

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

RONALD GOLAND,
a/k/a "Bigg Base,"
a/k/a "Base," and
ISAIAH SMITH,

Defendants.

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SEALED
SUPERSEDING
INDICTMENT

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COUNT ONE

(Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

The Grand Jury charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the MacBallas (the "MacBallas" or the "Enterprise") were a criminal organization, whose members and associates engaged in, among other things, acts involving murder and assault and narcotics trafficking. The MacBallas, a subset of the larger Bloods street gang, operated principally in the Bronx, New York.

2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the MacBallas, including its leadership, membership, and associates, constituted an "enterprise," as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(b)(2), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact, although not a legal entity, that engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The MacBallas constituted an ongoing organization whose

members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the MacBallas.

Purposes of the MacBallas

3. The purposes of the MacBallas included the following:

a. Preserving and protecting the power of the MacBallas and its members and associates through murder, assaults, other acts of violence, and threats of violence.

b. Enriching the members and associates of the MacBallas through, among other things, the distribution of narcotics, including heroin, cocaine base in a form commonly known as "crack," and marijuana.

c. Keeping victims and potential victims in fear of the MacBallas through acts and threats of violence.

d. Promoting and enhancing the MacBallas and the reputation and activities of its members and associates.

Means and Methods of the MacBallas

4. Among the means and methods employed by the members and associates in conducting and participating in the conduct of the affairs of the MacBallas were the following:

a. Members and associates of the MacBallas committed, conspired to commit, attempted and threatened to commit acts of violence, including acts involving murder and assault, against others, including in particular rival gang members.

b. Members and associates of the MacBallas sold narcotics, including heroin, cocaine base in a form commonly known as "crack," and marijuana.

c. Members and associates of the MacBallas possessed, stored, and used firearms and ammunition.

5. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the MacBallas, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1959(b)(1), namely, acts involving murder, in violation of New York Penal Law, and offenses involving the distribution of controlled substances, including heroin, cocaine base in a form commonly known as "crack," and marijuana, chargeable under Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1), and 846, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

6. On or about July 17, 2015, in the Southern District of New York, RONALD GOLAND, a/k/a "Bigg Base," a/k/a "Base," the defendant, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MacBallas, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, as described above, knowingly and intentionally murdered Odane Bentley, and aided and abetted the same, in that, (1) with the intent to cause the death of another person, GOLAND caused the death of Bentley, and, (2) under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life,

GOLAND did recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, and thereby caused the death of Bentley, to wit, GOLAND shot at a rival gang member (the "Rival Gang Member") and, in doing so, fired a bullet through the front door of 4431 DeReimer Avenue in the Bronx, New York, killing Odane Bentley, in violation of New York Penal Law, Sections 125.25(1), 125.25(2), and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1) and 2.)

COUNT TWO
(Murder Through the Use of a Firearm)

The Grand Jury further charges:

7. On or about July 17, 2015, in the Southern District of New York, RONALD GOLAND, a/k/a "Bigg Base," a/k/a "Base," the defendant, willfully and knowingly, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the murder in aid of racketeering charged in Count One of this Indictment, did use and carry a firearm, and in furtherance of such crime, did possess a firearm, and in the course of that crime did cause the death of a person through the use of a firearm, which killing is murder as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1111(a), and did aid and abet the same, to wit, GOLAND shot at the Rival Gang Member and, in doing so,

fired a bullet through the front door of 4431 DeReimer Avenue in the Bronx, New York, killing Odane Bentley.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j) and 2.)

COUNT THREE

(Conspiracy to Commit Murder in Aid of Racketeering)

The Grand Jury further charges:

8. Paragraphs One through Five are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

9. From in or about 2015 to in or about November 2018, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, RONALD GOLAND, a/k/a "Bigg Base," a/k/a "Base," and ISAIAH SMITH, the defendants, and others known and unknown, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MacBallas, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, as described above, did intentionally and knowingly conspire and agree with others to murder an individual, in violation of New York Penal Law, Sections 125.25(1), and 105.15, to wit, GOLAND and SMITH agreed to murder the Rival Gang Member.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5).)

COUNT FOUR

(Attempted Murder and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in Aid of Racketeering)

The Grand Jury further charges:

10. Paragraphs One through Five are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

11. On or about November 9, 2018, in the Southern District of New York, RONALD GOLAND, a/k/a "Bigg Base," a/k/a "Base," and ISAIAH SMITH, the defendants, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MacBallas, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, as described above, intentionally and knowingly attempted to murder an individual, and intentionally and knowingly assaulted an individual with a dangerous weapon, and aided and abetted the same, to wit, GOLAND and SMITH planned and carried out the shooting of the Rival Gang Member in the vicinity of Murdock Avenue in the Bronx, New York, in violation of New York Penal Law, Sections 120.05(2), 125.25, 110.00, and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(3),
1959(a)(5), and 2.)

COUNT FIVE
(Firearm Offense)


The Grand Jury further charges:

12. On or about November 9, 2018, in the Southern District of New York, RONALD GOLAND, a/k/a "Bigg Base," a/k/a "Base," and ISAIAH SMITH, the defendants, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely the violent crime in aid of racketeering charged in Count Four of this Indictment, knowingly did use and carry a firearm, and in furtherance of such crime, did

possess a firearm, and aided and abetted the use, carrying, and possession of a firearm, which was brandished and discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), (ii), (iii), and 2.)


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