

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CRIMINAL NO: 09- 212**

v.

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**SECTION: "R"**

**KENTRELL WASHINGTON**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

If this case were to proceed to trial the Government would prove the Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of this one count Indictment. In the Indictment, the Defendant, KENTRELL WASHINGTON, is charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing in and affecting commerce a firearm, after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. The Government would establish the following through reliable and competent evidence:

On June 16, 2009 at approximately 7:20 pm, Det. Steve Gaudet and Sgt. Ryan Lubrano of the NOPD Sixth District Narcotics Unit were on patrol when they observed a white Ford truck traveling at a high rate of speed on Phillip St. As the truck neared the Claiborne Ave./Phillip St. intersection, the Detectives observed the truck disregard the stop sign and turn right onto Claiborne Ave. The Detectives conducted a traffic stop based on the observed traffic violation.

The Detectives, who were in an unmarked Chevy Impala equipped with lights and siren, turned onto Claiborne Ave. and pulled behind the truck with activated lights and siren. Detectives Jayson Germann and Brian Phillips also pulled up behind Det. Gaudet and Sgt. Lubrano to assist with the stop. The white Ford truck pulled over at the intersection of Josephine St. and Claiborne Ave. Detectives noticed that once the truck pulled over the occupants were moving around erratically inside. Det. Germann approached the driver's side while Detectives Gaudet, Phillips, and Sgt. Lubrano approached the passenger side. Based on the erratic movements, officers elected to instruct the occupants step out of the vehicle for officer safety. An individual later identified as Christopher Dorsey was in the driver's seat while the front passenger seat was occupied by an individual later identified as Darian Blount. As the backseat passenger, later identified as KENTRELL WASHINGTON, stepped out of the truck, Det. Gaudet observed in plain view a plastic bag containing vegetable matter that appeared to be marijuana. The bag was partially covered by a shirt on the back passenger seat. Det. Gaudet then detained WASHINGTON and retrieved the marijuana. Once Det. Gaudet recovered the marijuana and stepped away from the truck, Sgt. Lubrano observed a black barrel protruding from underneath the driver's seat on the backseat side floor board. Sgt. Lubrano retrieved the weapon and discovered it to be a 9mm Beretta semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number BER129419Z. Once WASHINGTON observed Sgt. Lubrano step away from the truck carrying the 9mm Beretta, WASHINGTON stated "*That gun and weed is mine*". WASHINGTON was then placed under arrest. WASHINGTON was then relocated to the Sixth District.

Detectives also learned that WASHINGTON was previously convicted of a felony in 2006 in state court in Houston, TX. On June 12, 2006, WASHINGTON pled guilty to the Manufacturing/Delivery of a Controlled Substance under docket number 1030600 and was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment. As such, WASHINGTON is precluded from ever legally possessing a

firearm. Det. Germann contacted ATF S/A Jennifer Doreck who arrived at the Sixth District police station shortly thereafter. WASHINGTON again stated to S/A Doreck that the handgun was his. WASHINGTON also informed S/A Doreck that he obtained the gun from his girlfriend in Houston. S/A Doreck took custody of WASHINGTON (as well as the marijuana and the handgun) and federally arrested him for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In addition, both Christopher Dorsey and Darian Blount would testify that Dorsey was driving, Blount was in the front passenger seat, and WASHINGTON was in the backseat. Both individuals would testify that they were unaware that there was a firearm was in the vehicle. And they would both confirm that the firearm was WASHINGTON's, that WASHINGTON admitted to officers that the firearm was his, and that he had obtained the firearm from his girlfriend.

Finally, WASHINGTON admits that on June 16, 2009, he was in possession of the above-mentioned firearm, and he acknowledges that said conduct constitutes knowing violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

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Defendant

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