

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 14-168

v. * SECTION: "T"

FRANKIE HOOKFIN *

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, Frankie HOOKFIN, has agreed to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government to Counts One and Twelve of the Superseding Indictment. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the following facts to support the allegations against the defendant, Frankie HOOKFIN (hereafter referred to as HOOKFIN):

From on or about January 1, 2010, and continuing until on or about November 20, 2013, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and elsewhere, Frankie HOOKFIN conspired with Harry SMOOT, Robert Williams, a/k/a "Lil Rob," a/k/a "Rob C," a/k/a "Money," Ray WOODRUFF, Isaac SMITH, a/k/a "Ike," Terrence KELLEY, a/k/a "Streets," a/k/a "T," Lance SINGLETON, a/k/a "Life Taker," Clifford SONNIER, a/k/a "Dut," Andre ADDISON, a/k/a "Dooda," Joequell LEWIS, a/k/a "Blow," Christopher BROWN, a/k/a "Ten," Richard THOMAS, Terrell WADE, a/k/a "T-Dog," and others to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute one kilogram or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, and to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute 280 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base.

Throughout the conspiracy, HOOKFIN hung out with and dealt drugs with other members of the conspiracy on a daily basis, primarily in the West Bank area of Jefferson Parish.

HOOKFIN knows each of his co-defendants and has seen each of them engaged in behavior in furtherance of the conspiracy. HOOKFIN knew SMOOT to be the leader of the drug conspiracy. SMOOT routinely supplied HOOKFIN and other members of the conspiracy with heroin and cocaine hydrochloride, which was converted into cocaine base, generally by Terrell WADE, before being sold to retail customers. The amounts HOOKFIN acquired and sold would vary based on how quickly he was able to sell the retail quantities. By 2013, however, HOOKFIN was obtaining at least one ounce of heroin per week from SMOOT, and often multiple ounces per week.

HOOKFIN's closest associates in the conspiracy were SMITH, WOODRUFF, and KELLEY. Of this group, KELLEY was the most prolific drug dealer. HOOKFIN knew that KELLEY had a larger regular customer base than the others and that KELLEY, during 2012 until KELLEY was arrested in February 2013, received at least two to three ounces of heroin weekly from SMOOT. HOOKFIN saw KELLEY sell heroin on multiple occasions. HOOKFIN also was regularly in WOODRUFF's presence while WOODRUFF purchased heroin from SMOOT, broke down that heroin into retail quantities, and sold retail quantities to customers in Avondale, Waggaman, and Westwego. HOOKFIN knew WOODRUFF to acquire at least an ounce of heroin per week from SMOOT. Both HOOKFIN and WOODRUFF increased their own sales after KELLEY was arrested in February 2013 because they took over many of KELLEY's customers.

HOOKFIN was also aware of the activities of other members of the conspiracy. HOOKFIN knew that other members of the conspiracy, including WOODRUFF, Andre ADDISON, and Isaac SMITH, used Terrell WADE to convert cocaine hydrochloride into cocaine base. HOOKFIN also knew that Clifford SONNIER acquired cocaine hydrochloride

from SMOOT and regularly saw SONNIER dealing street level quantities of cocaine base. HOOKFIN also knew SONNIER to acquire cocaine hydrochloride and cocaine base from SONNIER's half-brother Robert Williams. HOOKFIN has also seen SONNIER in possession of guns while dealing drugs and at other times. HOOKFIN knew that LEWIS was very close with SMOOT and ADDISON and routinely acquired ounce quantities of heroin from SMOOT.

The government would introduce evidence showing that HOOKFIN possessed cocaine base, Xanax, and a gun in a hotel room on May 10, 2012, as alleged in Counts Five and Six. The government would also introduce testimony of police officers who recovered heroin from HOOKFIN following a traffic stop in March of 2013.

The government would also introduce evidence from social media showing HOOKFIN associating with several of his co-conspirators, including BROWN, SMITH, SONNIER, WOODRUFF, ADDISON, and SINGLETON. One of the photos showing HOOKFIN with several of his co-conspirators has a comment from SMOOT saying "I love my team." The government would also introduce Instagram photos with, among others, SMITH, WOODRUFF, and HOOKFIN, in which they are shown making gun gestures to the camera. One of the photos is captioned "We da murderteam Call the cops..."

HOOKFIN was responsible, either as a direct result of his own conduct and/or the reasonably foreseeable conduct in further of the conspiracy of his co-conspirators, for the acquisition and distribution of at least one kilogram of heroin during the course of this conspiracy. Accordingly, the government and the defendant agree and stipulate that for sentencing purposes the defendant will be held responsible for at least one kilogram of heroin as that amount was distributed or possessed with the intent to be distributed during the course of the

conspiracy as a result of the defendant's own direct conduct and/or the conduct of his co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy that was reasonably foreseeable to him.

HOOKFIN and other members of the conspiracy regularly carried firearms in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities. HOOKFIN routinely carried an AK-47 and a handgun in furtherance of his drug trafficking activity. HOOKFIN knew SINGLETON to routinely carry firearms that he used for protection while dealing drugs. HOOKFIN also knew that KELLEY had a handgun that KELLEY had acquired for protection while KELLEY was dealing drugs. SONNIER routinely carried an XD45 Springfield in furtherance of his drug trafficking activities. LEWIS was always in possession of a firearm that he carried in furtherance of his drug trafficking activities.

