

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO.: 18-109

v.

* SECTION: "E"

RICKY REDD

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FACTUAL BASIS

Had this matter proceeded to trial, the government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimony and other evidence, the following facts to support the allegations against the defendant, **RICKY REDD**.

From a time prior to April 2017, and continuing through on or about December 28, 2017, **RICKY REDD** conspired with Arthur Johnson, Jamar Rucker, Annice Falkins, Kevin Coffil, Jonas Scott, Quintin Risin, Brandon Sanders, Cherell Vallery, James Anderson, and other persons known and unknown, to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute one (1) kilogram or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere.

In April 2017, FBI Special Agents from the New Orleans Gang Task Force began investigating Arthur Johnson for distributing heroin in the New Orleans area. On September 26, 2017, United States District Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt authorized a Title III warrant for agents to intercept wire and electronic communications over one of Arthur Johnson's cell phones. Interception began on September 27, 2017 and ceased on October 15, 2017. On December 18, 2018, Judge Engelhardt authorized a roving Title III wiretap on Arthur Johnson's phones.

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On December 27, 2017, agents intercepted communications between **RICKY REDD** and Arthur Johnson. In these communications, **RICKY REDD** and Arthur Johnson discussed **RICKY REDD**'s pending delivery of heroin to Arthur Johnson in New Orleans, Louisiana. **RICKY REDD** was driving that day from Chicago, Illinois, to New Orleans to give Arthur Johnson a bag containing approximately three kilograms of heroin. **RICKY REDD** knew that this bag contained heroin.

Later that same day, surveillance agents observed **RICKY REDD** and Arthur Johnson twice meet at the Holiday Inn Hotel, located at 330 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. During the first meeting, **RICKY REDD** gave Arthur Johnson the bag containing approximately three kilograms of heroin. During the second meeting, Arthur Johnson gave **RICKY REDD** approximately \$187,000 for the heroin that **RICKY REDD** had brought from Chicago. **RICKY REDD** was to earn a small amount of the money that Arthur Johnson paid him, with the rest going to the Chicago-based supplier of the heroin.

Agents conducted an investigatory stop on **RICKY REDD** the next day, December 28, 2017, while he was driving back to Chicago. **RICKY REDD** told the investigating agent that he had come to New Orleans to deliver heroin to Arthur Johnson. **RICKY REDD** also told the agent that he had driven another individual to meet with and deliver heroin to Arthur Johnson at least one previous time, with the heroin coming from the same supplier in Chicago. Additionally, **RICKY REDD** gave permission to the agent to review his cell phone while on the scene of this investigatory stop.

The Government and **RICKY REDD** stipulate and agree that **RICKY REDD** should be held accountable for at least 1 kilogram but less than 3 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, as this amount was distributed during the course of the conspiracy as a result of the defendant's conduct and the reasonably foreseeable conduct of his co-conspirators.

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Limited Nature of Factual Basis

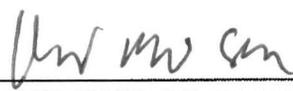
This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by the defendant, **RICKY REDD**, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for the defendant's plea of guilty.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:



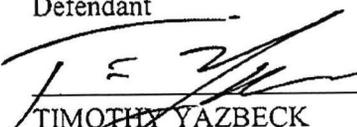
RICKY REDD
Defendant

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