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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	4:25-cr-303
V.	§	Criminal No.
	§	UNDER SEAL
NATHANIEL MITCHELL,	§	
a/k/a LANAE MITCHELL,	§	
a/k/a BIG HOMIE,	§	
RAQUEL MITCHELL,	§	
TRACY FLANIGAN, and	§	
ROBIN TURNER,	§	
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Defendants.	§	

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times material to this Indictment, unless otherwise specified:

- 1. The Controlled Substances Act ("CSA") governed the manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of controlled substances in the United States. With limited exceptions for medical professionals, the CSA made it unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance or conspire to do so.
- 2. The CSA and its implementing regulations set forth which drugs and other substances were defined by law as "controlled substances," and assigned those controlled substances to one of five schedules (Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V) depending on their potential for abuse, likelihood of physical or psychological dependency, accepted medical use, and accepted safety for use under medical supervision.

- 3. A controlled substance assigned to "Schedule II" meant that the drug had a high potential for abuse and a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, or the drug had a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.
 - 4. Pursuant to the CSA and its implementing regulations:
 - a. Oxycodone was classified as a Schedule II controlled substance. Oxycodone was used to treat severe pain and, as with other opioids, was highly addictive. Oxycodone HCL 30 mg ("oxycodone 30mg") tablets were sometimes marketed under the brand name Roxicodone, yielding the street name "Roxy," or "Roxies." The 30 mg pill was the highest, short-acting pill form of the drug commercially available, and it had substantial street value and was in high demand on Houston's black market.
 - b. Hydrocodone was classified as a Schedule II controlled substance. Hydrocodone was used to treat severe pain and, as with other opioids, was highly addictive. Tablets combining 10 mg of hydrocodone bitartrate and 325 mg of acetaminophen ("hydrocodone 10-325 mg") was sometimes marketed under the brand name Norco. The 10-325 mg pill was the highest, short-acting combination-pill form of the drug commercially available, and it had substantial street value and was in high demand on Houston's black market.
 - c. "Potentiators," so-called because they enhanced the high from opioids like hydrocodone and oxycodone, included carisoprodol, a Schedule IV controlled substance classified as a muscle relaxant. Carisoprodol had substantial street value and was in high demand on Houston's black market.
- 5. With exceptions not applicable here, only appropriately licensed and registered pharmacies could dispense controlled substances, and only pursuant to prescriptions issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an appropriately licensed and registered practitioner acting in the usual course of his professional practice. *See* 21 C.F.R. §§ 1306.04 and 1306.06. The issuing physician and the pharmacist who filled the prescription for a controlled substance shared a corresponding responsibility for its proper prescribing and dispensing. *See* 21 C.F.R. § 1306.04. In addition, Section 1306.04 instructed that

[a]n order purporting to be a prescription issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research is not a prescription within the meaning and intent of Section 309 of the Act (21 U.S.C. § 829) and the person knowingly filling such a purported prescription, as well as the person issuing it, shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of the provisions of law relating to controlled substances.

6. Rule § 291.29 of the Texas Administrative Code required that a "pharmacist shall make every reasonable effort to prevent inappropriate dispensing due to fraudulent, forged, invalid, or medically inappropriate prescriptions in violation of a pharmacist's corresponding responsibility."

DEFENDANTS, RELEVANT INDIVIDUALS, AND ENTITIES

- 7. Defendants NATHANIEL MITCHELL, a/k/a "Lanae Mitchell," a/k/a "Big Homie" ("NATHANIEL MITCHELL"), and RAQUEL MITCHELL operated RM Pharmacy LLC, located at 4205 Broadway Street Suite 203, Pearland, Texas ("RM Pharmacy"). RAQUEL MITCHELL was the paper owner of RM Pharmacy.
- 8. Defendant **TRACY FLANIGAN** was a drug trafficker who illegally obtained controlled substances to sell onto the black market in the Houston area and elsewhere.
- 9. Defendant **ROBIN TURNER** was a pharmacist licensed with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy ("TSBP"). **ROBIN TURNER** was the Pharmacist-in-Charge ("PIC") at RM Pharmacy.
- 10. Wholesalers, often through independent sales representatives, sold RM Pharmacy large quantities of oxycodone 30 mg and hydrocodone 10-325 mg which were illegally dispensed and sold onto the black market.

COUNT ONE

Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute and Dispense Controlled Substances (21 U.S.C. § 846)

- 11. Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 12. Beginning in or around June 2022, and continuing through in or around September 2023, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas, and elsewhere, Defendants

NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, and ROBIN TURNER

knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other, and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to violate Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), and (b)(2) that is, to knowingly and intentionally distribute and dispense, mixtures and substances containing detectable amounts of controlled substances, including oxycodone 30 mg and hydrocodone 10-325 mg, each a Schedule II controlled substance, and other controlled substances, including carisoprodol 350 mg, a Schedule IV controlled substance, knowing and intending that such distribution and dispensing was unauthorized.