During 2012, HOOKFIN at times lived at 37 Aster Lane with various members of the conspiracy. The conspirators routinely stored weapons and drugs at the house. They often used the house to break down larger quantities of drugs into retail packages for sale. At various times when HOOKFIN lived at 37 Aster Lane, SMOOT, SMITH, WOODRUFF, LEWIS, and SINGLETON were also living there.

Members of the conspiracy did not regularly deal to street level customers from the house on Aster Lane. Instead, the conspirators used and maintained three "trap houses" to facilitate their drug trafficking activities. The "trap houses" were located in Jefferson Parish on Center Street, Glendella Drive, and Federal Street. Guns and drugs were kept at these locations. Both cocaine base and heroin customers of the members of the conspiracy would come to these locations to purchase their drugs and at times consume the drugs that they purchased.

On January 12, 2013, HOOKFIN was with WOODRUFF and SMITH riding around in HOOKFIN's vehicle when KELLEY called HOOKFIN to tell HOOKFIN that KELLEY needed a gun because KELLEY found "the guy" (Cory Perrin) who had paid him with a fake hundred dollar bill for heroin. KELLEY was following Perrin around in a vehicle driven by the mother of his children, Ashley Fedison, and stayed in cell phone communication with HOOKFIN and the others during the chase. Eventually, HOOKFIN, SMITH, WOODRUFF, and another man were able to box in Perrin in the parking lot of Mike's Discount. Perrin tried to cut across the parking lot just as the others in HOOKFIN's vehicle were pulling into the parking lot. SMITH hung out of the window of HOOKFIN's vehicle and began firing a pistol at Perrin's vehicle. WOODRUFF and another man who has not been indicted also shot at Perrin with pistols. SMITH used a .40 caliber Smith and Wesson semi-automatic pistol, WOODRUFF used a HK semi-automatic pistol, and another man used a 9mm Desert Eagle semi-automatic pistol. The gun used by the other man belonged to HOOKFIN.

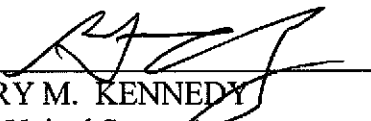
On February 11, 2013, SMITH, HOOKFIN, WOODRUFF, and KELLEY shot at Patrick Alexander after exiting Ray WOODRUFF's parked car. During the shooting, SMITH fired a Smith and Wesson .40 caliber pistol, WOODRUFF shot a HK 9mm pistol, HOOKFIN shot a Taurus 9mm pistol, and KELLEY shot an AK-47.

On February 11, 2013, (same night) WOODRUFF drove SMITH, HOOKFIN, and KELLEY in WOODRUFF's car to look for an individual named "Buddy Boy" in order to murder him. The government would present evidence that Buddy Boy was a member of a rival drug trafficking organization that was in conflict with SMOOT's drug trafficking organization and their dispute over drug trafficking motivated the shooting. All individuals were using the same firearms except for SMITH, who was out of .40 caliber ammunition, and was now using a

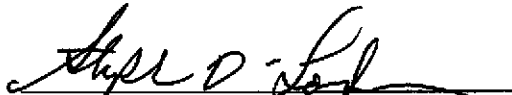
Glock 17 (9mm) that SMOOT gave him after the previous shooting that night. Everyone got out of the vehicle and began walking down the street and firing rounds at Buddy Boy's house. Most of the people in the front ran inside. Emeal Washington ran away from the house and was shot at multiple times by SMITH, WOODRUFF, HOOKFIN, and KELLEY. Washington was shot multiple times and ultimately died from his wounds. A video depicted the entire incident. Washington fell to the ground after he was shot several times. Washington was found dead on the scene by law enforcement when they arrived.

On February 15, 2013, SMOOT, SMITH, HOOKFIN, and WOODRUFF drove to 301 5th Street in Bridge City in a rental car driven by SMOOT. SMITH was armed with an AK-47, WOODRUFF was armed with a Smith and Wesson .40 caliber, HOOKFIN was armed with a Desert Eagle 9mm, and SMOOT was armed with a Glock 9mm. Upon arrival, SMOOT gave WOODRUFF the Glock 9mm and SMITH, along with WOODRUFF and HOOKFIN, approached the residence. SMITH saw Bryan Pittman, a/k/a "Fuzzy," through a window located in the front of the house. The government would present evidence that Pittman was a member of a rival drug trafficking organization that was in conflict with SMOOT's drug trafficking organization and their dispute over drug trafficking motivated the shooting. SMITH kicked the front door open, entered the residence, and fired the AK-47. WOODRUFF shot the Smith and Wesson .40 caliber pistol and the Glock 9mm pistol, and HOOKFIN fired the Desert Eagle 9mm. At some point, HOOKFIN shot SMITH in the back. Doreth Richardson, Pittman's grandmother, was shot numerous times and ultimately died from her injuries. All the subjects re-entered the vehicle driven by SMOOT and drove to Jonessia Veal's house. The weapons that were used in the murder were placed in the rear yard of SMOOT's residence, 37 Aster Lane, Waggaman, Louisiana.

This Factual Basis is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by HOOKFIN and described by HOOKFIN to the Government, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this Factual Basis is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal and factual basis for HOOKFIN's plea of guilty to Counts One and Twelve of the Superseding Indictment.


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