

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**\* CRIMINAL NO. 19-204**

**v.**

**\* SECTION: "R"**

**EDER QUINONES**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

The defendant, **EDER QUINONES**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the superseding indictment. Count One charges the defendant with conspiring to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute a kilogram or more of a mixture/substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), and 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A).

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and other admissible evidence, the following facts, many of which occurred in the Eastern District of Louisiana, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the superseding indictment now pending against the defendant:


By the spring of 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") had identified **ROY LEE JR** as a high-level drug trafficker who was moving kilogram quantities of heroin from Houston to New Orleans and serving as a high-level supplier for New Orleans. The FBI ultimately applied for and received authority to intercept two of **LEE JR**'s phones for a total of approximately 50 days between July and September 2019. These interceptions provided strong evidence of **LEE JR**'s trafficking activities, including the structure of his organization and roles of

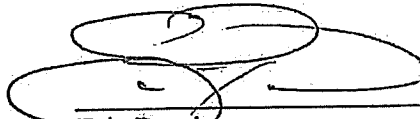
various associates, his primary source of supply, and the identities of numerous customers who purchased from him.


Relatively early in the LEE JR wire intercept, agents intercepted a series of calls and messages related to LEE JR resupplying from his source in Houston. Agents had already obtained GPS information showing that LEE JR made numerous short duration trips to Houston, which agents believed were for resupplying heroin. Agents intercepted communications between LEE JR and a Latino male using telephone number [REDACTED] relating to LEE JR purchasing a kilogram of heroin from the as-then unidentified individual in early July 2019. The user of the [REDACTED] number was ultimately identified as Eder QUINONES. In the fall of 2019, the FBI arrested QUINONES in possession of a kilogram of heroin he was attempting to deliver to LEE JR. QUINONES admits that he supplied LEE JR with kilograms of heroin over a multi-year period, with LEE JR coming from New Orleans to purchase heroin from QUINONES in Houston. Aside from supplying LEE JR, however, QUINONES was not involved in directing or managing LEE JR or other members of his organization.

The government and QUINONES stipulate and agree that he should be held accountable for at least ten kilograms of heroin but less than thirty kilograms of heroin.

The limited purpose of this factual basis is to satisfy the Court that there is a sufficient basis in fact for QUINONES's guilty plea. This document does not contain all information known to the government about the charged conspiracy to distribute heroin.

  
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