

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 17-193

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SECTION: "E"

GLENN MELANCON

a/k/a "Paul Melancon"

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **GLENN MELANCON (“MELANCON”)**, has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt the facts set forth in this Factual Basis. Unless stated otherwise, these acts occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana:

During the time frame of the charged drug conspiracy, Stefen DAIGLE, Peter GIANDALONE, Jacob HIGGINBOTHAM, Glenn **MELANCON**, Jeffrey CLINES, James HATCH, Angel Renee VIDAURE, Eulalio TORRES-CADENAS, Delio Alfredo LOPEZ-LOPEZ, Lindsey LOPEZ, Julien POLK, a/k/a “Simone” and others, conspired to distribute methamphetamine throughout the New Orleans area. Agents developed evidence against this group of eleven defendants using controlled purchases of methamphetamine, traffic stops and seizures, consensually-recorded text messages and phone calls, search warrants, cooperator information, and self-incriminating statements. **MELANCON** acknowledges that, during the time frame of this conspiracy, he received quantities of methamphetamine from GIANDALONE, which **MELANCON** distributed to others.

On April 7, 2017, Louisiana State Trooper Bosworth, working undercover in the French Quarter, met **MELANCON** in front of the Corner Pocket. **MELANCON** told UC Bosworth that

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he could provide "Tina," slang for methamphetamine. **MELANCON** stated that he had a dealer who lived across the street from the Corner Pocket who obtained his methamphetamine from Houma. UC Bosworth and **MELANCON** exchanged phone numbers. Later that night, UC Bosworth texted **MELANCON** and asked if he was able to provide methamphetamine that night. **MELANCON** agreed and told UC Bosworth to meet him at the Double Play bar at St. Louis and Dauphine in the French Quarter. Surveillance teams went to the bar and observed **MELANCON** asleep with his head on the bar. UC Bosworth attempted to contact **MELANCON** multiple times by phone, but **MELANCON** did not wake up. Later that night, **MELANCON** contacted UC Bosworth and they agreed to revisit the sale the following day.

On April 8, 2017, UC Bosworth contacted **MELANCON** at the same phone number. **MELANCON** agreed to sell UC Bosworth slightly more than a gram of methamphetamine for \$80. Before meeting with UC Bosworth and undercover State Trooper David Lacroix, surveillance agents saw **MELANCON** meet with GIANDALONE in the 400 block of Burgundy Street (same block as the Corner Pocket bar). After meeting with GIANDALONE, at approximately 11:00 PM, **MELANCON** entered UC Bosworth's car, which was parked next to Corner Pocket. UC Bosworth began driving around the block. In the car, **MELANCON** exchanged approximately one gram of actual methamphetamine in exchange for \$80. UC Bosworth dropped **MELANCON** back in front of the Corner Pocket after making the buy. The one gram of methamphetamine that **MELANCON** sold to UC Bosworth had been supplied to **MELANCON** by GIANDALONE.

On April 11, 2017, UC Bosworth and UC TFC R. Brue arranged to meet with **MELANCON** for purposes of purchasing additional methamphetamine. **MELANCON** entered UC Bosworth's truck in front of the Corner Pocket bar and directed UC Bosworth to drive to a

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residence located at 1651 North Villere Street, near St. Bernard Avenue. **MELANCON** exited the truck, entered a side gate toward the rear of the residence, and then returned to the truck. **MELANCON** handed UC Bosworth a bag containing approximately 1.3 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine in exchange for \$120. UC Bosworth dropped **MELANCON** back in front of the Corner Pocket.

On April 12, 2017, UC Bosworth and UC Lacroix arranged to meet with **MELANCON** for purposes of purchasing additional methamphetamine. **MELANCON** entered UC Bosworth's truck in front of the Corner Pocket. **MELANCON** stated that his source, GIANDALONE, was having his hair cut on Esplanade Avenue and would be returning in 20 minutes. Around the same time, surveillance agents saw GIANDALONE walking in the vicinity of Esplanade Avenue. While waiting, **MELANCON** told the UCs that his source was "Pete" (GIANDALONE's first name) and that he wanted to introduce his source to the UCs so that he did not have to be a middle man. **MELANCON** acknowledged that the source from the April 11 drug sale (on North Villere Street) was "Bennett," a different source than Pete. A short time later, GIANDALONE walked past the UCs' truck and **MELANCON** pointed out to the UCs that GIANDALONE was his source. **MELANCON** exited the truck, had a short conversation with GIANDALONE, then reentered the truck. The UCs then gave **MELANCON** \$350. **MELANCON** exited the truck again and walked with GIANDALONE (carrying a book bag) into the Corner Pocket bar. Moments later, **MELANCON** came back to the truck and handed the UCs two bags containing a total of 7.1 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine. This mixture of 7.1 grams contained approximately 99% actual methamphetamine.

On May 3, 2017, agents contacted **MELANCON** to arrange another controlled drug purchase of methamphetamine. UC Bosworth and UC McKay requested to purchase one-quarter

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ounce of methamphetamine from **MELANCON**. The UCs were parked in the vicinity of Corner Pocket. **MELANCON** stated that he was unavailable, but provided GIANDALONE's phone number and told the UCs to call GIANDALONE directly. A short time later, GIANDALONE knocked on the door of the UCs' truck and asked, "Y'all with Paul [**MELANCON**]?" When the UCs confirmed that they were, GIANDALONE entered the truck. GIANDALONE apologized that he could not provide a quarter-ounce as requested, but offered the UCs an eight-ball of what he described as "super meth" for \$250. The UCs paid \$250 in exchange for approximately 3.4 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine. This mixture of 3.4 grams contained approximately 99% actual methamphetamine. Before departing, the UCs asked whether they could buy an ounce from GIANDALONE and have GIANDALONE mail the ounce to an address in Mississippi. GIANDALONE stated that he would look into it.

The agents then obtained arrest warrants for GIANDALONE and **MELANCON**. On May 23, 2017, UCs contacted GIANDALONE about purchasing a half-ounce of methamphetamine for \$700. The UCs went to the Three Legged Dog bar, located at Conti and Burgundy Street in the French Quarter, and parked outside. GIANDALONE exited the bar, and as he was walking to the truck to meet with the UCs, law enforcement took him into custody. GIANDALONE was carrying a small blue bag, which was searched at the time of arrest. Agents recovered seven small packages of methamphetamine, containing a total of 20.6 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine. This mixture of 20.6 grams contained approximately 96% actual methamphetamine.

At the time of his arrest, GIANDALONE admitted that he possessed several eight-balls of methamphetamine, several bags of marijuana, and some pills in his apartment located at 425 Burgundy Street, Apartment 3. GIANDALONE signed a written consent form authorizing

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troopers to seize the narcotics from a safe in his residence. Agents did, in fact, remove twelve bags of marijuana, two small bags containing green and white pills, and seven bags containing a total of approximately 8.2 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine. This mixture of 8.2 grams contained approximately 95% actual methamphetamine.

MELANCON and the government stipulate for the purposes of sentencing that **MELANCON** was responsible for between 5 grams and 20 grams of actual methamphetamine, through **MELANCON's** own conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

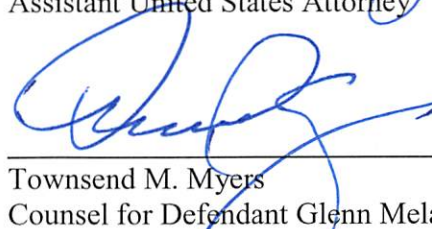
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Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts, 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 **MELANCON's** plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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