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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

LAWRENCE LEWIS,
also known as "L Boogs,"

Defendant.

INDICTMENT
CR-18 0187

Cr. No. _____
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 922(g)(1),
924(a)(2), 924(c)(1)(A)(i),
924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii),
924(c)(1)(C)(i), 924(d)(1),
924(j)(1), 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551
et seq.; T. 21, U.S.C., §§
841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(i),
841(b)(1)(A)(iii), 841(b)(1)(C),
846, 853(a) and 853(p); T. 28,
U.S.C., § 2461(c))

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SEYBERT, J.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

SHIELDS, M.J.

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise indicated:

The Enterprise

1. The Bloods (hereinafter the "Bloods" or the "enterprise") was a violent street gang with members located throughout Long Island, New York, and elsewhere. The defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as "L Boogs," was a member of the Bloods. Members and associates of the Bloods have engaged in acts of violence, including murder, attempted murder, robbery and assault, as well as other criminal activity, including narcotics trafficking. Participation by a member or an associate in criminal activity, especially violence directed at rival gangs or anyone who disrespected the Bloods, increased the respect accorded to that member or associate and could result in gaining entrance to the Bloods or a promotion to a

leadership position. Members of the Bloods purchased, maintained and circulated a collection of firearms for use in criminal activity.

2. The Bloods, including its leadership, membership and associates, constituted an “enterprise” as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(b)(2), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact that was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

3. The Bloods routinely held meetings to, among other things, plan criminal activity. At meetings, members paid dues into a treasury. The treasury funds were used, among other things, to purchase firearms and ammunition and to assist members who had been arrested. Members of the Bloods sometimes signified their membership and allegiance to the gang by wearing the color red, displaying special hand signals and wearing tattoos.

4. The Bloods, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(b)(1) and 1961(1), that is, acts and threats involving murder and robbery, that are chargeable under New York Penal Law and punishable by imprisonment of more than one year; acts indictable under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(robbery); and offenses involving trafficking of controlled substances, punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846.

Purposes of the Enterprise

5. The purposes of the enterprise included the following:
 - a. Promoting and enhancing the prestige, reputation and position of the enterprise with respect to rival criminal organizations.
 - b. Preserving and protecting the power, territory and criminal ventures of the enterprise through the use of intimidation, threats of violence and acts of violence, including assault and murder.
 - c. Keeping victims and rivals in fear of the enterprise and its members and associates.
 - d. Enriching the members and associates of the enterprise through criminal activity, including robbery and drug trafficking.
 - e. Ensuring discipline within the enterprise and compliance with the enterprise's rules by members and associates through threats of violence and acts of violence.

Means and Methods of the Enterprise

6. Among the means and methods by which the defendant and his associates conducted and participated in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise were the following:
 - a. Members of the Bloods and their associates committed, attempted to commit and threatened to commit acts of violence, including murder, attempted murder, robbery and assault, to enhance the enterprise's prestige and protect and expand the enterprise's criminal operations.
 - b. Members of the Bloods and their associates used and threatened to use physical violence against various individuals, including members of rival criminal organizations and Bloods members who violated the enterprise's rules.

c. Members of the enterprise and their associates used, attempted to use and conspired to use robbery and drug trafficking as means of obtaining money.

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances)

7. In or about and between January 2016 and March 2018, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one or more controlled substances, which offense involved (a) a substance containing cocaine base, a Schedule II controlled substance, and (b) a substance containing heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1). The amount of cocaine base and heroin involved in the conspiracy attributable to the defendant as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, was (a) 280 grams or more of a substance containing cocaine base and (b) one kilogram or more of a substance containing heroin.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(b)(1)(A)(i) and
841(b)(1)(A)(iii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWO
(Use of Firearms during a Drug Trafficking Crime)

8. In or about and between January 2016 and March 2018, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry one or more firearms during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, to wit: the crime

charged in Count One, and did knowingly and intentionally possess said firearms in furtherance of such drug trafficking crime.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THREE
(Felon In Possession of Firearms)

9. On or about January 4, 2017, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” having previously been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly and intentionally possess in and affecting commerce one or more firearms, to wit: a Mossberg .22 caliber rifle and a Ruger .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, and ammunition.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOUR
(Murder of John Birt)

10. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through six are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

11. On or about July 29, 2017, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” for the purpose of maintaining and increasing position in the Bloods, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder John Birt, in violation of New York Penal Law Section 125.25(1).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIVE

(Discharging a Firearm During a Crime of Violence)

12. On or about July 29, 2017, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, to wit: the crime charged in Count Four, and did knowingly and intentionally possess said firearm in furtherance of such crime of violence, which firearm was brandished and discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), 924(c)(1)(C)(i) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIX

(Firearm-Related Murder of John Birt)

13. On or about July 29, 2017, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), to wit: the knowing and intentional use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, to wit: the crime charged in Count Four, did knowingly and intentionally cause the death of a person through the use of a firearm, which killing was murder as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1111, in that the defendant with malice aforethought, did unlawfully kill John Birt.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j)(1) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SEVEN

(Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances)

14. On or about January 10, 2018, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant LAWRENCE LEWIS, also known as “L Boogs,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which offense involved a substance containing heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 and 3551 et seq.)

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS ONE AND SEVEN

15. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant that, upon his conviction of either of the offenses charged in Counts One and Seven, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a), which requires any person convicted of such offenses to forfeit: (a) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such offenses; and (b) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses including but not limited to: (i) one Ruger .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and ammunition; (ii) one Mossberg .22 caliber rifle and ammunition; and (iii) Remington .38 caliber ammunition, which were all seized from the defendant on or about January 4, 2017, at 55 Probst Drive, Shirley, New York.

16. 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 party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be

divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a) and 853(p))

**CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS TWO THROUGH SIX**

17. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant that, upon his conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts Two through Six, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), which require the forfeiture of any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any knowing violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922 or Section 924, or used in any violation of any criminal law of the United States, including but not limited to (i) one Ruger .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and ammunition; (ii) one Mossberg .22 caliber rifle and ammunition; and (iii) Remington .38 caliber ammunition, which were all seized from the defendant on or about January 4, 2017, at 55 Probst Drive, Shirley, New York.

18. 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 party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be

divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c))

A TRUE BILL



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