SECTION: "A"**

**GEORGE J. REED, JR**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

The above-named defendant **GEORGE J. REED, JR.** has agreed to plead guilty as charged in the three-count Indictment in this case. 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, ("**REED**"):

On March 5, 2010, a Confidential Source (hereafter referred to as CS) began placing a series of recorded telephone calls to **REED** to arrange for the purchase of cocaine base ("crack") from **REED**. Following these calls, arrangements were made for the CS to meet **REED** at the Levee Run apartments located in Jefferson, Louisiana, within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

At approximately 11:10 a.m., **REED** and the CS departed the Levee Run apartments in **REED**'s vehicle and arrived at the corner of Green and General Ogden in New Orleans,

Louisiana. **REED** exited the vehicle and proceeded to obtain crack cocaine from a home in the immediate area and he then returned with the crack and entered the vehicle. While inside **REED**'s vehicle, **REED** provided the CS with a bag which contained approximately 21.3 net grams of cocaine base ("crack").

The CS was wired, and agents were monitoring the situation. The CS had previously been provided \$1000.00 in DEA money which he provided to **REED** in exchange for the crack cocaine. **REED** and the CS agreed to conduct more transactions and **REED** stated that he would require a \$100.00 broker fee for any transaction in the future.

On March 10, 2010, **REED** contacted a Confidential Source (hereafter referred to as CS) via telephone to arrange for the purchase of approximately two ounces of cocaine base ("crack") from **REED**. Following this call, arrangements were made for the CS to meet **REED** at the Levee Run apartments located in Jefferson, Louisiana, within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

**REED** appeared at the apartment complex driving his Isuzu Rodeo LA tag SWZ 723 and he was trailed by a Gold Honda LA tag SME 052 and a silver Acura with an unreadable tag. **REED** then entered the CS vehicle at the levee Run apartments momentarily and then entered the Gold Honda to obtain the crack cocaine. **REED** then entered the CS vehicle and completed the transaction. **REED** provided approximately 44.5 net grams of cocaine base ("crack") to the CS in exchange for \$2100.00. The \$100.00 brother fee was included in the price.

The CS was wired, and agents were monitoring the situation. The CS had previously been provided over \$2000.00 in DEA money which he provided to **REED** in exchange for the crack cocaine.

On March 30, 2010 at 11:35 a.m. the CS, in the presence of the DEA, called **REED** to arrange a purchase of crack cocaine and the call was recorded. At 11:45 a.m., the CS drove to Levee Run apartments and met **REED** who was already outside the apartments. The CS and **REED** entered a hallway and **REED** provided the crack cocaine directly to the CS for \$2100.00 and this price included the \$100.00 broker fee.

**REED** provided the CS with a bag which contained approximately 33.6 net grams of cocaine base (“crack”). The CS was wired, and agents were monitoring the situation. The CS had previously been provided over \$2000.00 in DEA money which he provided to **REED** in exchange for the crack cocaine.

Forensic Chemist Scott Wischnewsky of the Drug Enforcement Administration South Central Laboratory in Dallas, Texas, analyzed the narcotics seized in this matter on March 25, March 31 and May 7, 2010. The crack, which **REED** had given the CS, had a combined net weight of 99.4 grams and tested positive for the presence of cocaine base.

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GEORGE J. REED, JR  
Defendant

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