

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**SUPERSEDING
INDICTMENT
3:20-cr-40/MCR**

**SHELLEY JOHNSON
JAMES YOUNG
SHANNA EDWARD
DONALD BLACK
DEMONTE EASLEY
MARJORIE TURNER
ROY HAYES
ALICIA RUTLEDGE
DAVID ATKINSON
JOSEPH JACKSON
REX BUSH
CHRISTOPHER BONES
SAMANTHA O'BANION
PAUL CLENDENIN
and
WILLIAM CLENDENIN**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

Between on or about March 1, 2019, and on or about May 6, 2020, in the
Northern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendants,

**SHELLEY JOHNSON,
JAMES YOUNG,
SHANNA EDWARD,
DONALD BLACK,
DEMONTE EASLEY,
MARJORIE TURNER,**

Returned in open court pursuant to Rule 6(f)
<u>10/20/2020</u>
Date
<u>Hope Theri Cannon</u>
United States Magistrate Judge

**ROY HAYES,
ALICIA RUTLEDGE,
DAVID ATKINSON,
JOSEPH JACKSON,
REX BUSH,
CHRISTOPHER BONES,
SAMANTHA O'BANION,
PAUL CLENDENIN,
and
WILLIAM CLENDENIN,**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with other persons to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved methamphetamine, heroin, Carfentanil, cocaine, and oxycodone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

Quantity of Controlled Substance Involved in the Conspiracy

With respect to defendants **SHELLEY JOHNSON, JAMES YOUNG, SHANNA EDWARD, DONALD BLACK, DEMONTE EASLEY,** and **MARJORIE TURNER,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, is 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, and 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).

With respect to defendants **ROY HAYES, ALICIA RUTLEDGE, DAVID ATKINSON, JOSEPH JACKSON, REX BUSH, CHRISTOPHER BONES,** and **SAMANTHA O'BANION,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, is 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(viii).

With respect to defendants **DEMONTE EASLEY, PAUL CLENDENIN,** and **WILLIAM CLENDENIN,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, is 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(i).

With respect to defendants **SHELLEY JOHNSON, JAMES YOUNG, SHANNA EDWARD,** and **CHRISTOPHER BONES,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them is a quantity of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

With respect to defendants **SHELLEY JOHNSON, JAMES YOUNG,** and **SHANNA EDWARD,** the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them

as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, is 100 grams or more of Carfentanil, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(vi).

With respect to defendants **SHELLEY JOHNSON** and **JAMES YOUNG**, the amount involved in the conspiracy attributable to them as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other coconspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, is a quantity of cocaine and oxycodone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

On or about May 18, 2001, **SHANNA EDWARD**, then known as Shanna Smith, was convicted in the Northern District of Georgia, in case number 2:00cr-00065, of a serious drug felony, that is, Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, an offense described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for which she served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which she was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about February 13, 2006, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about March 1, 2019.

On or about August 8, 2005, **REX BUSH** was convicted in Walton County, Florida, of a serious drug felony, that is, Trafficking in Amphetamine or Methamphetamine, an offense described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for

which he served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which he was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about June 12, 2013, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about March 1, 2019.

On or about April 12, 2012, **DEMONTE EASLEY** was convicted in Okaloosa County, Florida, of serious drug felonies, that is, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell/Manufacture/Deliver and Sell/Deliver a Controlled Substance within 1,000 Feet of a Place of Worship, offenses described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for which he served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which he was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about March 22, 2014, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about March 1, 2019.

On or about February 4, 2014, **MARJORIE TURNER** was convicted in Walton County, Florida, of a serious drug felony, that is, Sell Methamphetamine, an offense described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for which she served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which she was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about June 25, 2014, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about March 1, 2019.

COUNT TWO

On or about May 13, 2019, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

COUNT THREE

On or about May 22, 2019, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(viii).

COUNT FOUR

On or about June 5, 2019, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable

amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(viii).

COUNT FIVE

On or about September 4, 2019, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT SIX

On or about November 20, 2019, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendants,

SHELLEY JOHNSON
and
JAMES YOUNG,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT SEVEN

On or about January 15, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendants,

**SHELLEY JOHNSON
and
JAMES YOUNG,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT EIGHT

On or about January 17, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

DEMONTE EASLEY,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, and 100 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States

Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and 841(b)(1)(B)(i), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

On or about April 12, 2012, **DEMONTE EASLEY** was convicted in Okaloosa County, Florida, of serious drug felonies, that is, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell/Manufacture/Deliver and Sell/Deliver a Controlled Substance within 1,000 Feet of a Place of Worship, offenses described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for which he served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which he was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about March 22, 2014, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about January 17, 2020.

