

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

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | * | CRIMINAL NO. 14-154 |
| v. | * | SECTION: "J" |
| ANTWINE SMITH | * | |

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, Antwine SMITH (hereinafter, "SMITH"), has agreed to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government to Count One 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 SMITH:

Count One - 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, SMITH conspired with codefendant 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 charged, SMITH received quarter- to half-kilogram quantities of heroin from SORINA on multiple occasions. Specifically, on April 16, 2014, June 9, 2014, and June 22, 2014, agents conducted surveillance of SMITH's house, located at 6939 Pinebrook Street, New Orleans, LA, during which they observed SORINA meet with SMITH. During each of these meetings, SMITH received heroin from SORINA. After receiving the heroin from SORINA, SMITH then distributed the heroin in smaller quantities to customers in the Eastern District of Louisiana.


SMITH and SORINA coordinated their drug meetings through cellular telephones. Many of these communications were intercepted by agents through a court-ordered Title III intercept of SORINA's cellular telephone. As an example, just before the April 16, 2014 drug buy, SMITH contacted SORINA and advised that he wanted to get "boxed in," which meant that he was ready to be resupplied with heroin. Agents then observed SMITH and SORINA meet at SMITH's residence. A short time later, SMITH departed in his vehicle. Law enforcement attempted to perform a traffic stop of SMITH's vehicle, but SMITH increased his speed and lost the agents. Agents then intercepted a phone call between SMITH and SORINA, where SMITH described his suspicion that he was being followed by the police.

On September 17, 2015, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration arrested SMITH in a one-bedroom apartment located at 12345 N. I-10 Service Road #515, New Orleans, Louisiana. SMITH and another individual were present in the apartment. At the time that law enforcement made entry, SMITH was the sole occupant of the bedroom, which contained a Glock 21 .45 caliber handgun (serial # LTK831), a thirty round Glock .45 magazine, and a Glock .45 magazine containing thirteen (13) live .45 caliber rounds; approximately seven (7) grams of cocaine hydrochloride; an electronic skimmer, eleven (11) identification cards depicting SMITH's photograph with various names, thirteen (13) driver's licenses in the names of thirteen (13) different subjects, twenty-nine (29) blank credit cards with magnetic strips, and several pieces of paperwork which contained numerous names, dates of birth, and social security numbers of different subjects. These items in fact belonged to SMITH and SMITH possessed these items in the bedroom.

SMITH and the government stipulate for the purposes of sentencing that SMITH received

and was responsible for distributing at least one (1) kilogram but less than three (3) kilograms of heroin, through SMITH's own conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

SMITH'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 SMITH's involvement in this conspiracy and are presented in this document to support his plea of guilty to Count One in the Indictment.

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