

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 07-273

v.

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SECTION: "B"

BAKEER RASHED, JR.

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the Government would prove the Defendant **BAKEER RASHED, JR. (RASHED)** guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of Count One of Superseding Bill of Information. In Count One, the Defendant, is charged with knowingly and intentionally combining, conspiring, confederating, and agreeing with one or more persons to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute five hundred (500) grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II drug controlled substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B). The Government would establish, among others, the following examples of **RASHED's** involvement in those crimes through reliable and competent evidence:

During the time period of the conspiracy charged in the Superseding Bill of Information, co-defendant Gabriel Bolden (Bolden) met **RASHED** and inquired about obtaining and selling marijuana and cocaine hydrochloride (cocaine). **RASHED** lived in Houston, Texas, while Bolden lived in Slidell, Louisiana. **RASHED** agreed to assist Bolden by introducing him to drug dealers in the Houston area. Bolden would receive payment up front for the illegal narcotics prior to departing for Houston, Texas, from other co-conspirators, known and unknown. Bolden would

set up the narcotics transactions via a cellular telephone, and as a routine matter, Bolden would be accompanied to Houston by one or more of his co-conspirators. Bolden has admitted to special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to using the following code words (and their true meanings) in order to distribute illegal narcotics throughout the organization: "girl" and/or "white" for cocaine, "hard" for crack, "green" and/or "spinach" for marijuana, and "14.5" and "14.7" for \$14,500 and \$14,700, respectively.

During the time period of the conspiracy, Bolden obtained at least ten (10) kilograms of cocaine from drug dealers that he was put in contact with by **RASHED**. Bolden further obtained at least one thousand (1,000) pounds of marijuana from drug dealers that he was put in contact with by **RASHED** during the course of the conspiracy. **RASHED** would set up the individual drug deals, he would accompany Bolden to the drug deals, and in return, Bolden would give **RASHED** \$1,000 to \$1,500 in cash. After Bolden obtained the cocaine and marijuana in Texas, he would transport them to the Eastern District of Louisiana for distribution. After the initial drug deal, Bolden would sometimes deal directly with the drug dealers he met through **RASHED**.

During the time period of the conspiracy, the FBI learned of Bolden and his co-conspirators' drug activity and the Government applied for a Title III wiretap. On January 26, 2007, a court-authorized Title III wire intercept was initiated on Bolden's cellular telephone. A court-authorized Title III wire intercept previously had been initiated on December 4, 2006, on the cellular telephone used by one of Bolden's co-conspirators, Bruce Carter, Jr.

As an example of **RASHED's** participation in the conspiracy, on Saturday, February 10,

2007, at approximately 4:23 p.m., recorded in call session number 3250, Bolden contacted **RASHED** in Houston, Texas. During the conversation, Bolden inquired about obtaining cocaine and marijuana. Over a series of telephone conversations, the details of the narcotics transaction were negotiated and scheduled to take place the following weekend.

On Sunday, February 18, 2007, Bolden and fellow co-conspirators Charles Eugene Prewitt and Edwin Jubencio Salinas departed Slidell en route to Houston in order to acquire cocaine and marijuana. Bolden and his co-conspirators obtained the illegal narcotics through **RASHED's** assistance late in the evening and immediately proceeded back to Slidell, Louisiana. At approximately, 3:15 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007, Bolden and his co-conspirators were arrested by special agents of the FBI. The FBI agents seized approximately three (3) kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride and one hundred (100) pounds of marijuana from Bolden and his co-conspirators.

The government and the defendant agree and stipulate that for sentencing purposes the defendant will be held responsible for not more than ten (10) kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride and one thousand (1,000) pounds of marijuana as those amounts were distributed or possessed with the intent to be distributed during the course of the conspiracy as a result of the defendant's own direct conduct and/or the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy.

The FBI utilized audio surveillance techniques when monitoring Bolden and his co-conspirators over his cellular telephone and the cellular telephone used by Bruce Carter, Jr. Intercepted conversations between Bolden and various other individuals would be introduced as

evidence at trial, as well as the testimony of cooperating co-conspirators and investigating special agents of the FBI.

A chemist employed by the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office analyzed the substances suspected to be illegal narcotics that were seized when Bolden was taken into custody. Said analyses confirmed the positive presence of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II drug controlled substance, and marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance.

BAKEER RASHED, JR. acknowledges that the above-referenced conduct constitutes knowing violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B).

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

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