

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	Criminal Number 2:19 – cr – <i>550</i>
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	)	18 U.S.C. § 2
-versus-	)	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2)
	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)
<b>LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON,</b>	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(e)
<b>a/k/a “McJag”</b>	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1)
<b>THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN,</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)
<b>a/k/a “Teddy,”</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)
<b>a/k/a “Chest”</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)
<b>JATON EDWARDS,</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)
<b>a/k/a “Julio”</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 843(b)
<b>JARVIS BEHRENS</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 846
<b>THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 853
<b>PIERCE NELSON</b>	)	21 U.S.C. § 881
	)	28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
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	)	<b>INDICTMENT</b>
	)	<b>(UNDER SEAL)</b>

**COUNT 1**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

That beginning at a time unknown to the grand jury, but at least in or around March 2017, and continuing thereafter, up to and including the date of this Indictment, in the District of South Carolina and elsewhere, the Defendants, **LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON, a/k/a “McJag,” THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,” JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a “Julio,” JARVIS BEHRENS, THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN, and PIERCE NELSON,** and knowingly and intentionally did combine, conspire and agree and have tacit understanding with each other and others, both known and unknown to the grand jury, to possess

with intent to distribute and distribute heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and methamphetamine, cocaine and cocaine base (commonly known as “crack cocaine”), all Schedule II controlled substances:

- a. With respect to **LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON, a/k/a “McJag,”** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A);
- b. With respect to **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is a quantity of heroin and 500 grams or more of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B) and 841(b)(1)(C);
- c. With respect to **JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a “Julio,”** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is 500 grams or more of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B);
- d. With respect to **JARVIS BEHRENS,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is 500 grams or more of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B);
- e. With respect to **THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is a quantity of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C);
- f. With respect to **PIERCE NELSON,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to him as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is a quantity of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C);

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

**COUNT 2**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about May 19, 2017, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully did possess with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance;

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

**COUNT 3**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about November 4, 2018, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** possessed a firearm and ammunition, all of which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, to wit: a Smith & Wesson, M&P Shield, 9mm handgun and 9mm ammunition, having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, and did so knowingly;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2), and 924(e).

**COUNT 4**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about January 25, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendants, **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest”** and **THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN**, knowingly and intentionally did use a communication facility, that is, a telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony under the Controlled Substances Act, to wit: conspiracy to distribute, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and did aid and abet each other in the commission of the aforementioned offense;

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT 5**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about January 26, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendants, **LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON, a/k/a “McJag,”** and **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** knowingly and intentionally did use a communication facility, that is, a telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony under the Controlled Substances Act, to wit: conspiracy to distribute, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and did aid and abet each other in the commission of the aforementioned offense;

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT 6**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about January 27, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendants, **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** and **THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN**, knowingly and intentionally did use a communication facility, that is, a telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony under the Controlled Substances Act, to wit: conspiracy to distribute, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and did aid and abet each other in the commission of the aforementioned offense;

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT 7**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about January 27, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendants, **THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,”** and **THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN**, knowingly and intentionally did use a communication facility, that is, a telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony under the Controlled Substances Act, to wit: conspiracy to distribute, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and did aid and abet each other in the commission of the aforementioned offense;

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT 8**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about February 5, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a "Julio,"** knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully did possess with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance;

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

**COUNT 9**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about February 5, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a "Julio,"** knowingly did use and carry a firearm during and in relation to, and did possess a firearm in furtherance of, a drug trafficking crime which is prosecutable in a court of the United States;

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

**COUNT 10**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about February 5, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a "Julio,"** possessed a firearm and ammunition, all of which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, that is, a Glock, Model 30, .45 caliber handgun and .45 caliber ammunition, having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, and did so knowingly;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2), and 924(e).

**COUNT 11**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about February 19, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **PIERCE NELSON**, knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully did possess with intent to distribute and did distribute a quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance;

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

**COUNT 12**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about March 1, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON, a/k/a "McJag," THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a "Teddy," a/k/a "Chest,"** and **JARVIS BEHRENS**, knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully did possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance;

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

**COUNT 13**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about March 12, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **PIERCE NELSON**, knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully did possess with intent to distribute and did distribute a quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance;

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

**COUNT 14**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about March 12, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **PIERCE NELSON**, knowingly did use and carry a firearm during and in relation to, and did possess a firearm in furtherance of, a drug trafficking crime which is prosecutable in a court of the United States;

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

**COUNT 15**

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

That on or about March 12, 2019, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, **PIERCE NELSON**, possessed a firearm, which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, to wit: a Smith & Wesson .357 caliber handgun, having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, and did so knowingly;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2), and 924(e).



## **FORFEITURE**

### **FIREARM/DRUG OFFENSES:**

Upon conviction for felony violation of Title 18 and 21, United States Code as charged in this Indictment, the Defendants, **LAMAR LOUIS JOHNSON, a/k/a “McJag,” THEADORE BERNARD GADSDEN, a/k/a “Teddy,” a/k/a “Chest,” JATON EDWARDS, a/k/a “Julio,” JARVIS BEHRENS, THEODORE BERNARD GADSDEN, and PIERCE NELSON**, shall forfeit to the United States all of the Defendants’ right, title and interest in and to any property, real and personal,

- (a) constituting, or derived from any proceeds the Defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation(s) of Title 21, United States Code, and all property traceable to such property;
- (b) used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violations of Title 21, United States Code;
- (c) any firearms and ammunition (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921) –
  - (1) used or intended to be used to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of controlled substances or any proceeds traceable to such property;
  - (2) involved in or used in any knowing violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922 and 924, or violation of any other criminal law of the United States, or intended to be used in a crime of violence;

### **PROPERTY:**

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853 and 881, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the property which is subject to forfeiture upon conviction of the Defendants for offenses charged in this Indictment

includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Proceeds/Forfeiture Judgment:

A sum of money equal to all property the Defendants obtained as a result of the drug offenses charged in the Indictment, and all interest and proceeds traceable thereto as a result for their violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 843 and 846.

SUBSTITUTION OF ASSETS:

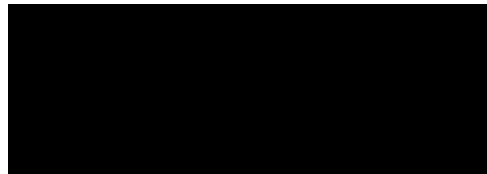
If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the Defendants:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- (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 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's up to an amount equivalent to the value of the above-described forfeitable property;

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, 924(d)(1), Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853 and 881, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A True BILL



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