

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD**  
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**SEALED  
INDICTMENT**

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**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT ONE**

Between on or about December 1, 2016, and on or about November 8, 2017,  
in the Northern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with other  
persons to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance,  
and this offense involved 5 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance  
containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States  
Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(ii).

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

**COUNT TWO**

On or about August 23, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the  
defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved cocaine.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT THREE**

On or about August 29, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved cocaine.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about October 3, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved cocaine.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about October 26, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved cocaine.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT SIX**

On or about November 8, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved cocaine base, commonly known as “crack cocaine,” marijuana, and 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(ii), 841(b)(1)(C), and 841(b)(1)(D).

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about November 8, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count Six of this Indictment, did knowingly possess a firearm, namely, a Glock 9 millimeter pistol and a Jimenez Arms .22-caliber pistol.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

**COUNT EIGHT**

On or about November 8, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, that is:

1. a. On or about December 21, 2000, **GARY DESHON SHEPARD** was convicted in the State of Florida of Sale of Cocaine;

- b. On or about January 14, 2003, **GARY DESHON SHEPARD** was convicted in the State of Florida of Sale of Cocaine; and
- c. On or about March 21, 2008, **GARY DESHON SHEPARD** was convicted in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida of Possession With Intent to Distribute More Than 500 Grams of Cocaine.

2. For each of these crimes, **GARY DESHON SHEPARD** was subject to punishment by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year.

3. Thereafter, **GARY DESHON SHEPARD** did knowingly possess a firearm, to wit, a Glock 9 millimeter pistol, a Jimenez Arms .22-caliber pistol, and ammunition, namely, Remington 9 millimeter and CCI .22-caliber.

4. These firearms and ammunition had previously been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e)(1).

### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FORFEITURE**

The allegations contained in Counts One through Six of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture, pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

From his engagement in the violations charged in Counts One through Six of this Indictment, punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, the defendant,

**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, all of his interest in:

A. Property constituting and derived from any proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violations.

B. Property used and intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of such violations.

If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of acts or omissions of the defendant:

- i. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- ii. has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party;
- iii. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of this Court;
- iv. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- v. has been commingled with other property that cannot be subdivided 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 above forfeitable property.

**FIREARM FORFEITURE**

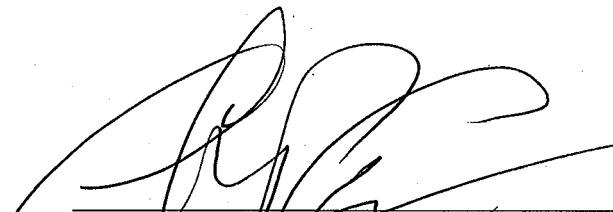
The allegations contained in Counts Seven and Eight of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference. Because the defendant,

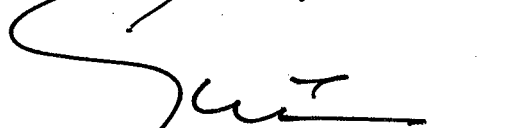
**GARY DESHON SHEPARD,**

knowingly committed the violations set forth in Counts Seven and Eight of this Indictment, any and all interest that the defendant has in the firearms and ammunition involved in these violations is vested in the United States and hereby forfeited to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1).

A TRUE BILL:  
**REDACTED**  
FOREPERSON

12.5.17  
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