

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 21-162
v. * SECTION: "J"
TRAVIS CARTER *
a/k/a "Tree" *

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **TRAVIS CARTER** ("CARTER"), has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment in the above captioned case. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts:

On January 7, 2021, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO), St. John Parish Sheriff's Office (SJPSO) detectives, and DEA task force officers conducted surveillance on **CARTER**. During their surveillance, JPSO officers conducted a traffic stop which resulted because **CARTER** failed to signal while changing lanes in the 5800 Block of Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Metairie, Louisiana. During the traffic stop, a narcotics canine was deployed to the vehicle's exterior and interior and showed a positive odor response. Although the canine alerted to the driver's seat and floorboard area of the interior, detectives did not locate any narcotics inside of the car.

After a brief interview, **CARTER** signed a consent to search form, which gave officers permission to search **CARTER**'s residence, [REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana 70001. While searching the residence, detectives discovered a digital scale with white powder

residue, approximately one gram of an off-white, rock-like substance, a box of clear plastic bags, and \$2,398.00 in U.S. currency in one of **CARTER**'s socks.

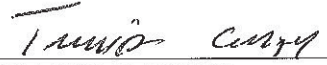
CARTER was then advised of the evidence and the charges against him and relocated to the JPSO Detective Bureau to complete the necessary paperwork. After the paperwork was completed, detectives transported **CARTER** to the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center. Correctional officers conducted a search of **CARTER**'s person which resulted in the discovery of six clear plastic bags containing approximately 165.27 net grams of a white powdery substance located in **CARTER**'s shoes. Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory analysis confirmed that the substance discovered in **CARTER**'s shoes contained cocaine hydrochloride.

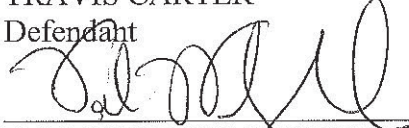
The investigation, including the search of **CARTER**'s residence, did not reveal any evidence of personal use of cocaine by **CARTER**. Additionally, **CARTER** does not have a history of abusing cocaine. Further, 165.27 grams of cocaine is significantly more than an amount of cocaine one would possess for personal use. The six clear plastic bags of cocaine found in **CARTER**'s shoes were individually wrapped in order to facilitate ease of distribution.

Thus, on January 7, 2021, Carter did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

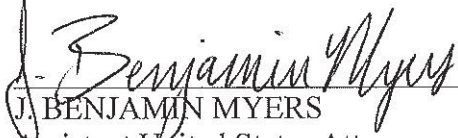
Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts, 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 **CARTER**'s plea of guilty to the charged offense.



TRAVIS CARTER (date)
Defendant


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