

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO.

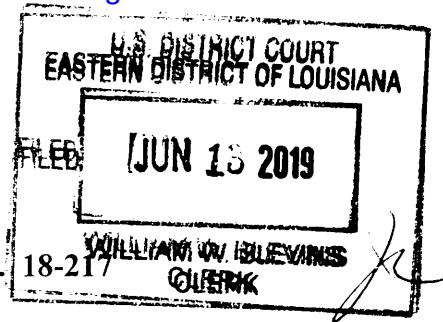
v.

* SECTION: "G" (1)

KEVIN CRAWFORD

* VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2)

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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 Superseding Bill of Information.¹

Count 1

On April 12, 2018, New Orleans Police Department ("N.O.P.D.") officers, Jeraire Bridges and Willard Pearson, conducted a proactive patrol near the Magnolia Discount Store ("Magnolia Discount") located at 6100 N. Claiborne Ave. Just before midnight, the officers approached what appeared to be the aftermath of a two-vehicle accident. As the officers approached the vehicles, an unknown male, later identified as **KEVIN CRAWFORD ("CRAWFORD")** quickly walked away from a gold Infiniti sedan and headed towards the entrance of Magnolia Discount. The officers inquired about what happened and a witness identified **CRAWFORD** as the owner of the Infiniti. The officers also observed in plain view a rifle laying on the back seat of the vehicle. The firearm, an unknown make model SKS, 7.62 x 39 mm caliber, semi-automatic rifle, serial no.

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 offenses.

J370883, was equipped with two extended magazines. Officers Bridges and Pearson focused on locating **CRAWFORD** once an N.O.P.D. back-up unit arrived and secured the Infiniti.

The officers observed **CRAWFORD** as he exited Magnolia Discount and walked away from the area. The officers followed and initiated an investigatory stop. When asked, **CRAWFORD** denied owning the Infiniti or the firearm. The officers handcuffed **CRAWFORD** and returned him to where the gold Infiniti was parked. **CRAWFORD** later admitted that he was the owner of the Infiniti. **CRAWFORD** attempted to escape while handcuffed but was apprehended after a brief foot chase. N.O.P.D. ran a records check and determined that **CRAWFORD** was a convicted felon who could not legally possess a firearm.

Count 2

On June 17, 2018, New Orleans Police Officers Thomas Wiltz and Daniel Grijalva observed a silver colored Infiniti (w/ a temporary tag) in the parking lot of a Chevron gas station located at 447 N. Rampart Street. The officers observed the temporary tag on the Infiniti and determined that it was stolen on June 17, 2018 under item No. F-20320-18. The driver, **CRAWFORD** had already departed from the vehicle by the time the officers determined that the temporary tag was stolen. Eventually, **CRAWFORD** returned to the vehicle and conversed with an individual later identified as M.J. By the manner both **CRAWFORD** and M.J. acted, the officers believed that a drug deal was about to take place. The officers decided to approach **CRAWFORD** and question him. As the officers approached, **CRAWFORD** took off running but was apprehended at the 1000 block of St. Louis Street.

Officer Grijalva stayed with the Infiniti as **CRAWFORD** ran away. Officer Grijalva looked inside the driver's side window and observed a chrome and black colored handgun sticking out from under the driver's side car seat. The firearm was a loaded Ruger Model P345, .45 caliber

semi-automatic handgun, serial no. 664-50424. The officers brought **CRAWFORD** back to the scene. N.O.P.D. ran a records check and determined that **CRAWFORD** was a convicted felon who was prohibited from possessing a firearm. The firearm was reported stolen out of Saucier, MS on June 10, 2015.

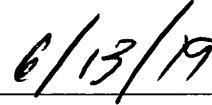
Prior to his possession of either firearm, the State of Louisiana convicted **CRAWFORD** of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit, a conviction on September 14, 2010, in Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Docket Number 476-737 "G," for Purse Snatching, in violation of LA-R.S. 14:65.1. **CRAWFORD** knew that he was a convicted felon at time that he possessed each firearm.

Neither firearm was manufactured in the State of Louisiana. In order for either firearm to be recovered in the State of Louisiana, each necessarily traveled in and affected interstate commerce. Further, the firearms manufacturers designed each firearm to expel a projectile by action of an explosive.

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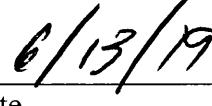


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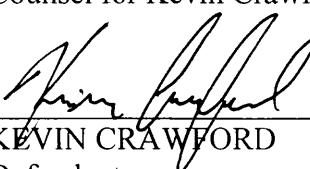
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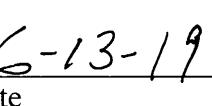
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Defendant



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