

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 21-46
v. * SECTION: "I"
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JONATHAN JOHNSON * * *

FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **JONATHAN JOHNSON**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegation against the defendant, **JONATHAN JOHNSON ("JOHNSON")**:

Unless stated otherwise, all of the facts set forth herein occurred within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On March 31, 2021, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (LPSO) Sergeant (Sgt.) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were patrolling Highway 1 in Thibodaux, Louisiana. At approximately 9:09 a.m., Sgt. [REDACTED] observed a white Mercedes four door sedan bearing Louisiana License plate [REDACTED] traveling south on Highway 1. According to Sgt. [REDACTED], the window tint on the front windows of this vehicle appeared to be too dark, in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 32:361.1. At approximately 9:12 a.m., Sgt. [REDACTED] activated his emergency lights in his fully marked unit and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. After the

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vehicle pulled to the shoulder of the roadway, Sgt. [REDACTED] approached the vehicle and identified the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle as JOHNSON. Sgt. [REDACTED] explained to JOHNSON the reason for traffic stop. Sgt. [REDACTED] then returned to his marked unit and conducted a license and warrant check on JOHNSON. The license check revealed that JOHNSON was driving with a suspended driver's license. Sgt. [REDACTED] observed JOHNSON to be extremely nervous and observed JOHNSON grabbing the steering wheel in a nervous manner. Sgt. [REDACTED] then requested the assistance of additional units. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 9:17 a.m., Lieutenant [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] arrived to assist Sgt. [REDACTED]

As agents approached JOHNSON, they observed JOHNSON open the driver's door of the vehicle and discard suspected crystal methamphetamine onto the ground from a clear plastic bag. Agents arrested JOHNSON, advised him of his Miranda rights and placed him into a LPSO marked unit.

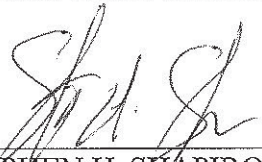
Agents recovered the suspected crystal methamphetamine from the ground area near the driver's side door of the vehicle. A field test of the substance revealed a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine.

The seized drugs were analyzed at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) laboratory by Forensic Chemist [REDACTED]. Forensic analysis confirmed that the drugs were in fact methamphetamine with a net weight of 300.71 grams and 100% purity. DEA expert testimony would confirm that 300.71 grams of methamphetamine is an amount consistent with distribution as opposed to possession for personal use.


For purposes of sentencing, the Government and JOHNSON acknowledge that JOHNSON possessed at least 150 grams but less than 500 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it.



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