

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : **CRIMINAL NO. 11-_____**
v. : **DATE FILED:**
JASHANNA THORNTON : **VIOLATION:**
: **21 U.S.C. § 846 (conspiracy to**
: **distribute 500 grams or**
: **more of cocaine - 1 count)**
: **21 U.S.C. § 963 (conspiracy to**
: **import 500 grams or**
: **more of cocaine - 1 count)**

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. From on or about October 30, 2010 to on or about January 4, 2011, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant

JASHANNA THORNTON

conspired and agreed, with Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier, both charged elsewhere, and with others known and unknown to the grand jury, to knowingly and intentionally distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

2. A member of the conspiracy, referred to here as Co-Conspirator 1, organized and directed others known and unknown to the grand jury, including defendant

JASHANNA THORNTON and co-conspirators Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier, to assist him in the delivery of multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine from another member of the conspiracy, who was a source of cocaine in Costa Rica and who will be referred to herein as Co-Conspirator 2, for distribution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

3. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON recruited Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel to and from Costa Rica with suitcases supplied by Co-Conspirator 1 which would be packed with cocaine in Costa Rica by Co-Conspirator 1 and others unknown to the grand jury.

4. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON made arrangements for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to obtain United States passports to travel to Costa Rica for the cocaine delivery from the source of supply and arranged meetings between Co-Conspirator 1 and Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier before the cocaine delivery trip to Costa Rica.

5. Co-Conspirator 1, with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, provided Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier with money to obtain United States passports, to purchase clothes and airline tickets to and from Costa Rica, and to spend while in Costa Rica.

6. Co-Conspirator 1 promised payment to defendant JASHANNA THORNTON and to Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier upon delivery of the suitcases filled with cocaine to Co-Conspirator 1.

7. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, and with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier traveled to Costa Rica with the suitcases provided to them by Co-Conspirator 1, and gave those suitcases to Co-Conspirator

2 and others, who packed multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine in those suitcases .

8. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier retrieved the suitcases packed with multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine from Co-Conspirator 2, and returned to the United States with those suitcases which then were to be delivered to Co-Conspirator 1 at the residence of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its object, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON and others known and unknown to the grand jury, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Eastern District of North Carolina, and elsewhere:

1. On or about October 30, 2010, at the direction of C-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON traveled to Costa Rica where she and another co-conspirator known to the grand jury were to meet with Co-Conspirator 2.

1. On or about November 8, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON recruited Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel to Costa Rica to pick up multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine for Co-Conspirator 1 from Co-Conspirator 2 and others.

2. On or about November 8, 2010, Co-Conspirator 1, with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, directed Shakera Frazier to open a bank account and obtain a debit card so that Co-Conspirator 1 could use the debit card to purchase the airline tickets for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel to Costa Rica.

3. On or about November 8, 2010, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON accompanied Shakera Frazier to a TD Bank location at 76th Street and Cheltenham Avenue in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Frazier opened a TD Bank account in her name as instructed by Co-Conspirator 1, and defendant THORNTON then took possession of the account information and debit card for that TD Bank account.

4. On or about November 22, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON made arrangements for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to apply for expedited United States passports, including making an appointment at the United States Passport Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and accompanying the Fraziers to the United States Passport Office to apply for their expedited passports.

5. On or about November 22, 2010, a male unknown to the grand jury deposited \$1,500.00 in cash into the TD Bank account opened by Shakeera Frazier at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1.

6. On or about November 22, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, and using the funds deposited into the TD Bank account of Shakeera Frazier, round-trip tickets were purchased for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel between Newark International Airport in Newark, New Jersey and Juan Santa Maria International nAirport in San Jose, Costa Rica, with a stop in Charlotte, North Carolina.

7. On or about November 26, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON accompanied Chekeela Frazier to the United States Passport Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Chekeela Frazier picked up the United States passports issued in the names of Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier.

8. On or about November 26, 2010, Co-Conspirator 1, accompanied by defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, delivered to Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier suitcases to be used for travel to Costa Rica on November 28, 2010.

9. On or about November 27, 2010, Co-Conspirator 1 and a male unknown to the grand jury drove Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Newark International Airport in Newark, New Jersey.

10. On or about November 28, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier flew, via US Airways, from Newark, New Jersey to Charlotte, North Carolina and then to San Jose, Costa Rica with the suitcases provided by Co-Conspirator 1.

