

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

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CRIMINAL NO. 21-29</b>
<b>v.</b>	*	<b>SECTION: "T"</b>
<b>JEREMY BRANSON GARNER</b>	*	
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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Defendant **JEREMY BRANSON GARNER (GARNER)** has agreed to plead guilty. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts. Unless stated otherwise, the following acts occurred within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On or about December 21, 1998, **GARNER** was convicted in Tennessee of Sexual Battery under case number 98-06395. As a result of his conviction, **GARNER** was incarcerated for one year and placed on probation for two years. He had an obligation to register as a sex offender for life, to be updated quarterly.

**GARNER** initially registered as a sex offender in Tennessee following his release from prison on January 20, 1999, but he stopped registering at some point in 2016, which prompted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to issue a warrant for his arrest. In June 2019, the U.S. Marshal's Office in this district received a tip from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office that **GARNER** was living in the New Orleans area. **GARNER** was subsequently located in New Orleans and arrested on February 26, 2021, at his home on Royal Street in the French Quarter. After he was apprehended, **GARNER** admitted to the Marshals that he moved to the New Orleans area on an unknown date in 2017.

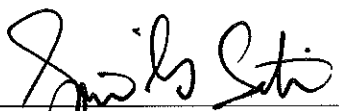
At trial the government would introduce multiple Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Sexual Offender/Violent Sexual Offender Instruction forms that **GARNER** signed and submitted to the sheriff's office in his home county from 1999 to 2016. The forms contained language stating that as a convicted child sex offender, Tennessee law required him to register for life. These forms also contained a paragraph informing **GARNER** that he was required to keep his registration current in each state in which he resided, and that he had to inform Tennessee within 48 hours of any changes in his residence.


Based upon the evidence set forth above, **GARNER** traveled in interstate commerce and failed to update his sex offender registration under Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Agents would testify that, although **GARNER** has resided in New Orleans since at 2017, he has never registered as a sex offender with the New Orleans Police Department, as he would be obligated to do to comply with the terms of his sex offender status under SORNA.

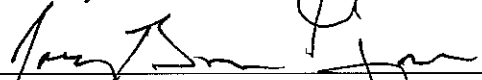
**Limited Nature of Factual Basis**

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **GARNER**, and it is not a complete statement of all facts described by **GARNER** 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 **GARNER** plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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