UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 20-132

v. * SECTION: "G"

ERNEST DUNN

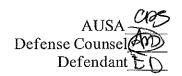
FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **ERNEST DUNN** ("**DUNN**"), has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the pending indictment. **DUNN** is charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and other admissible evidence, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the superseding bill of information to be filed against the defendant:

On Friday, November 6, 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") was conducting surveillance on the 800 block of Lizardi Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. The area was known to investigators as a high crime area and the catalyst for this investigation was a drive-by shooting which occurred there a week earlier. On that day, **DUNN** was sitting in the driver seat of a gold Honda Accord with another man in the passenger seat.

While investigating other individuals nearby, agents asked **DUNN** and his passenger to step out of the car. When they opened the doors, agents could smell marijuana and saw multiple handguns in plain view. **DUNN** was known to investigators as a convicted felon who could not possess firearms.



FBI agents obtained a search warrant for the gold Honda Accord. In executing the warrant, a total of five firearms were located. A Glock .40 caliber handgun bearing serial number XKR758 and a Glock .40 caliber handgun bearing serial number XNV614 were found in the floorboard of the driver seat where **DUNN** was sitting. These two firearms were in the possession of **DUNN** at the time of arrest as he intended to and did exercise dominion and control of them. None of the firearms were manufactured in the state of Louisiana and crossed state lines before coming into **DUNN**'s possession.

DUNN knew he was previously convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. Specifically, he was aware of a felony conviction on November 22, 2011, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, State of Louisiana, case number 478-719, Section "I," for armed robbery in violation of LA R.S. 14:64 and purse snatching in violation of LA R.S. 14:65.1.

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