11. On or about November 29, 2010, after arrival in San Jose, Costa Rica and at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier gave the suitcases provided them by Co-Conspirator 1 to Co-Conspirator 2 and another male unknown to the grand jury.

12. Between on or about November 29, 2010 and on or about December 1, 2010, Co-Conspirator 2 and others unknown to the grand jury packed the suitcases provided to Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier by Co-Conspirator 1 with approximately 2.440 kilograms of cocaine in one suitcase and with approximately 2.495 kilograms of cocaine in the second suitcase.

13. On or about December 1, 2010, Co-Conspirator 2 returned the two suitcases, now filled with multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier before Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier left Costa Rica.

14. On or about December 1, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier flew from San Jose Costa Rica to Charlotte, North Carolina via US Airways with the suitcases loaded with the multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine that were to be delivered to Co-Conspirator 1 in Newark, New Jersey and then transported to the

apartment of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

15. On or about December 1, 2010 and on or about December 2, 2010, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON discussed, via cellular telephone, with Shakera Frazier, the delivery of the cocaine in the suitcases carried by the Fraziers to Co-Conspirator 1 and payments to be made to defendant THORNTON and the Fraziers by Co-Conspirator 1 upon that delivery.

16. On or about January 4, 2011, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON discussed, via cellular telephone, with Shakera Frazier, the failure of Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to make the delivery of cocaine to Co-Conspirator 1.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. From on or about October 30, 2010 to on or about January 4, 2011, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant

JASHANNA THORNTON

conspired and agreed, with Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier, both charged elsewhere, and with others known and unknown to the grand jury, to knowingly and intentionally import 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, that is, Costa Rica, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 952(a), 960(a)(1), (b)(2)(B).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

2. A member of the conspiracy, referred to here as Co-Conspirator 1, organized and directed others known and unknown to the grand jury, including defendant JASHANNA THORNTON and co-conspirators Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier, to assist him in the importation from Costa Rica to the United States of multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine provided by another member of the conspiracy, who was a source of cocaine in Costa Rica and who will be referred to herein as Co-Conspirator 2.

3. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA THORNTON recruited Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel to and from Costa Rica with suitcases supplied by Co-Conspirator 1 which would be packed with cocaine in Costa Rica by Co-Conspirator 1 and others unknown to the grand jury.

4. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, defendant JASHANNA

THORNTON made arrangements for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to obtain United States passports to travel to Costa Rica for the cocaine delivery from the source of supply and arranged meetings between Co-Conspirator 1 and Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier before the cocaine delivery trip to Costa Rica.

5. Co-Conspirator 1, with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, provided Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier with money to obtain United States passports, to purchase clothes and airline tickets to and from Costa Rica, and to spend while in Costa Rica.

6. Co-Conspirator 1 promised payment to defendant JASHANNA THORNTON and to Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier upon delivery of the suitcases filled with cocaine to Co-Conspirator 1.

7. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, and with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier traveled to Costa Rica with the suitcases provided to them by Co-Conspirator 1, and gave those suitcases to Co-Conspirator 2 and others, who packed multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine in those suitcases .

8. At the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier retrieved the suitcases packed with multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine from Co-Conspirator 2, and returned to the United States with those suitcases which then were to be delivered to Co-Conspirator 1 at the residence of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON.

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2. On or about November 8, 2010, Co-Conspirator 1, with the assistance of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON, directed Shakera Frazier to open a bank account and obtain a debit card so that Co-Conspirator 1 could use the debit card to purchase the airline tickets for Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier to travel to Costa Rica.

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deposited \$1,500.00 in cash into the TD Bank account opened by Shakeera Frazier at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1.

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14. On or about December 1, 2010, at the direction of Co-Conspirator 1, Shakera Frazier and Chekeela Frazier flew from San Jose Costa Rica to Charlotte, North Carolina via US Airways with the suitcases loaded with the multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine that were to be delivered to Co-Conspirator 1 in Newark, New Jersey and then transported to the apartment of defendant JASHANNA THORNTON in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

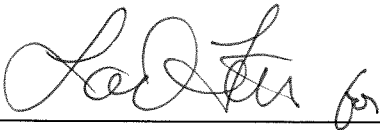
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All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 963.

A TRUE BILL:

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON



ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
United States Attorney