

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO: 15-108
v.	*	SECTION: "J"
LESLIE ANNETTE PECK	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **LESLIE ANNETTE PECK ("PECK")**, has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Bill of Information. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts. Unless stated otherwise, these acts occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana:

In August 2014, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") began conducting an investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in Houma, Louisiana. Through their investigation, agents developed information that a cooperating defendant ("CD") was receiving packages of methamphetamine via Fed Ex. On August 13, 2014, a Fed Ex employee contacted Terrebonne Parish police to report a suspicious package that was addressed to CD's residence. Terrebonne Parish police obtained a search warrant to open the package, and in doing so, recovered approximately 112 grams of methamphetamine hidden inside of a plastic cell phone case. Law enforcement arrested CD.

Shortly thereafter, CD identified Michael Ray Taylor as an individual who had sent the package, and who had been routinely sending methamphetamine to CD via Fed Ex. CD explained that he had been introduced to Taylor, who lived in Houston, Texas, as someone who could provide methamphetamine. In 2013, CD had gone to Texas to meet with Taylor, at which

time they discussed Taylor's ability to send methamphetamine in the mail to CD in Houma. At the meeting, Taylor sold CD approximately seven (7) grams of methamphetamine.

DEA and Terrebonne Parish police began investigating the packages of methamphetamine that were being received by CD. Through Fed Ex records, DEA was able to identify twenty-five packages that were sent between October 2013 and August 2014 from a "Robert Drake" in Texas to CD in Houma. CD could not remember every shipment, but acknowledged that almost all of these shipments likely contained methamphetamine.

Through investigation, law enforcement learned that Taylor was married to **PECK**, and that together they used the name "Robert Drake" as an alias to disguise the true identity of the sender of the packages of methamphetamine. For each package, CD would coordinate the shipment by texting or calling Taylor. Either Taylor or **PECK** would package the shipment of methamphetamine at a local Fed Ex and ship the package to CD. Agents obtained in-store surveillance videos from Fed Ex in Houston for six of the packages sent from "Robert Drake" to CD's residence. Three of the videos showed Taylor dropping off the packages of methamphetamine; the other three videos showed **PECK** dropping off the packages of methamphetamine.

CD initially paid for the methamphetamine shipments using a green dot card, which allowed CD to place money on the card that Taylor and **PECK** could access from Texas. Eventually, CD started paying for the methamphetamine in cash via Fed Ex shipments. From May 2014 through August 2014, CD sent seven (7) packages of cash to Taylor and **PECK** using the recipient names "Ray Taylor," "R. Taylor," "Leslie Peck," and "Annette Peck." Each of these packages was a payment for a methamphetamine shipment. CD sent six of the seven

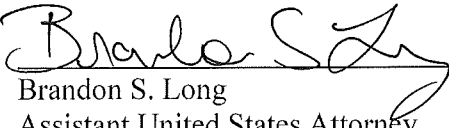
packages to the same address, 11510 Normont Drive, Houston, TX. This was the address of Taylor and **PECK**'s residence.

Unrelated to DEA's investigation in Houma, on or around October 6, 2014, one of Taylor and **PECK**'s neighbors inadvertently received a package addressed to Taylor at 11510 Normont Drive. When the neighbors opened the package, they saw that it contained numerous drugs and drug paraphernalia. The neighbors notified the Houston authorities. On October 10, 2014, officers executed a search warrant on 11510 Normont Drive, during which they recovered a variety of narcotics, including approximately 32 grams of methamphetamine, along with almost two dozen assorted handguns, rifles and shotguns, many of which were loaded. At least one of the guns, a Sig Sauer .40 caliber pistol, was seized in plain view on top of a nightstand in the master bedroom. Taylor and **PECK**, along with a female friend and her five-year-old daughter, were inside of the house at the time of the warrant.

PECK and the government stipulate for the purposes of sentencing that **PECK** was responsible for between 50 grams and 200 grams or more of a mixture containing methamphetamine, through **PECK**'s own conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of her co-conspirators.

Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **PECK**, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for **PECK's** plea of guilty to the charged offenses.

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