COUNT NINE

On or about April 11, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

MARJORIE TURNER,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

On or about February 4, 2014, **MARJORIE TURNER** was convicted in Walton County, Florida, of a serious drug felony, that is, Sell Methamphetamine, an offense described in 18 U.S.C. Section 924(e)(2)(A)(ii), for which she served a term of imprisonment of more than twelve months and for which she was released from service of a term of imprisonment on or about June 25, 2014, which was within fifteen years of the commencement of the offense charged in this count, that is, on or about April 11, 2020.

COUNT TEN

On or about April 29, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT ELEVEN

On or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendants,

SHELLEY JOHNSON
and
JAMES YOUNG,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, and 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TWELVE

On or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant

SHELLEY JOHNSON,

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which she may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count One of this Indictment, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count Eleven of this Indictment, did knowingly possess firearms, namely, a Hi-Standard .22 caliber revolver and a Phoenix Arms .22 caliber pistol, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT THIRTEEN

On or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

JAMES YOUNG,

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and this offense involved 100 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of Carfentanil, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(vi).

COUNT FOURTEEN

On or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant

JAMES YOUNG,

in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count One of this Indictment, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count Thirteen of this Indictment, did knowingly possess a firearm, namely, a Remington .243 caliber rifle, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT FIFTEEN

On or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

JAMES YOUNG,

knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm and ammunition in and affecting interstate commerce, that is:

1. a. On or about December 18, 2007, **JAMES YOUNG** was convicted in the State of Florida of Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine);
 - b. On or about March 17, 2008, **JAMES YOUNG** was convicted in the State of Florida of Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession – Listed Chemical; and
 - c. On or about May 31, 2012, **JAMES YOUNG** was convicted in the State of Florida of Sell, Manufacture, Deliver Controlled Substance.
2. For each of these crimes, **JAMES YOUNG** was subject to punishment by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year.
3. Thereafter, **JAMES YOUNG** did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition, to wit, a Remington .243 caliber rifle and Winchester .243 caliber ammunition.
4. This firearm and ammunition had previously been transported in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FORFEITURE

The allegations contained in Counts One through Eleven and Count Thirteen of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

From their engagement in the violations alleged in Counts One through Eleven and Count Thirteen, punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, the defendants,

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PAUL CLENDENIN,
and
WILLIAM CLENDENIN,**

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a)(1) and 853(a)(2), all of their interest in:

A. Property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendants obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such violations, including:

- i. approximately \$25,572 in United States Currency seized from the vehicle occupied by Shelley Johnson and James Young on May 6, 2020; and
- ii. real property known as 680 Mallet Bayou Road, Freeport, Florida, consisting of three parcels and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel #1: That part of Government Lot 2, Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 19 West, described as follows: Commence at a point which is 880.7 feet North of and 3088.0 feet West of the Northeast corner of Laird's 2nd Addition Amended S/D as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 63, of the Official Records of Walton County, Florida;

Parcel #2: That part of Government Lot 2, Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 19 West, described as follows: Commence at a point which is 880.7 feet North of and 3088.0 feet West of the Northeast corner of Laird's 2nd Addition Amended S/D as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 63, of the Official Records of Walton County, Florida; and

Parcel #3: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34 and that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, all of Township 1 South, Range 19 West, Walton County, Florida, described as follows: Commence at a point which is 880.7 feet North of and 3088.0 feet West of the Northeast corner of Laird's 2nd Addition Amended Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 63, of the Official Records of Walton County, Florida.

B. Property used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violations.

If any of the property subject to forfeiture as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- i. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- ii. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- iii. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of this Court;
- iv. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- v. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.


FIREARM FORFEITURE

The allegations contained in Counts Twelve, Fourteen, and Fifteen of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference. Because the defendants,

SHELLEY JOHNSON
and
JAMES YOUNG,

in committing and attempting to commit a felony in violation of the laws of the United States, as charged in Counts Twelve, Fourteen, and Fifteen of this Indictment, perpetrated in whole or in part by the use of a firearm and ammunition, did knowingly possess the firearm and ammunition described above, any and all interest that these defendants have in the firearms and ammunition involved in these violations is vested in the United States and hereby forfeited to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3665.

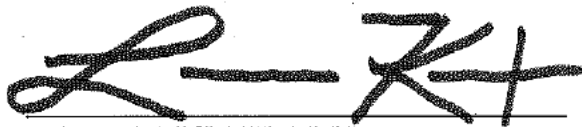
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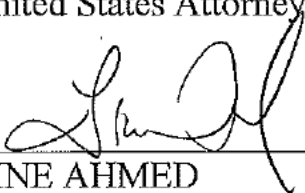
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