

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 14-171

v.

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SECTION: "G"

ERIC BROWN

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **ERIC BROWN**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegation against the defendant, **ERIC BROWN** ("**BROWN**"):

Unless stated otherwise, all of the facts set forth herein occurred within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

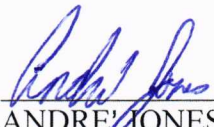
On June 22, 2014, a Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's deputy responded to a suspicious person report at 69062 South River Road in Kentwood, Louisiana. When the deputy arrived at the residence, he observed individuals flee the residence. He then noticed several males outside the rear of the residence. As the deputy approached the rear of the residence, he detected an odor consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. Four individuals were outside the rear of the residence, including Brown, who was sitting in a white Lincoln. The deputy then noticed in plain view of the vehicle twenty-four zip-lock baggies containing suspected methamphetamine and a Smith and Wesson .38 special revolver, bearing serial number 58544 on the vehicle's

floorboard. The drugs were analyzed at the DEA laboratory by Forensic Chemist Aaron Tesfai. The drugs tested positive for Methamphetamine with a net weight of 3.4 grams.

The deputy then met with a female identified as Marie Castleberry exiting the residence. The deputy advised Castleberry of her *Miranda* rights and questioned her regarding the methamphetamine odor. Castleberry told the deputy that she and Brown resided at the residence and that Brown "cooked" methamphetamine in their bedroom the previous night. Castleberry then signed a consent-to-search form for the residence and surrounding area.

Deputies and DEA Task Force Officers searched the residence and found three inactive methamphetamine labs in a refrigerator in the master bedroom.

For purposes of sentencing, the Government and BROWN agree and stipulate that BROWN's conduct involved less than 5 grams of methamphetamine that he possessed with the intent to distribute.

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