

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 14-072

v.

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SECTION: "H"

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ALEX BRASINGTON

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the Government would prove the Defendant, **ALEX BRASINGTON**, guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The Government would establish the following through reliable and competent evidence:

On January 31, 2013, Alex Brasington and Brittan Parsons were arrested in Pearl River, Louisiana, and found in possession of stolen firearms. Brasington was found in possession of a stolen Ruger Model P95, 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number 317-39959. Parsons was found in possession of a stolen Taurus Model PT 1911, .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number NBV44715. Brasington advised law enforcement officials that additional stolen firearms were located at Brittney Bauer's apartment in New Orleans.

On February 14, 2013, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives travelled to Bauer's apartment located at 2107 Cobblestone Lane, Apt. F, New Orleans, Louisiana, in relation to the investigation into stolen firearms. When the agents arrived at the apartment, they advised Bauer of the investigation and indicated that they would like to speak with her. Bauer waived her *Miranda* Rights and told agents that several firearms and other items were previously brought to her apartment by her brother, Brittan Parsons, and his friend, Alex Brasington. Bauer indicated that most of the firearms were still inside the apartment. Bauer gave agents consent to

enter and search her apartment for the stolen firearms. Agents recovered six firearms, five of which were confirmed as stolen from burglaries in Huntsville, Alabama. Agents also found approximately 1700 rounds of stolen ammunition. The five stolen firearms included:

1. Uberti Model 1860 Henry, .45 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 25224;
2. Uberti Model 1860 Henry, .44-40 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 24155;
3. Crescent Fire Arms, unknown model, 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 131807;
4. Remington Model 11-87, 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number PC171415;
5. Mauser Model 98, unknown caliber, unknown serial number;

Bauer told the agents that she, Parsons and Brasington advertised the sale of stolen firearms on the internet website "Armslist.com". Bauer informed agents that the defendants negotiated the sale of a stolen Glock 9 mm caliber handgun to an individual in the Lakeview area of New Orleans ("Buyer A") by using Bauer's cell phone to call and text message Buyer A. Bauer provided the agents with the telephone number of Buyer A. Bauer informed agents that on January 27, 2013, she, Parsons and Brasington travelled to the residence of Buyer A and sold Buyer A a stolen Glock Model 19, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic handgun, serial number SDA782 and 200 rounds of ammunition for \$550.00.

Bauer also told the agents that, in February 2013, she sold three (3) stolen firearms and ammunition to an individual in the French Quarter area of New Orleans ("Buyer B"). Bauer sold the following stolen firearms to Buyer B for \$1000.00:

1. Daniel Defense Model M-4, 5.56 caliber rifle, bearing serial number AJB00441;
2. Remington Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 1240454V; and
3. Ruger Model 77/17, .17 caliber bolt-action rifle, bearing serial number 703-55777.


From approximately January 2013, to February 14, 2013, Bauer, Parsons and Brasington conspired together and agreed to transport the above-referenced stolen firearms from Alabama to Louisiana. On various dates between January 20, 2013, to February 14, 2013, the above-referenced stolen firearms were transported from Alabama to Louisiana. From January 20, 2013, to February 14, 2013, Bauer stored the above-referenced stolen firearms inside her apartment in New Orleans.

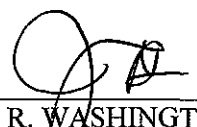
On April 9, 2013, agents obtained a search warrant which authorized the search of Bauer's

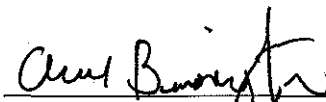
cell phone. A search of the cell phone revealed numerous photographs of the stolen firearms and text messages regarding the stolen firearms. In some text messages, Bauer offered to sell the firearms and acknowledged that the firearms were stolen and stored in her apartment. Text messaged communications dated January 26, 2013, included the following:

Bauer: U know folks that want guns... ?
Unknown: Are they hot?
Bauer: Yeah
Bauer: ...it's my...brothers crazy ass
Unknown: Have they been used in crimes to your knowledge?
Bauer: No no crimes just freshly hot...
Bauer: They from bama so the further away we can get rid of them the better
Bauer: Dude they...packed an arsenal in my trunk
Unknown: u drove it to NO??
Bauer: Yeah man he's lost his...mind he hit all these places in hsv and we brought everything here to get rid of it

The investigation revealed that each of the firearms seized during the course of the investigation had been stolen and previously travelled in interstate commerce.

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