

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 14-172

v.

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SECTION: "B"

MANUEL OMAR MINJAREZ

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **MANUEL OMAR MINJAREZ ("MINJAREZ")**, is pleading guilty as charged to Counts 1, 2, and 3 of the Indictment. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts. Unless stated otherwise, the following acts occurred within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Agents with the Fresno office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) conducted an investigation in 2014 concerning the distribution of methamphetamine from the Fresno, California, metropolitan area. Since approximately June 2014, agents began intercepting phone calls pursuant to a court-authorized Title III wiretap of a Fresno methamphetamine distributor. Agents noted that some of these intercepted calls were between the Fresno source and phone number (985) 208-6136. This area code corresponds to the Houma, Louisiana area. During these calls, the person using (985) 208-6136 is referred to as "Omar." "Omar" was later identified as **MINJAREZ**.

On July 18, 2014, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) inspectors in Houma, Louisiana, intercepted a suspicious package being mailed via the USPS Priority Mail. The package was mailed from Fresno, CA. The intended recipient of the package was "Steven Gallo" at 428 Levron Street,

Houma, LA. Agents obtained a search warrant for the package. Upon opening the package, they found that it contained suspected methamphetamine. Subsequent analysis by the DEA's crime laboratory determined that the suspected methamphetamine was in fact methamphetamine. It was determined to have a net weight of 444.7 grams with a substance purity of 98.3%, resulting in approximately 437.1 grams of pure methamphetamine.

After the seizure of the package on July 18, 2014, USPS Inspectors contacted DEA agents in Fresno, California. Inspectors learned that, during intercepted calls on or about July 15, 2014, "Omar" (**MINJAREZ**) told the Fresno source to mail a package to "Steven Gallo" at the 424 Levron Street address in Houma, Louisiana. USPS tracking records show that the package containing methamphetamine was mailed via the U.S. Postal Service from Fresno to Houma on July 16, 2014.

DEA agents further informed the postal inspectors that **MINJAREZ** had been recently intercepted on the wiretap utilizing (985) 208-6136. **MINJAREZ** told the Fresno source that he had not received the package that was supposed to be delivered. **MINJAREZ** stated that he was going to go to the post office to check on the location of the parcel.

On July 22, 2014, **MINJAREZ** again called the Fresno source of methamphetamine. **MINJAREZ** asked for another package to be sent to him. **MINJAREZ** also spoke about having the next package sent to 229 Crozier Drive, Houma, LA, because that address had worked before. Inspectors reviewed USPS records and determined that on or about July 10, 2014, a package had been mailed from Fresno, CA, to 229 Crozier Drive, Houma, LA 70363. USPS inspectors had not intercepted that package. USPS records showed that the package weighed approximately one pound and eleven ounces.

On July 25, 2014, federal agents observed a sedan with California license plates parked in

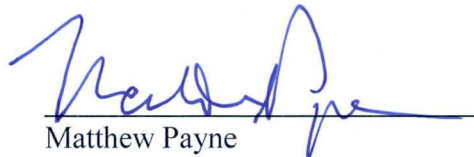
the driveway of the residence at 424 Levron Street, Houma, LA. Agents ran the plates and determined that the vehicle was registered to Manuel Omar **MINJAREZ**.

Also on July 25, 2014, **MINJAREZ** was intercepted on the Title III wiretap again speaking with the Fresno source. During the call, the Fresno source proposed another means to get **MINJAREZ** a package of methamphetamine.

On July 30, 2014, Manuel Omar **MINJAREZ** was stopped with a woman driving west on Interstate 10 by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). Texas DPS Trooper Pierce stopped the vehicle for speeding. **MINJAREZ** was found to be the driver. Trooper Pierce asked for permission to search the vehicle. **MINJAREZ** consented. Trooper Pierce found in the center console area a glass pipe and suspected methamphetamine. **MINJAREZ** was arrested. Officers obtained **MINJAREZ'S** cell phone from the female passenger. A subsequent search warrant was obtained for the cell phone. Agents determined that the cell phone in fact corresponded to (985) 208-6136. A subsequent analysis by the Texas DPS Crime Laboratory of the suspected methamphetamine seized from **MINJAREZ** determined that the substance was in fact methamphetamine with a net weight of 0.18 grams.

Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **MINJAREZ** and described by **MINJAREZ** to 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 **MINJAREZ'S** plea of guilty to the charged offenses.

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