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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AND THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL ACT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO.

19-00174

v.

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SECTION:

SECT. R MAG. 1

PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.
PALMA JEFFERSON, SR.

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VIOLATIONS: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)(i)

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21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)(ii)(II)

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21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)

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21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(D)

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18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)

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18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2)

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18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

(Possession with the Intent to Distribute Heroin)

On or about April 30, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(i).

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COUNT 2

(Possession with the Intent to Distribute Cocaine)

On or about April 30, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine hydrochloride, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(ii)(II).

COUNT 3

(Possession with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine)

On or about April 30, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT 4

(Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana)

On or about April 30, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a detectable amount of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(D).

COUNT 5

(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking)

On or about April 30, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, possessed a firearm, to wit: a Locrin, model L380, .380 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 48996, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, that is, possession with the intent to distribute controlled substances, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(i), 841(b)(1)(B)(ii)(II), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and 841(b)(1)(D), as charged

in Counts 1 through 4; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 6
(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

On or about April 30, 2019 in the Eastern District of Louisiana, defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a felony conviction on September 23, 2009, in Jefferson Parish 24th Judicial District Court, Criminal Docket No. 08-3752 "P," for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of MDMA, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and Possession with the Intent to Distribute Ketamine; knowingly possessed a firearm, to wit, a Locrin, model L380, .380 caliber handgun, bearing serial number 48996; and the firearm was in and affecting interstate commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 7
(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

On or about April 30, 2019 in the Eastern District of Louisiana, defendant, **PALMA JEFFERSON, SR.**, knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a felony conviction on December 11, 1997, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Docket No. 385-637 "A," for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance within 1,000 Feet of a School; knowingly possessed a firearm, to wit, an Amadeo Rossi, 38 caliber firearm, bearing serial number w046941; and the firearm was in and affecting interstate commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Counts 1 through 7 are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States.

2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 4, the defendants, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, and **PALMA JEFFERSON, SR.**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of said offenses, and any property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of said offenses, including but not limited to the following: \$3,660 U.S. currency; and any firearm or ammunition described in the foregoing allegations.

3. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 7, the defendants, **PALMA JEFFERSON, JR.**, and **PALMA JEFFERSON, SR.**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in the commission of said offenses, including but not limited to any firearm or ammunition described in the foregoing allegations.

4. If any of the above-described property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States shall seek a money judgment and, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of said property.

A TRUE BILL


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