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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 18- 765(KM)

v. : 18 U.S.C. § 371

: 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(a)(3), 922(k)

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TESORA AMANDA CORTES : INDICTMENT

TREJOROJAS, and :

AZIA SINCLAIR :

The Grand Jury in and for the District of New Jersey, sitting at Newark, charges:

COUNT ONE  
(Conspiracy to Transport Firearms)

1. At all times relevant to this Indictment:

a. Defendant Tesora Amanda Cortes Trejorojas (“Tesora Trejorojas”) was a resident of Norfolk, Virginia and was not a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector of firearms within the meaning of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code;

b. Defendant Azia Sinclair was a resident of Newark, New Jersey, and was not a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector of firearms within the meaning of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code;

c. Co-conspirator 1 (“CC-1”) was a resident of Newark, New Jersey, and was not a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector of firearms within the meaning of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code.

The Conspiracy

2. From on or about November 1, 2017 through at least on or about November 12, 2017, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendants,

TESORA AMANDA CORTES TREJOROJAS  
and  
AZIA SINCLAIR

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other, and with CC-1 and others, while not being licensed importers, manufacturers, dealers, and collectors of firearms within the meaning of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code, to transport into and receive in the State of New Jersey, where Azia Sinclair and CC-1 then resided, firearms purchased and otherwise obtained outside the State of New Jersey, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(3).

Object of the Conspiracy

3. The object of the conspiracy was for defendant Tesora Trejorojas, defendant Azia Sinclair, and CC-1 to obtain firearms in Virginia for the purpose of transporting them to and distributing them in New Jersey.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

4. It was part of the conspiracy that Azia Sinclair and CC-1 travelled from New Jersey to Virginia and met with defendant Tesora Trejorojas, who then obtained firearms which Sinclair and Tyson later transported back to New Jersey for distribution.

Overt Acts

5. In furtherance of this conspiracy and to effect its unlawful object, the defendants and their co-conspirators committed and caused to be committed the following overt acts in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere:

a. Beginning on or about November 1, 2017, defendant Tesora Trejorojas and Azia Sinclair exchanged text messages wherein defendant Tesora Trejorojas agreed to purchase firearms in Virginia and provide them to Azia Sinclair and CC-1.

b. On or about November 10, 2017, defendant Azia Sinclair and CC-1 drove from New Jersey to Norfolk, Virginia.

c. On or about November 11, 2017, defendant Azia Sinclair and CC-1 arrived at defendant Tesora Trejorojas's residence in Norfolk, Virginia. Later that day, the three visited a gun store in Norfolk, Virginia (the "Gun Store"). While at the Gun Store, defendant Azia Sinclair selected several firearms for defendant Tesora Trejorojas to purchase for her and CC-1.

d. While at the Gun Store, defendant Azia Sinclair and CC-1 provided a sum of United States currency to defendant Tesora Trejorojas with which to purchase the firearms. Defendant Tesora Trejorojas then purchased the following firearms and ammunition (collectively, the "Firearms and Ammunition"):

1. a 9-millimeter Smith & Wesson M&P 9 Shield semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number HXV1020;

2. a 9-millimeter Smith & Wesson M&P 9 Shield semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number HXT7901;

3. a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson M&P 40 Shield semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number HYJ1144;

4. a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson M&P 40 Shield semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number HYJ1289;

5. a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson M&P 40 Shield semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number HYV8596;

6. 100 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition; and

7. 100 rounds of 9-millimeter ammunition.

e. In connection with the firearms purchase of November 11, 2017 set forth above, defendant Tesora Trejorojas falsely represented on an ATF Form 4473 that she was the actual purchaser of the firearms, when, in fact, defendant Azia Sinclair and CC-1 were the purchasers.

f. Upon the conclusion of the transaction, defendant Tesora Trejorojas, defendant Azia Sinclair, and CC-1 returned to defendant Tesora Trejorojas's residence in Norfolk with the Firearms and Ammunition.

g. On or about November 12, 2017, defendant Azia Sinclair and CC-1 drove back to New Jersey with the Firearms and Ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO  
(Possession of a Defaced Firearm)

On or about March 12, 2018, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

AZIA SINCLAIR,

knowingly possessed a firearm, namely a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun that had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce, from which the manufacturer's serial number had been removed, altered and obliterated, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(k) and 924(a)(1)(B).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. The allegations contained in Count Two of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of the offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(n) set forth in Count Two of this Indictment, the defendant,

AZIA SINCLAIR,

shall forfeit to the United States any firearms and ammunition involved in or used in the commission of those offenses, including the following:

- a. a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, bearing a defaced serial number; and
- b. 70 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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CRAIG CARPENITO  
United States Attorney

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