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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

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ALOYSIUS KORIEOCHA

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **ALOYSIUS KORIEOCHA** ("**KORIEOCHA**"), has agreed to plead guilty to Count One of the Superseding Indictment. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony, drug evidence, Title III wire and electronic interceptions, and other reliable evidence, the following facts. Unless stated otherwise, these acts occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana:

During the timeframe of the conspiracy, **KORIEOCHA** conspired with Jonathan Lawrence, Brandon Hall, Donald Marcelin, Brian Maxson, Dwayne Labranch, Lance Stovall, Vonzo Magee, and others, to distribute 1 kilogram of heroin and a quantity of fentanyl throughout the New Orleans area. These individuals were members of a drug-trafficking organization that operated primarily in the Eastside Hollygrove neighborhood of New Orleans. Collectively, the group referred to their Eastside Hollygrove neighborhood as "The Zoo," a name derived from a popular rap song/video filmed in the neighborhood. According to multiple witnesses, at various times throughout the conspiracy, **KORIEOCHA** supplied quantities of heroin to Lawrence, Hall, Marcelin, and others in the Zoo, who then resold the heroin on the streets of New Orleans. **KORIEOCHA** also supplied heroin directly to a number of heroin users.

Throughout its investigation, the lead case agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation New Orleans Gang Task Force ("FBI NOGTF") and Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA")

conducted controlled purchases of heroin and fentanyl, and performed a number of drug seizures. Most of the drugs obtained in the course of this investigation had been sold by the defendants as heroin, and determined to be heroin through lab analysis. However, throughout the investigation, agents would occasionally obtain user quantities of fentanyl, or a combination of fentanyl and heroin, through controlled purchases from the defendants.

On April 9, 2015, a Confidential Informant (CI) placed multiple calls to **KORIEOCHA** in an effort to purchase heroin. Over the recorded calls, **KORIEOCHA** directed the CI to 3920 Hamilton Street, which is in the Eastside Hollygrove neighborhood. The CI met with **KORIEOCHA** in front of that address, inside of a rented Kia Soul with Florida tags. There, the CI purchased approximately 7 grams of heroin for \$700 in drug-buy money. Lab analysis confirmed the substance to be heroin.

In 2015, law enforcement efforts began to focus on Jonathan Lawrence as a significant distributor of narcotics in Eastside Hollygrove. Agents conducted multiple controlled purchases of heroin from Lawrence, each involving between one gram and seven grams of heroin. After the controlled purchases, agents executed two separate Title III wiretap warrants on Lawrence's phone. The first interception period was from February 18, 2016, through March 18, 2016. The second interception period was from April 14, 2016, through April 22, 2016. During both interception periods, law enforcement intercepted numerous phone calls and text messages between Lawrence and others in furtherance of their joint drug-trafficking organization.

On April 17, 2016, while Lawrence was in the hospital, in an intercepted communication, codefendant Donald Marcelin called Lawrence and asked if he should talk to "Ball," *i.e.*, **KORIEOCHA**, about "rotating," or if he should just be "on hold." At the time, Lawrence supplied narcotics to Marcelin, who was a street-level dealer. In a different conversation later in

the day, Marcelin and Lawrence talked again, and Marcelin claimed that “Ball” gave him “the whole thing.” Marcelin also said that he gave **KORIEOCHA** money “from the last ticket.” In these communications, Marcelin was stating that, because Lawrence was in the hospital and unavailable to oversee his drug activities, Marcelin was working with **KORIEOCHA** to continue selling drugs in Lawrence’s absence.

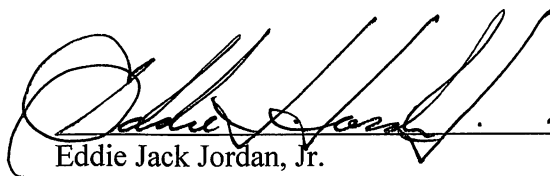
On April 20, 2016, in an intercepted communication, codefendants Marcelin and Lawrence discussed selling eight-ball quantities (or approximately 3.5-gram quantities) of narcotics to their drug customers. During the call, Lawrence stated that he received some “new shit from Ball,” and asked Marcelin “how much you got left” of the previous supply. In this call, Lawrence was stating that he received new heroin from **KORIEOCHA**, and that he was intending to distribute the new heroin through Marcelin.

**KORIEOCHA** and the government stipulate for the purposes of sentencing that **KORIEOCHA** was responsible for between 1 kilogram and 3 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing heroin, through **KORIEOCHA**’s own 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, 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 **KORIEOCHA's** plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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