

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 16-047

v.

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SECTION: "E"

STEVEN LONG

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **STEVEN LONG**, has agreed to plead guilty to Count One of the Indictment, which charges that on or about March 10, 2016, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **STEVEN LONG** (hereafter "LONG") having previously been convicted of a felony, did knowingly possess in and affecting interstate commerce five firearms, to wit: a Remington Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun; a Mossberg Model 500ASG, 12 gauge shotgun; a Taurus Model 44, .44 caliber revolver; a Marlin Model 1895, 45-70 caliber rifle; and, a Colt Model 1991, .45 caliber ACP semi-automatic pistol; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

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, **STEVEN LONG**:

Count One – Felon in Possession of a Firearm

On September 18, 2006, **STEVEN LONG** was convicted in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, St. Tammany Parish, under Case Number 414-474, Section "L," of Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana, a felony, in violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40, Section 966(A), and was sentenced to serve five (5) years in the Louisiana Department of Corrections.

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In March of 2016, members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (“ATF”) began an investigation to recover a Remington Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun that had been improperly distributed to an illegible purchaser by a federal firearms licensee. On March 10, 2016, members of the ATF, assisted by local law enforcement, executed a lawful search warrant at the residence of **STEVEN LONG** in Pearl River, Louisiana. Inside of **LONG**’s residence, law enforcement officers recovered five firearms: a Mossberg Model 500ASG, 12 gauge shotgun; a Taurus Model 44, .44 caliber revolver; a Marlin Model 1895, 45-70 caliber rifle; a Colt Model 1991, .45 caliber ACP semi-automatic pistol; and the Remington Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun that was the subject of the ATF investigation. **LONG** was the only occupant of his residence at the time of the search warrant, and agreed to speak to law enforcement officers after voluntarily waiving his rights under *Miranda*. **LONG** admitted that he had possessed all five of the recovered firearms.

An expert with the ATF would have testified at trial that all five firearms were manufactured outside of the state of Louisiana, and had to travel in interstate commerce to arrive in Pearl River, Louisiana, and that all five firearms were designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

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This factual basis is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **LONG** and described by **LONG** 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 factual basis is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal and factual basis for **STEVEN LONG'S** plea of guilty to Count One of the Indictment.



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STEVEN LONG
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