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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO: **21-78**

v.

* SECTION: **SECT. L MAG. 4**

ERIC METZ
a/k/a "Easy"

* VIOLATIONS: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)
21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)
* 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)
18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
* 18 U.S.C. § 924(e)

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base (crack))

On or about June 5, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **ERIC METZ, a/k/a "Easy,"** did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base (crack), a Schedule II controlled substance; all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

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COUNT 2

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

On or about June 5, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **ERIC METZ, a/k/a/ "Easy,"** did knowingly possess a firearm, to wit: a 9mm FN semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number GKS0155688, 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 quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base (crack), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), as charged in Count 1 of this Indictment; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

COUNT 3

(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

On or about the June 5, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **ERIC METZ, a/k/a/ "Easy,"** knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on or about April 11, 2007, in the 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, under case number 04-3629, for possession with intent to distribute cocaine, in violation of LA. R.S. 40:967; a conviction on or about March 6, 2013, in the 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, under case number 12-03555, for possession with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of LA. R.S. 40:967; and a conviction on or about June 8, 2016, in the 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, under case number 15-02905, for possession with intent to distribute a schedule I controlled substance, in violation of LA. R.S. 40:966, did knowingly possess a firearm, that is, a 9mm FN semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number GKS0155688, said firearm having been shipped and transported in interstate commerce; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Count 1, 2, and 3 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 1, the defendant, **ERIC METZ, a/k/a “Easy,”** 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.


3. 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 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.

A TRUE BILL:

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New Orleans, Louisiana
June 24, 2021