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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL <u>ACT AND FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT</u>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 21-69

SECTION: SECT.M MAG. 2

QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE

v.

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

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i) 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about January 14, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on April 11, 2016, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, State of Louisiana, Case Number 527-233 "L," for possession with intent to distribute heroin in violation of LA R.S. 40:966, and a conviction on July 8, 2015, in

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Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, State of Louisiana, Case Number 522-505 "E," for possession of heroin in violation of LA R.S. 40:966(c), possession of cocaine in violation of LA R.S. 40:967, and resisting an officer in violation of LA R.S. 14:108; did knowingly possess a firearm, that is a 5.56 caliber handgun, said firearm being in and affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 2

(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about April 22, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on April 11, 2016, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, State of Louisiana, Case Number 527-233 "L," for possession with intent to distribute heroin, in violation of LA R.S. 40:966, and a conviction on July 8, 2015, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, State of Louisiana, Case Number 522-505 "E" for possession of heroin, in violation of LA R.S. 40:966(c), possession of cocaine in violation of LA R.S. 40:967, and resisting an officer in violation of LA R.S. 14:108; did knowingly possess a firearm, that is a Glock 27 .40 caliber handgun, said firearm having travelled in interstate commerce, and a 5.56 caliber handgun, said firearm being in and affecting interstate commerce, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 3

(Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance)

On or about April 22, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-

N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, that is, fentanyl, a Schedule II drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B).

COUNT 4

(Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime)

On or about April 22, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, did knowingly possess a firearm, that is, a Glock 27 .40 caliber handgun and a 5.56 caliber firearm, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count 3, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

The allegations of Counts 1 through 4 of this Indictment are 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 offense alleged in Count 3, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, 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 offense, and any property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of said offense, including but not limited to the following:

\$33,514 in U.S. currency;

Glock 27 .40 caliber handgun, bearing serial number BHEV698;

Ghost Gun, 5.56 caliber firearm with the lower receiver originally manufactured in Texas by EP Armory with an extended magazine, no serial number;

Twenty-Four (24) LC 18 rounds with green tip (Lake City ammunitions plant);

Twelve (12) rounds of .223 Rem AUSA manufactured by Armscor USA;

Two (2) rounds of .223 Rem PPU manufactured by Prvi Partizan;

- Two (2) rounds of MFS Remington manufactured by Ruag Ammotec
 One (1) round 5.56 WIN USA manufactured by Winchester.
- 3. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 4, the defendant, **QUENTRELL BERTHOLOTTE**, 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 above.
- 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 the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided 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.

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