

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 21-119
v. * SECTION: "M"
DEAMONTE BROWN *

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FACTUAL BASIS

Defendant **DEAMONTE BROWN** ("**BROWN**") has agreed to enter a plea of guilty to the Indictment in the above-captioned matter. Count 1 charges **BROWN** with being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g), 924(a)(2), and 2. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States would have proven the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence. The facts outlined herein occurred within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On June 10, 2021, while conducting a proactive investigation, the New Orleans Police Department ("**NOPD**") was monitoring Real Time Crime Cameras ("**RTCC**") located on the intersection of N. Derbigny Street and Mandeville Street in New Orleans, LA. At approximately 10:45 PM, investigators observed three individuals on the RTCC video footage loitering in the intersection. Those individuals were later identified as Tron Hughes ("**Hughes**"), **BROWN**, and [REDACTED]. These individuals were observed on-camera by officers for several minutes. During this time officers observed that each of these individuals possessed a firearm. Investigators observed Hughes to be in possession of a tan firearm with an extended magazine. Investigators also observed **BROWN** to be in possession of a black firearm with an extended "drum" magazine and a front light attachment. Finally, investigators observed [REDACTED] to be in possession of a black firearm

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with an extended magazine. Additionally, while observing the video footage and conducting surveillance, officers observed several vehicles pass through the intersection and observed the subjects brandish the firearms as vehicles passed.

Investigators continued to monitor the RTCC, and observed that at approximately 11:15 PM, Hughes, **BROWN**, and [REDACTED] got into a vehicle, a four-door gray 2008 Pontiac G6 [REDACTED]. Hughes was later identified as the driver, **BROWN** was the front-seat passenger, and [REDACTED] was in the backseat of the vehicle. The vehicle drove to N. Johnson Street and Marigny Street, at which time the backseat passenger, [REDACTED], exited the vehicle. Surveillance units did not observe anyone else exit the vehicle. The vehicle then departed the location and drove towards Franklin Avenue. Once on Franklin Avenue, troopers with the Louisiana State Police (“LSP”) located the vehicle and observed dark tint and a temporary license plate on the vehicle. LSP troopers ran an inquiry of the tag and discovered that there was no record of the plate.

LSP troopers, driving in a fully marked LSP police vehicle, elected to activate lights and sirens and conduct a traffic stop of the Pontiac. The Pontiac disregarded the police vehicle and did not stop. The Pontiac instead continued to flee and drove on to the I-10 ramp to New Orleans East. The LSP troopers elected to pursue the vehicle. While in pursuit, troopers observed the front passenger, **BROWN**, discard two objects from the front passenger window. The items were discarded between the Franklin Avenue on-ramp and the Louisa Street exit on I-10 east. LSP continued to pursue the vehicle. The vehicle sped down I-10, reaching speeds of more than 100 miles per hour. The vehicle eventually exited I-10, drove on to I-510 and then exited onto Lake Forest Boulevard. Hughes, the driver of the vehicle, drove on Lake Forest Boulevard eastbound to Michoud Boulevard. Hughes then drove down Michoud Boulevard Southbound to Dwyer Road.

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Hughes drove the wrong way down a one-way side of Dwyer Road, ultimately disregarding a stop sign at Michoud and Dwyer Road. The car continued to drive while being pursued by law enforcement and eventually stopped in the 13000 block of Dwyer Road and both occupants, Tron Hughes and **BROWN**, fled from the vehicle.

In addition to the LSP body camera footage, the pursuit of the vehicle and the flight of Hughes and **BROWN**, the occupants of the vehicle, is captured on helicopter video footage. The video footage shows the pursuit of the vehicle from the area of N. Derbigny Street and Mandeville Street, the pursuit of the vehicle on I-10, the vehicle coming to a rest on Dwyer Road, as well as the occupants of the vehicle fleeing the vehicle. Helicopter video footage also shows Hughes and **BROWN** run through the neighborhood to evade law enforcement. Hughes is detained soon after his exit from the vehicle, at the intersection of Granville Street and Revel Street; however, **BROWN** continues to run through several backyards and on the rooftops of several homes before he was apprehended by law enforcement near the intersection of Chateau Street and Michoud Blvd.

During the pursuit investigators relocated to the area where they observed Tron Hughes and **BROWN** discard the firearms. They were able to locate the first firearm, a Glock Model 23C, .40 caliber, bearing serial number AAFL670 with a RWB 50 round drum magazine containing 19 live rounds and 1 live round in the chamber. This firearm was found near the Franklin Avenue on-ramp on I-10 East. The second firearm, a Glock Model 19X, 9 mm, bearing serial number AFBN657, was also later recovered by law enforcement in a grassy area south of an elevated portion I-610 and the Franklin Avenue on-ramp. This firearm had one live round in the chamber. Both firearms matched the physical description of the firearms Hughes and **BROWN** possessed on N. Derbigny Street and Mandeville Street, as observed on the RTCC.

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Additionally, through introduction of documentation and witness testimony, the Government would have established that **BROWN** has a prior conviction on February 19, 2019, under Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 542-663 "E", for Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, in violation of LA-R.S. 14:966(A)(1) and Illegal Possession of a Stolen Firearm, in violation of LA-R.S. 14:69.1. **BROWN** received a sentence of 5 years in the Louisiana Department of Corrections.


BROWN, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly and intentionally possessed the aforementioned firearms. The firearms were examined by an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and were determined to have been shipped and transported in interstate commerce prior to being possessed by **BROWN**.

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 purpose of this factual basis is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal

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and factual basis for **BROWN'S** plea of guilty to the charged offense in the Indictment and to stipulate that all acts took place within the Eastern District of Louisiana.



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