



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 14-151

v.

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SECTION: "R"

RICKEY COLEMAN

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States will prove the defendant **RICKEY COLEMAN** guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of knowingly conspiring to make a false statement and representation to a licensed dealer of firearms with regard to the true ownership of the purchaser of a firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(6); all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. The government would establish the following through credible testimony and the production of reliable evidence:

On July 24, 2013, St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office (SBSO) Deputy Bartholomew recovered a firearm from a vehicle being driven by **RICKEY COLEMAN (COLEMAN)**. The firearm was a Taurus Pistol, Model PT709, 9mm, serial number TGN29448. **COLEMAN** was arrested and taken to the St. Bernard Parish Jail. The passenger in the vehicle, Angel Miles, stated that the gun was not hers.

An ATF Firearms Trace Summary listed Ashley Warren (Warren) as the purchaser of a Taurus Pistol, Model PT709, 9mm, serial number TGN29448. According to records that would be introduced at trial, Warren purchased the firearm on June 9, 2013, from Academy Sports and Outdoors (Academy), a Federal Firearms Licensee, located at 800 S. Clearview Parkway, Metairie, Louisiana.

Special Agent Fos obtained and viewed Academy store surveillance video of the purchase. The video shows Warren at the firearms counter with another black male, later identified as Oronde Gabriel (Gabriel), looking at various firearms. Gabriel then appears to call someone with a cellular telephone. Another black male, later identified as **COLEMAN**, approaches, and then points toward the display case containing the firearms and selects the firearm to be purchased. **COLEMAN** then exits the view. Warren steps toward the counter and completes the paperwork for the purchase of the firearm selected by **COLEMAN**. Video surveillance shows that Warren pays for the firearm at the front cash register with Gabriel at her side. The Academy receipt listed the firearm purchased by Warren for \$328.70, using an Academy store merchandise card on June 9, 2013.

Additional documentation would show that the Academy merchandise card used by Warren to purchase the firearm was originally previously in June, 2013, by someone returning merchandise without a receipt. The transaction information lists a Louisiana Driver's License number (XXXXXXXX01) as the person to whom the store credit was issued.

Documents would show that when **COLEMAN** was arrested on July 24, 2013, he provided St. Bernard Sheriff's Deputies with his Louisiana Driver's License and the number was identical to the number used to purchase the Academy store merchandise card.

On August 19, 2013, ATF Special Agents met with Warren at her residence regarding the firearm that she purchased. Warren admitted that she was approached by her boyfriend, Gabriel, to purchase the firearm. She advised that Gabriel and his friend, **COLEMAN**, picked her up and they went together to Academy to purchase the firearm. Once there, Gabriel took out an Academy store merchandise card and gave it to Warren as she and Gabriel exited the vehicle to enter the store. While selecting a firearm, Gabriel communicated via cellular phone with **COLEMAN**, who then entered the

Academy store and selected the Taurus Pistol, Model PT709, 9mm, serial number TGN29448 for purchase.

To her knowledge, Warren was purchasing the firearm for Gabriel. Even though Warren believed the firearm was for Gabriel, Warren filled out the ATF form 4473 in connection with the purchase of a Taurus Pistol, Model PT709, 9mm, serial number TGN29448, as though she [Warren] was the owner of the firearm. Warren acknowledged that the statement on line/question 11a of the Department of the Treasury, ATF Form 4473, Firearms Transaction Record, about the true ownership of the subject firearm is knowingly false.<sup>1</sup> Following the transaction, she knowingly left the firearm in Gabriel's and Coleman's possession and control.

A cooperating witness would testify that he/she was aware that COLEMAN obtained the Academy store merchandise card by returning items some days prior.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
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<sup>1</sup> Warren was charged in a bill of information on July 18, 2014, and pleaded guilty to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A) on September 4, 2014 (providing false information on the ATF firearm purchase form 4473).