

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * **CRIMINAL NO.: 16-162**
v. * **SECTION: "B"**
ANNA THOMPSON *
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FACTUAL BASIS

Had this matter proceeded to trial, the government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimony and other evidence, the following facts to support the allegations against the defendant, **ANNA THOMPSON**.

From a time prior to January 1, 2016, and continuing through on or about November 3, 2016, **ANNA THOMPSON**, conspired with her codefendants, and with other persons known and unknown, to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere. Numerous witnesses have stated to law enforcement that **THOMPSON** was a user and seller of quantities of methamphetamine throughout the timeframe of the conspiracy.

During this conspiracy, codefendant Steven **LYONS** was a major methamphetamine distributor in the New Orleans area. **LYONS** obtained methamphetamine by U.S. Mail and other

means from several sources, including codefendants Carlos Mario CANTU-COX and Christopher CANTU-COX in Texas (who also supplied **Anna THOMPSON**); Eric WILLIS in Texas; Trung PHAM in California; and Garrett TEMPLETON in Louisiana. Codefendants Tommy WELLS, Clark McALPIN, Dwayne CLAUSE, and Dawn CONRAVEY acted as sellers or brokers of methamphetamine for LYONS in the New Orleans area.

On August 10, 2016, U.S. Magistrate Judge Janis Van Meerveld signed a federal search warrant (16-mc-13645) authorizing agents to search the premises located at 925 Common Street, Apartment 1504, New Orleans, the residence of codefendants Carlos Mario CANTU-COX and Christopher CANTU-COX. On August 18, 2016, Inspector Cazalot identified a suspicious Express Mail parcel that had originated in Pasadena, Texas, and was addressed to the 925 Common Street address. Around that time, agents had learned that the CANTU-COXs were expecting a delivery of methamphetamine that same day. Agents executed the warrant and entered the apartment at approximately 3:00 p.m. Upon entry, agents came into contact with Carlos Mario CANTU-COX, Christopher CANTU-COX, and **Anna THOMPSON**. Agents proceeded to conduct a search of the apartment and located approximately 11.8 ounces of methamphetamine (approximately 334 grams), 2 ounces of cocaine, \$5,486.00 in various denominations of U.S. currency, multiple pieces of drug paraphernalia, and packaging indicative of drug distribution. All three individuals were taken into custody.

THOMPSON waived her *Miranda* rights and agreed to be interviewed. **THOMPSON** admitted that she was inside the apartment at the time of the search warrant because she was purchasing methamphetamine from Carlos Mario and Christopher CANTU-COX. **THOMPSON** admitted that she had multiple sources of methamphetamine, from whom she purchased large quantities of methamphetamine for resale in New Orleans and other locations. Carlos Mario and

Christopher CANTU-COX have since acknowledged that they met **THOMPSON** in the early part of 2016, when she would purchase 7-8 ounces of methamphetamine at a time.

Drug Quantities

The government and **THOMPSON** stipulate and agree that **THOMPSON** should be held accountable for at least 500 grams but less than 1.5 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, as this amount was distributed during the course of the conspiracy as a result of the defendant's conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by the defendant, ANNA THOMPSON, 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 the defendant's plea of guilty.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:


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