

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 18-234
v. * SECTION: "R" (5)
TROYNELL COOKS * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a)
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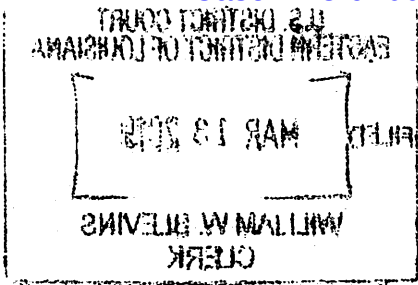
FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible evidence, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the Indictment.¹

On October 29, 2018, at approximately 11:05 am, the Hancock Bank located at 2421 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans Louisiana, was robbed by a male individual later identified as **TROYNELL COOKS** ("COOKS"). **COOKS** entered the bank and waited in line for an available teller. **COOKS** approached Teller 1 and handed her a demand note. The handwritten note instructed Teller 1 to "put 100 single hundreds in envelope I have a gun nothing to loose I will shoot you." **COOKS** stood at the Teller 1's counter with his right hand in his pocket and gave the impression that he was armed with a firearm.

COOKS became impatient with Teller 1 because she took her time unlocking her money drawer. **COOKS** then made an alternate demand and ordered Teller 1 to give him the money on her counter. Teller 1 handed **COOKS** two bundles of cash totaling \$150.00. **COOKS** exited the

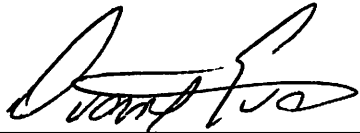
¹ This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of facts known to the United States. The limited purpose of this factual basis is to demonstrate a sufficient legal basis for the defendant's plea of guilty to the charged offense.



bank and Teller 1 alerted bank security. Bank security in this case, a New Orleans Police Department Officer, pursued **COOKS** and successfully apprehended him about a block away from the bank. Law enforcement recovered the \$150.00 from **COOKS**. **COOKS** eventually confessed to law enforcement officials that he committed the robbery. At the time of the robbery, the deposits of the Hancock Bank were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company ("FDIC").

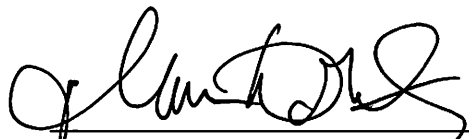
All of the evidence introduced at trial would have established the elements of the offense and proven the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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