UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ERIC TURNER and
JOSE SMITH

CASE NO. 8:26-CR-237-VMC-CPT
21 U.S.C. § 846
(Drug Trafficking Conspiracy)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE
(Drug Trafficking Conspiracy)

Beginning on an unknown date, but not later than October 2025, and continuing through on or about June 4, 2026, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

ERIC TURNER and
JOSE SMITH,

did knowingly and willfully conspire with each other and other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance. The violation involved one kilogram or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)(i).

All in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846.

FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Count One are incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a)(1) and (2), any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation.

3. If any of the property described above, as a result of any acts or omissions of the defendants:

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,

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).

A TRUE BILL,

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Foreperson

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Violations: 21 U.S.C. § 846

A true bill,

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Foreperson

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Clerk

JEREMIAH SMITH

Bail $_____

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