

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO: 17-193
v.	*	SECTION: "E"
STEFEN DAIGLE	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **STEFEN DAIGLE** ("**DAIGLE**"), 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.

The Government's evidence proves that, during the time frame of this conspiracy, **DAIGLE** purchased ounce-level quantities of methamphetamine from POLK, GIANDALONE, and others. **DAIGLE** further acknowledges that he knew the scope of the conspiracy involved 500 grams or more of a mixture containing methamphetamine.

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On February 24, 2017, United States Postal Inspector Brian Cazalot identified a suspicious package (EL 443650035 US) at the New Orleans distribution center. The package had been sent from the San Francisco area on February 23, 2017. The sender address on the package included fictitious information. The recipient address was "S. Daigle" at 1330 ½ Camp Street, New Orleans. Over the previous months, law enforcement had received information from a Louisiana State Police source of information that **DAIGLE** was receiving packages of methamphetamine in the mail to the Camp Street address. Agents conducted a canine sniff on the suspect package and received a positive alert for drugs. That day, Inspector Cazalot applied for and received a search warrant for the package. Inspector Cazalot executed the warrant and discovered approximately 108.4 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine in the package. Lab results later proved that this mixture contained approximately 98% actual methamphetamine.

On March 2, 2017, Postal Inspectors conducted a controlled delivery of the package to **DAIGLE**. At approximately 9:40 am, **DAIGLE** entered the Lafayette Square Post Office located at 610 S. Maestri Place, New Orleans, and asked the clerk for the subject parcel. The clerk, under the supervision and direction of Postal Inspectors, handed **DAIGLE** the subject parcel and had **DAIGLE** sign for the parcel, acknowledging he was the intended recipient. **DAIGLE** took receipt of the parcel and exited the post office. Agents took **DAIGLE** into custody without incident.

DAIGLE waived his Miranda Rights. **DAIGLE** stated that he had walked to the post office from The Hotel Modern located at 936 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. **DAIGLE** said he was staying in room 502. **DAIGLE** signed a consent to search form allowing agents to search his room. During the search, agents located a black nylon backpack, containing a smaller backpack, which contained two white bubble mailing envelopes. One envelope contained a

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transparent green glass smoking pipe with white residue and burn marks on the outside. The second envelope contained a straight glass smoking pipe with a round bulb at the end, also containing white residue. Agents then located a second black nylon bag which contained a black digital scale with a white residue on the surface, another glass smoking pipe, and two small zip lock bags each containing a white crystalline substance. The substance, which was a mixture containing methamphetamine, weighed approximately five (5) grams, and contained approximately 99% actual methamphetamine. Additionally, inside the room was a safe. The safe contained **DAIGLE's** wallet, which had **DAIGLE's** Louisiana State identification card inside, and a white bubble mailing envelope which contained \$10,000 in U.S. currency—proceeds of **DAIGLE's** drug business.

DAIGLE and the government stipulate for the purposes of sentencing that **DAIGLE** was responsible for between 50 grams and 150 grams of actual methamphetamine, through **DAIGLE's** own conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

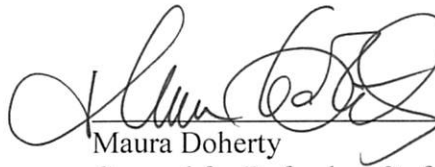
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Limited Nature of Factual Basis

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 **DAIGLE**'s plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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