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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FL
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

v.

CASE NO. 3:22-cr-101-MMH-LLL

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

On or about July 8, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

COUNT TWO

On or about July 8, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

did knowingly possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a Court of the United States, specifically,

distribution of methamphetamine, as alleged in Count One above; Count One being incorporated by reference.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

COUNT THREE

On or about July 28, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

COUNT FOUR

On or about July 28, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

did knowingly possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a Court of the United States, specifically, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, as alleged in Count Three above; Count Three being incorporated by reference.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

COUNT FIVE

Beginning in or about June 2022, and continuing through on or about July 28, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

RONALD B. THOMAS, Jr.,
a/k/a "Gorilla"

knowing that he had previously been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, that is, Second Degree Murder with a Firearm, on or about April 23, 2002, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, firearms, that is:

1. A Glock, 9mm pistol; and
2. An FN Herstal, 5.7 x 28mm pistol.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Counts One through Five are incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853, 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2), any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation.

3. Upon conviction of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) and 924(c), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), all firearms and ammunition involved in or used in the violation.

4. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, a FN Herstal, Model five-seven, 5.7 x 28 mm caliber pistol, and a Glock, Model 43, 9mm caliber pistol.

5. If any of the property described above, as a result of any acts or omissions of the defendant:

- 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,

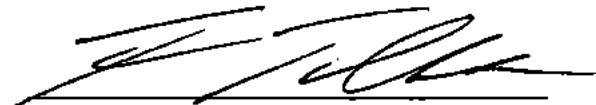
the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).

A TRUE BILL

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Foreperson

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INDICTMENT

Violations: Cts. 1 & 3: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1)(C)
Cts. 2 & 4: 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)
Ct. 5: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) & 924(a)(2)

A true bill.

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Foreperson

Filed in open court this 11th day
of August, 2022.

Megan Q. Chaddock
Clerk

Bail \$ _____
