

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * **CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 14-115**
v. * **SECTION: "G" (1)**
DARRYL WILLIAMS *

FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **DARRYL WILLIAMS**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Counts One and Two of the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegations against the defendant, **DARRYL WILLIAMS ("WILLIAMS")**:

Unless stated otherwise, all of the facts set forth herein occurred within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On May 20, 2014, DEA Special Agent (S/A) Chad Scott received information from a confidential source (CS#1) regarding the drug trafficking activities of Lennell Ball, a resident of

Gulfport, Mississippi. On May 20 and May 21, under the direction of S/A Scott, CS#1 and another confidential source (CS#2) made recorded telephone calls to Ball and negotiated the sale of one kilogram of cocaine hydrochloride for \$32,000.00. CS#1 negotiated the sale and told Ball that CS#2 would contact Ball to set up the delivery of the cocaine. CS#2 contacted Ball and the two of them agreed to meet in Slidell on May 21 to complete the drug sale.

On May 21, 2014, CS#1 met Ball, who was driving a Red Chevrolet Silverado truck, at a Chevron gas station in Gulfport, Mississippi. In the truck with Ball was WILLIAMS. While discussing the details of the drug transaction with Ball, CS#1 observed a firearm in the driver's side door panel of the truck. CS#1 asked Ball about the firearm and Ball responded that he carried the firearm for his protection. WILLIAMS was present during the discussion between CS#1 and Ball and was aware that they were headed to Slidell to conduct a drug transaction. WILLIAMS remained in the vehicle and accompanied Ball to Slidell in furtherance of the drug transaction.

Agents established surveillance near the Louisiana/Mississippi state line. CS#1 identified the vehicle that Ball was driving as it headed toward Louisiana. Agents observed the vehicle driven by Ball with WILLIAMS as the passenger as it traveled on Interstate 10 into Louisiana. After entering Louisiana, Ball and WILLIAMS traveled to the Sam's Parking lot located at 181 Northshore Boulevard in Slidell, Louisiana, which was the designated meeting spot for the cocaine transaction. Ball exited his vehicle and entered a vehicle occupied by CS#2, who was in possession of a fake package of a kilogram of cocaine provided to him by agents. Ball pulled from his pockets several bundles of money totaling \$32,000.00 for the purchase of the cocaine. CS#2 showed Ball the package then made the prearranged arrest signal for the

agents. Agents approached the vehicle and observed Ball sitting in the passenger's seat with the bundles of United States Currency. Agents then arrested Ball and advised of his *Miranda* rights. The meeting between Ball and CS#2 was recorded on video.

Agents approached Ball's vehicle and observed WILLIAMS climb from the passenger's seat into the driver's seat and attempt to drive away. After stopping WILLIAMS from driving away, agents arrested him and advised of his *Miranda* rights. Inside the truck was a Ruger semi-automatic .40 caliber handgun, Model SR40C, serial #343-2292, near the front console of the vehicle in plain view. In a post *Miranda* statement, WILLIAMS told the agents the gun belonged to Ball and that it was in the truck on the center floorboard when he (WILLIAMS) entered the truck in Mississippi. WILLIAMS further admitted that he was a convicted felon and knew he was not supposed to be in possession of a firearm.

Also in a post *Miranda* statement, Ball acknowledged to the agents that he traveled from Mississippi to conduct the drug transaction. Regarding the firearm found in the vehicle, Ball told the agents that the firearm belonged to him and that he always carried it because he had previously been shot.

WILLIAMS acknowledges that when he attempted to drive away from the agents, he exercised dominion and control over the firearm in the truck. WILLIAMS further acknowledges that at the time that he possessed the firearm, he had a prior felony conviction that precluded him from possessing a firearm. WILLIAMS acknowledges that on or about September 20, 2010, in Case numbers B-2401-2010-89 and B-24012010-90 in Harrison County, Mississippi, he pled guilty to two counts of transfer of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, nine years suspended on both counts, to run concurrently.

Additionally, both WILLIAMS and the Government acknowledge and agree that the firearm seized from Ball's vehicle on May, 21, 2014 was manufactured outside the state of Louisiana and thus had to travel through interstate commerce to enter into the state of Louisiana.

For purposes of sentencing, the Government and WILLIAMS agree and stipulate that WILLIAMS'S conduct, which includes the reasonably foreseeable conduct of Ball, involved at least 500 grams but less than 2 kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride.

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