

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 21-91
v. * SECTION: "B"
DAVID SINGLETON *
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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **DAVID SINGLETON** has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment in which he is charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. 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, among others, to support the allegations of Count 1 against defendant **DAVID SINGLETON** ("SINGLETON"):

From approximately August to October 2017, members of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") conducted court-ordered wiretapping over a telephone utilized by **SINGLETON**, during which they intercepted a number of telephone calls involving drug trafficking. Telephone calls in late October 2017 revealed that **SINGLETON** traveled to Houston to obtain a quantity of cocaine from a supplier ("Supplier-1").

For instance, on October 16, 2017, **SINGLETON** and Supplier-1 spoke over the telephone and **SINGLETON** asked, "how we lookin?" Supplier-1 responded, "we beautiful, I'm gonna send you, I'ma text you that." Supplier-1 also said, "you can do it up to it, you heard me?" After that conversation, Supplier-1 texted **SINGLETON**, "26000." A DEA expert witness would testify

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that during this conversation, SINGLETON arranged to purchase approximately one kilogram of cocaine for \$26,000. Specifically, the expert witness would testify that “do it up” referred to the ability to cut the cocaine that Supplier-1 was agreeing to provide SINGLETON, and that “26000” was the price of \$26,000 for one kilogram of cocaine. At the time, \$26,000 was consistent with the price of one kilogram of cocaine.

DEA obtained geolocation information for SINGLETON’s phone. That information placed SINGLETON at a residence in Houston, Texas associated with Supplier-1. Additionally, DEA conducted surveillance on October 19, 2017, at Supplier-1’s residence and saw a Saturn sedan with Louisiana license plate [REDACTED] parked in Supplier-1’s driveway. DEA took a photograph of the car parked at the residence. The Saturn was registered to SINGLETON’s girlfriend.

During this time period, SINGLETON spoke with another individual, D.B., including a call on October 19th when they discussed that they would meet later. DEA issued an administrative subpoena to [REDACTED] and learned that D.B. lived in [REDACTED]

Subsequently, DEA obtained video footage from the apartment complex for October 20, 2017. The footage showed SINGLETON and D.B. walking into the lobby of the building. SINGLETON was carrying a gift bag. SINGLETON and D.B. then took the stairs up to the 4th floor. SINGLETON was still carrying the gift bag. About 15 minutes later, both SINGLETON and D.B. walked down the stairs, and SINGLETON was empty handed. After that, D.B. went back up to the 4th floor by himself.

Later that day, DEA obtained a federal search warrant for D.B.’s apartment, which was executed on the same day, October 20, 2017. There were no people present at the location during the search. During the search, DEA recovered the aforementioned gift bag from a kitchen cabinet.


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Inside the bag was a quantity of cocaine wrapped in brick form. In the same cabinet were sandwich bags, cutting agents, a scale, and some glassware, as well as some small quantities of white powder. The brick of cocaine was later tested by the DEA laboratory, which confirmed the presence of cocaine hydrochloride and determined a weight of 986 grams.

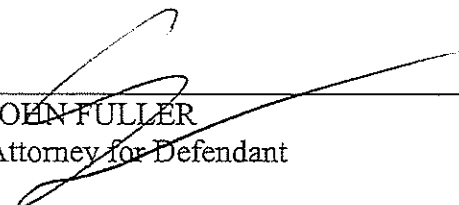
On May 13, 1999, SINGLETON was convicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, under case number 97-cr-254 of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(6) and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c). Defendant was sentenced to 96 months of imprisonment, consecutive to a term of imprisonment on another case (case number 97-cr-97 in the Eastern District of Louisiana). SINGLETON was released from the Bureau of Prisons on or about May 10, 2010.

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by SINGLETON, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal and factual basis for SINGLETON's plea of guilty to these crimes.


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