

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 12-97

v.

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SECTION: "N"

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STEVEN RECASNER

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States would prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

In the beginning of 2009, agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) began an investigation into the drug trafficking activities of WILLIAM STEVENSON and others in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere. The DEA's investigation revealed that STEVENSON distributed approximately 4 bundles of heroin weighing 25 grams each to retail distributors in the B.W. Cooper Housing Development every day. The retail distributors included, but were not limited to, FELTON WEST also known as "Doony," JIMMY ISAAC also known as "Stink," and MICHAEL MINOR also known as "Perp," "Yerp," and "Ashy Black." ISAAC and WEST sold heroin for STEVENSON continuously throughout the year 2009. ISAAC and WEST also purchased and possessed firearms.

On or about March 10, 2009, WEST and ISAAC were arrested by the Slidell, Louisiana police department and found in possession of three firearms, two of which had been purchased by defendant, **STEVEN RECASNER**. At trial, documents would be offered to show one of the firearms recovered from ISAAC and WEST was a Glock model 27, .40 caliber pistol, serial number KMX048, which had been purchased on or about January 13, 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, from Jefferson Gun Outlet in Metairie, Louisiana.

A second firearm found in ISAAC and WEST's possession at the time of their arrest by Slidell police was a Ruger 9 mm pistol, serial number 316-62741, which **RECASNER** purchased on or about March 6, 2009, from Jefferson Gun Outlet in Metairie, Louisiana. Jefferson Gun Outlet was a licensed dealer of firearms under the provisions of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code. At trial, documents would be offered to show that when **RECASNER** purchased the Glock and the Ruger he answered "yes" to the question on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Form 4473, a Firearms Transaction Record to be kept by the firearms dealer, that he was the actual buyer of the firearms when in fact as **RECASNER** admits he was not the actual buyer of the firearms. **RECASNER** admits that he purchased the Ruger, Glock and another firearm, a Masterpiece Arms, 9 mm pistol, serial number B7106 for an individual he knew by a nickname, but who was associated with ISAAC and WEST. The Masterpiece Arms 9 mm pistol was purchased by **RECASNER** from Waggenspack Gun & Reloading Supply, a licensed dealer of firearms under the provisions of Chapter 44 of Title 18, United States Code, at a gun show in Slidell, Louisiana. At trial, documents would be offered to show that **RECASNER** answered "yes" to the question on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Form 4473, a Firearms Transaction Record to be kept by the firearms dealer, that he

was the actual buyer of the Masterpiece Arms 9 mm pistol when in fact as **RECASNER** admits he was not. **RECASNER** admits that he purchased the guns for ISAAC and WEST's associate for a small profit.

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