UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	**CRIMINAL NO.: 13-286**
v.	*	**SECTION: "R" (1)**
DUANE PHILLIPS **aka "P-Nut"**	*	
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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FACTUAL BASIS

The Defendant, **DUANE PHILLIPS, aka "P-Nut,"** (**"PHILLIPS"**), agrees to plead guilty to Count One, conspiracy to commit sex trafficking, (18 U.S.C. § 1591), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1594(c), as charged in the Second Superseding Indictment. If this matter were to go to trial, the Defendant agrees that the Government would prove, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt:

Beginning in or about 2009 and through January 2014, the Defendant, **PHILLIPS**, was a pimp who forced and coerced women to engage in commercial sex acts for his financial benefit. **PHILLIPS** learned how to be a pimp from observing other pimps, and he developed a set of rules that he required the women that he prostituted to follow. **PHILLIPS** required the women to show him "respect." The women that he prostituted were not allowed to speak to or look at any other pimps. **PHILLIPS** required the women to work a certain amount of hours each day by engaging in commercial sex acts, and he received all of the money that the women earned. If a woman kept any of the money that she earned, she would be in violation of his rules. **PHILLIPS** advertised the women on backpage.com, and also required them to "walk the track"

to find customers. The women had to text **PHILLIPS** when they found a customer and text him again when they were finished meeting with a customer. The women had to ask **PHILLIPS** for permission to stop working and return to the motel. **PHILLIPS** sometimes took women's identification cards away from them, in part, to make it more difficult for the women to leave. **PHILLIPS** paid for a tattoo for at least one of the women that he prostituted, which was a symbol representing **PHILLIPS**, showing that the woman belonged to him. If the women did not work enough hours or broke any other rules, **PHILLIPS** would punish them. **PHILLIPS** would punish the women by forcing them to continue working; threatening to hurt them; and shoving, slapping, and punching the women. On one occasion in New Orleans, **PHILLIPS** hit a woman who said that she wanted to leave, and dragged her back to a motel room. On multiple occasions, **PHILLIPS** ordered one of the women who he had forced and coerced to prostitute to physically assault other women who had broken his rules.

PHILLIPS knew that co-defendants Granville Robinson, aka "Bear," aka "HB," ("Robinson"), Anthony Ellis, aka "Anthony Deshun Lloyd," aka "Animal," aka "AD," ("Ellis"), Laquentin Brown, aka "Nino," ("Brown"), and Christopher Williams, aka "Gutter," were also pimps, and that they enforced similar rules for the women who they forced and coerced to engage in commercial sex acts. **PHILLIPS**, his co-defendants, and other pimps helped each other by bonding each out of jail when they were arrested, monitoring each other's women, and informing each other when women violated any of the rules. **PHILLIPS** and some of his co-defendants also traveled together to other states for the purposes of forcing women to engage in commercial sex acts there. During one such trip, **PHILLIPS** and Robinson drove to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., with three women, whom they ordered to engage in commercial sex acts

there. During this trip to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., two of the women attempted to leave Robinson and **PHILLIPS**. However, Robinson and **PHILLIPS** found them, had them get back into **PHILLIPS'** car, and drove them back to New Orleans. **PHILLIPS** also brought women to Houston, Texas, and Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of forcing and coercing them to engage in commercial sex acts.

PHILLIPS encouraged other people to become pimps, including Zacchaeus Taylor, aka "Little Z," aka "Little Zay," aka "Little 5," ("Taylor"), who was known as his protégé. **PHILLIPS** explained the rules of pimping to Taylor, and traveled with Taylor from Memphis, Tennessee, to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of forcing and coercing women to engage in commercial sex acts.

When in New Orleans, **PHLILLIPS**, Robinson, Ellis, Brown, and other pimps chose to stay in certain motels, because they knew that the motel staff would not call the police to report that the pimps were forcing and coercing women to engage in commercial sex acts. At these motels, **PHILLIPS** and other pimps would rent multiple rooms, where the women would then meet with customers. Frequently, the motel staff would charge the co-defendants a higher rate than the general public to compensate them for the increased traffic they brought into the motel. The motel staff did not call the police to report the prostitution activities of **PHILLIPS** or the other pimps.

Both the Government and the Defendant, **DUANE PHILLIPS**, do hereby stipulate and agree that the above facts are true, and that they set forth a sufficient factual basis for the crimes to which the defendant is pleading guilty.

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