

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 20-112

v.

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SECTION: "I"

ALONZO PITTMAN

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FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **ALONZO PITTMAN** ("PITTMAN"), will plead guilty to the one-count indictment charging him with felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and other admissible evidence, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the indictment now pending against the defendant. All the below facts occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On June 30, 2019, a confidential informant ("CI") for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF") told Task Force Officer ("TFO") [REDACTED] that someone ("Subject 2") wanted to sell him firearms. TFO [REDACTED] arranged a controlled purchase between the CI and Subject 2 for July 2, 2019, at [REDACTED] Airline Highway in New Orleans. TFO [REDACTED] provided the CI with documented currency ("agent cashier funds" or "AC funds") and an audio monitoring device.

When the CI arrived on scene, he/she met with three subjects who exited a Chrysler 300 before meeting the CI in the CI's vehicle. Subject 1, later identified as **ALONZO PITTMAN**, exited the front passenger side of the Chrysler 300, and he entered the CI's vehicle in the front

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passenger side. Subject 2 exited the rear passenger side of the Chrysler 300. Subject 3 exited the rear driver's side door of the Chrysler 300. Subjects 2 and 3 entered the rear of the CI's vehicle.

In the CI's vehicle, the CI handed the AC funds to **PITTMAN**. The CI told agents that **PITTMAN** then took a Hi-Point, JHP, .45 caliber pistol, bearing serial number X472440 out of the center of his waistband "from his stomach," and gave it to the CI in exchange for \$300. The CI asked the subjects why the firearm did not contain any bullets, and they responded that they did not "want [him/her] to jack them." **PITTMAN**, Subject 2, and Subject 3 then exited the CI's vehicle and walked towards the Chrysler 300. While they were walking away, the CI asked **PITTMAN** about the Glock firearm that he originally agreed to purchase, and **PITTMAN** responded to the CI that they would talk about it later.

The CI then gave the firearm and leftover AC funds to TFO [REDACTED]. The CI identified Subject 2 as the person he knew previously who contacted him regarding the sale of the firearm.

After the controlled purchase of the firearm, the Chrysler 300 drove to [REDACTED] Eagle Street. There, **PITTMAN** walked towards [REDACTED] Eagle Street. He then re-entered the vehicle, and he entered [REDACTED] Eagle Street again. A short time later, **PITTMAN** re-entered the Chrysler 300, and he drove away from [REDACTED] Eagle Street. TFO [REDACTED] researched [REDACTED] Eagle Street, and he found that **PITTMAN** resided there.

Before **PITTMAN** possessed the firearm on July 2, 2019, he knew that he had been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. Specifically, on January 13, 2010, **PITTMAN** was convicted in Jefferson Parish Case Number 09-4068 "O" of armed robbery. He was sentenced to 10 years of Hard Labor at the Louisiana Department of Corrections. At the time he committed the instant offense, he was on parole for

that conviction through Orleans Parish Probation and Parole, with a registered address of [REDACTED] Eagle Street. Prior to the instant offense, his parole officer last visited him at that address in April 2019.

TFO [REDACTED] obtained a photo of **PITTMAN** from the Real Time Crime Camera footage from this event, and he compared it to a photo of **PITTMAN** on a law enforcement database and body camera footage of previous NOPD contacts with **PITTMAN**. Based on these comparisons, TFO [REDACTED] believed that Subject 1 was **PITTMAN**.

On January 9, 2020, TFO [REDACTED] contacted **PITTMAN**'s parole supervisor, Agent [REDACTED]. Agent [REDACTED] said that his most recent check on **PITTMAN** was on October 31, 2019. [REDACTED] said that he was familiar enough with **PITTMAN** to conduct an identification procedure based upon the surveillance footage. ATF Special Agent ("SA") [REDACTED] emailed screenshots of the controlled purchase surveillance to Agent [REDACTED]. Upon review of the screenshots, Agent [REDACTED] contacted TFO [REDACTED] and informed him that he was almost certain that Subject 1 was **PITTMAN**; however, he requested to view the video footage. On January 15, 2020, TFO [REDACTED] showed Agent [REDACTED] the video, and he confirmed that Subject 1 was **PITTMAN**.

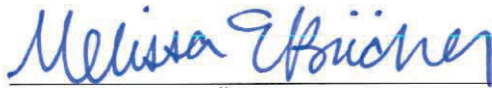
Finally, if this matter were to have gone to trial, the government would call ATF SA [REDACTED] who would testify that he examined the firearm that **PITTMAN** possessed on July 2, 2019. Specifically, he would testify that the firearm, a Hi-Point, JHP, .45 caliber pistol, bearing serial number X472440, was manufactured by Haskell Manufacturing in Ohio, using the Hi-Point Firearms Trademark. Thus, it affected interstate commerce before **PITTMAN** possessed it in the

Eastern District of Louisiana on July 2, 2019, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 921(a)(2).

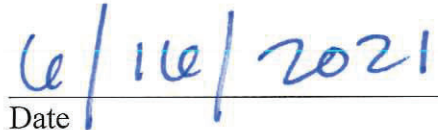
LIMITED NATURE OF FACTUAL BASIS

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **ALONZO PITTMAN** and by the government, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for **ALONZO PITTMAN's** plea of guilty to the charged offense.

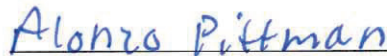
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