

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO.: 19-73
v.	*	SECTION: D
MEKAILL HARRIS	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

Defendant **MEKAILL HARRIS** (“**HARRIS**”) has decided to enter a plea of guilty in the above-captioned matter. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States would have proven the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence. The facts outlined herein occurred within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On April 12, 2019, an investigating office with the Veterans Affairs Hospital received information that a hospital employee, B.F. reported an incident occurring with her partner, **HARRIS**. According to B.F., she and **HARRIS** engaged in a verbal argument that turned physical when **HARRIS** grabbed her shirt and struck her in the chest. After the incident, B.F. relocated to the hospital and informed her supervisor of the incident with **HARRIS**. B.F. specifically stated that she knew **HARRIS** to normally possess a firearm and that she was concerned that he may return to the hospital with a firearm. B.F. provided a statement to the investigating officers in addition to a physical description of **HARRIS**, a clothing description, and his last known location on the hospital premises. B.F. recalled last seeing **HARRIS** located near the Pan Am building, located on the Veterans Affairs Hospital premises.

Lt. Joshua Anderson and Sgt. James McGinty of the Veterans Affairs Hospital relocated to

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the Pan Am building and saw an individual matching the description of **HARRIS** seated on a bench near the Pan Am building. The officers approached **HARRIS**. Upon approaching, the officers identified themselves and explained to **HARRIS** why they were approaching him. Specifically, Sgt. McGinty told **HARRIS** that the officers received information that an individual matching **HARRIS**'s description was in possession of a weapon. Sgt. McGinty then asked **HARRIS**, "Is that you?" **HARRIS** responded, "No." Sgt. McGinty then explained to **HARRIS** that he was going to pat him down for officer safety. In response, **HARRIS** asked if he could stand up. Upon standing, **HARRIS** began running away from the officers. The officers gave chase behind **HARRIS**. **HARRIS** was observed running towards the direction of a nearby stairwell. As **HARRIS** ascended the steps, Lt. Anderson observed a silver object fall from the left side of **HARRIS**'s person onto the ground. Upon hearing the sound of metal and glancing at the ground, Lt. Anderson observed a firearm and yelled, "Gun, gun, gun!" Sgt. McGinty collected the firearm, a 9 millimeter Taurus PT 111 Millenium Pro, bearing serial number TDP15305. **HARRIS** was detained and taken into custody.

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Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **HARRIS**, and it is not a complete statement of all facts described by **HARRIS** to the government. Rather, it is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for his guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for **HARRIS**'s plea of guilty to the charged offenses.

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