Purpose of the Conspiracy

13. It was the purpose of the conspiracy for NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, ROBIN TURNER, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things: (a) trafficking in controlled

substances, including oxycodone 30 mg and hydrocodone 10-325 mg, that NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, and ROBIN TURNER distributed and dispensed, and caused to be distributed and dispensed, without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the scope of professional practice; (b) generating large profits from trafficking in controlled substances; and (c) diverting the proceeds from those controlled substance sales for the personal use and benefit of NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, and ROBIN TURNER.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

The manner and means by which **NATHANIEL MITCHELL**, **RAQUEL MITCHELL**, **TRACY FLANIGAN**, **ROBIN TURNER**, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury sought to accomplish the purpose and object of the conspiracy included, among other things:

- 14. **RAQUEL MITCHELL** maintained a Texas Pharmacy License from the TSBP and a registration with U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") for RM PHARMACY and employed a licensed pharmacist, **ROBIN TURNER**, as the PIC.
- 15. **RAQUEL MITCHELL**, in consultation with **ROBIN TURNER**, placed orders on behalf of RM PHARMACY with wholesalers and their representatives for controlled substances, including oxycodone 30 mg and hydrocodone 10-325 mg, knowing and intending that these controlled substances would be illegally distributed and dispensed to drug traffickers, and ultimately onto the street.
- 16. **NATHANIEL MITCHELL** liaised with drug traffickers to arrange for them to bring to RM PHARMACY purported patients with prescriptions for controlled substances that

were medically unnecessary, including oxycodone 30 mg, hydrocodone 10-325 mg, and carisoprodol 350 mg, to RM PHARMACY to be filled.

- 17. **ROBIN TURNER** distributed and dispensed controlled substances, including oxycodone 30 mg, hydrocodone 10-325 mg, and carisoprodol 350 mg. **ROBIN TURNER** did so by filling prescriptions for purported patients transported to RM PHARMACY by **TRACY FLANIGAN** and other drug traffickers, including certain drug traffickers who were in contact with **NATHANIEL MITCHELL**. **NATHANIEL MITCHELL**, **RAQUEL MITCHELL**, **TRACY FLANIGAN**, and **ROBIN TURNER** knew the purported prescriptions for oxycodone 30 mg, hydrocodone 10-325 mg, and carisoprodol 350 mg were issued by practitioners outside the usual course of professional practice, and without a legitimate medical purpose.
- 18. TRACY FLANIGAN and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury recruited individuals to pose as purported patients to obtain illegitimate prescriptions for controlled substances. To accomplish this, TRACY FLANIGAN and others would transport purported patients to clinics with practitioners who would issue prescriptions for controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose outside the usual course of professional practice. TRACY FLANIGAN and others would then take the purported patients to RM PHARMACY to fill the illegitimate prescriptions, paying RM PHARMACY cash in exchange for the controlled substances. TRACY FLANIGAN and others would pay the purported patients for the controlled substances and would subsequently sell the controlled substances to street-level consumers and dealers.

19. **RAQUEL MITCHELL** would deposit the cash proceeds from the illegal sales of these controlled substances distributed and dispensed by **ROBIN TURNER** at RM PHARMACY into accounts **RAQUEL MITCHELL** controlled.

20. **NATHANIEL MITCHELL** and **RAQUEL MITCHELL** maintained the physical premises at RM PHARMACY, not for the purpose of conducting legitimate pharmacy business, but as a front to illegally distribute and dispense controlled substances to drug traffickers, while working in tandem with **ROBIN TURNER** to avoid detection by law enforcement.

21. Through RM PHARMACY, **NATHANIEL MITCHELL**, **RAQUEL MITCHELL**, **TRACY FLANIGAN**, and **ROBIN TURNER** distributed and dispensed and caused to be distributed and dispensed at least approximately 113,900 pills combined of oxycodone 30 mg and hydrocodone 10-325 mg, and at least approximately 28,300 pills of carisoprodol 350 mg, during the period RM PHARMACY was open.

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

COUNTS TWO - SEVEN

Unlawfully Distributing and Dispensing Controlled Substances and Aiding and Abetting (21 U.S.C. § 841 and 18 U.S.C. § 2)

- 22. Paragraphs 1 through 10, and 13 through 21 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 23. On or about the dates specified below, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas, and elsewhere, the Defendants

NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, and ROBIN TURNER, aiding and abetting and aided and abetted by each other, and others, did knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully distribute and dispense, knowing that said distributing and dispensing was unlawful, the controlled substances alleged below:

Count	Drug Distributed	Drug Schedule	Rx Number	Approx. Amount	Defendants	Approx. Date
2	Oxycodone 30 mg	II	5775	95 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, ROBIN TURNER	June 5, 2023
3	Oxycodone 30 mg	П	6424	97 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, ROBIN TURNER	September 7, 2023
4	Oxycodone 30 mg	П	5893	95 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, ROBIN TURNER	June 21, 2023
5	Oxycodone 30 mg	П	6409	95 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, ROBIN TURNER	September 5, 2023

6	Hydrocodone 10-325 mg	II	2106	110 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, ROBIN TURNER	December 1, 2022
7	Carisoprodol 350 mg	IV	2107	60 pills	NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, ROBIN TURNER	December 1, 2022

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(c) and (b)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE (21 U.S.C. § 853)

24. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, the United States of American gives notice to Defendants

NATHANIEL MITCHELL, RAQUEL MITCHELL, TRACY FLANIGAN, and ROBIN TURNER

that upon conviction of an offense in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846, Defendants shall forfeit to the United States of America any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offenses and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offenses.

- 25. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title

21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

Defendants:

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