

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO. 14-154
v.	*	SECTION: "N"
VINCENT P. JONES	*	

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **VINCENT P. JONES**, has agreed to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government to Count 1 of the Indictment. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the following facts to support the allegations against the defendant, **VINCENT P. JONES** (hereafter referred to as JONES):

Count 1- Drug Trafficking Conspiracy

Beginning on a date unknown, but not later than October 1, 2013, and continuing until on or about July 25, 2014, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and elsewhere, **JONES** conspired with Michael SORINA and others to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute one (1) kilogram or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin.

During the course of the conspiracy, **JONES** brokered multiple heroin transactions between SORINA and a third-party supplier. In each transaction, **JONES** would coordinate a meeting where SORINA would receive a quantity of heroin from the third-party supplier. **JONES** received cash from both SORINA and from the third party in exchange for setting up the transactions. On at least one occasion, when SORINA was running late for a meeting, **JONES** received the heroin from the third party and stored it until SORINA arrived and took possession of

it. At the time of **JONES's** arrest, agents seized \$5,900 in cash from **JONES**.

SORINA acknowledged that, in the course of the conspiracy, he acquired at least fifteen kilograms of heroin from two sources: from the third-party supplier, as coordinated through **JONES**, and from co-defendant Beth **NGUYEN**. **JONES** was aware that **SORINA** sold the heroin he acquired to street-level dealers who distributed the heroin within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

JONES and the government stipulate for purposes of sentencing that **JONES** is responsible for at least one, but less than three, kilograms of heroin through **JONES's** own conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

JONES's involvement in the conspiracy charged in Count One of the Indictment is not limited to the facts contained in this stipulated factual basis. These facts are merely a summary of **JONES's** involvement in this conspiracy and are presented in this document to support his plea of guilty to Count One in the Superseding Indictment.

Criminal History

On March 12, 1990, **JONES** was convicted (plead guilty) in Orleans Parish, Louisiana for possession of cocaine base.

On January 4, 2006, **JONES** was convicted (plead guilty) in Federal District for the Eastern District of Louisiana for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute heroin.



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VINCENT P. JONES (Date)
Defendant

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