UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.: 07-105

VERSUS

SECTION: "R" (3)

BRUCE CARTER, JR.

FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the Government would prove the Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of Count One of the Indictment. In that Count, the Defendant, BRUCE **CARTER, JR.**, is charged with knowingly and intentionally combining, conspiring, confederating, and agreeing with one or more persons to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute five (5) or more kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine hydrochloride, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A)(ii). The Government would establish, among others, the following examples of CARTER's involvement in the conspiracy through reliable and competent evidence:

- 1.) Beginning at a time unknown, but prior to July 25, 2006, and continuing until on or about February 19, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, CARTER participated in a drug organization that conspired to obtain and distribute between fifteen (15) kilograms and fifty (50) kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride ("cocaine") and over one thousand (1000) pounds of marijuana during the conspiracy. This organization utilized cocaine and marijuana brought into Louisiana from Texas by CARTER's co-conspirator and co-defendant, Gabriel Juron BOLDEN. Also, CARTER directly distributed or had knowledge that his cocaine was being converted into between one-hundred fifty (150) grams and five-hundred (500) grams of cocaine base ("crack") by individuals charged in the indictment, and he distributed over five hundred (500) pounds of marijuana during the course of the conspiracy. CARTER was one of the leaders of the "Louisiana faction" of the organization, or at the very least, CARTER acted as a manager for this organization which was comprised of at least fifteen (15) co-conspirators. CARTER directly managed or supervised the narcotics dealings of five (5) of his subordinate co-conspirators.
- 2.) During the conspiratorial period charged in the Indictment, **CARTER** assisted in the transportation of cocaine and marijuana from Houston, Texas to Slidell, Louisiana. **CARTER** arranged many of the narcotics transactions via cellular telephone(s). **CARTER** has admitted to special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") to using the following code words (and their true meanings) in order to distribute illegal narcotics throughout the organization: "girl" and/or "white" for cocaine, "hard" for crack, "green" and/or "spinach" for marijuana.
- 3.) On July 25, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed forty and eleven one-hundredths (40.11) grams of cocaine to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one thousand fifty (\$1,050) dollars in United States

Currency.

- 4.) On July 31, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed approximately seven (7.00) grams of cocaine to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one hundred seventy-five (\$175) dollars in United States Currency.
- 5.) On August 4, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed thirteen and seventy-five one-hundredths (13.75) grams of cocaine to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars in United States Currency.
- 6.) On August 14, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed fifty and sixty-nine one-hundredths (50.69) grams of crack to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one thousand three hundred (\$1,300) dollars in United States Currency.
- 7.) On August 17, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed six and seventy-one one-hundredths (6.71) grams of crack to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one hundred eighty (\$180) dollars in United States Currency.
- 8.) On September 1, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed fifty-five and seventy-five one-hundredths (55.75) grams of crack to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one thousand three hundred thirty (\$1,330) dollars in United States Currency.
- 9.) On October 27, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed twenty-eight and eight one-hundredths (28.08) grams of cocaine to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**,

was an undercover police officer, for a price of seven hundred (\$700) dollars in United States Currency.

- 10.) On or about December 5, 2006, **CARTER** knowingly and intentionally distributed forty-eight and seventy-three (48.73) grams of crack to an individual, who, unbeknownst to **CARTER**, was an undercover police officer, for a price of one thousand eight hundred (\$1,800) dollars in United States Currency.
- 11.) On Monday, February 19, 2007, **CARTER** and the co-conspirators were arrested by members of the FBI. The FBI seized approximately three (3) kilograms or, more specifically, six and thirty-nine one-hundredths (6.39) pounds of cocaine, and one hundred and one tenth (100.1) pounds of marijuana from the co-conspirators.
- 12.) During the course of the investigation by members of the FBI, CARTER used various telephone facilities to coordinate illegal drug activities with his co-conspirators. Many of CARTER's drug-related conversations with BOLDEN and other co-conspirators were monitored and recorded through three (3) Eastern District of Louisiana court-authorized wire intercepts of telephone facilities used by CARTER and BOLDEN. Examples of CARTER's use of telephone facilities in furtherance of the conspiracy are demonstrated through a series of call made between CARTER and co-conspirators Dorian Tyrone HART and Shane Patrick BOSSIER. On December 19 and 20, 2006, a series of telephone calls was recorded on the court authorized wire intercept orchestrating a drug transaction for nine (9) ounces approximately one quarter (1/4) kilogram of cocaine from HART to CARTER and then to BOSSIER. The following is a concise index of the calls made on December 19, 2006:

Call 1808	BOSSIER ordered nine ounces of cocaine from CARTER .		
Call 1812	BOLDEN told CARTER he was out of supply. CARTER then indicated he		
	intended to call "old boy."		
Call 1813	CARTER called HART, who stated he had cocaine.		
Call 1814	CARTER called BOSSIER, and stated "My boy has it."		
Call 1816	BOSSIER called CARTER; BOSSIER was gathering money.		
Call 1820	HART told CARTER to give him twenty minutes.		
Call 1822	CARTER told BOSSIER to give him twenty minutes.		
Call 1827	CARTER told BOSSIER to wait; CARTER 's boy, HART, was bringing it.		
Call 1828	HART told CARTER he was on the way.		
Call 1833	CARTER told BOSSIER that he was not ready; CARTER was still waiting		
	on HART.		
Call 1835	HART again told CARTER he was on the way.		

The following is a concise index of the calls made the following day, December 20, 2006:

Call 1896	CARTER told BOLDEN that due to police presence, the drug deal did not		
	take place the previous day.		
Call 1902	CARTER called BOSSIER but reached his voice mail.		
Call 1903	CARTER called BOSSIER and instructed him to meet at Mario McGrew's		
	house. ¹		
Call 1906	BOLDEN and CARTER decided CARTER would ride with BOLDEN to		
	get car rims.		
Call 1907	BOSSIER reported that he was on his way to McGrew's.		
Call 1908	CARTER told BOLDEN that he was going to see HART because CARTER		
	did not like holding onto anyone's "ends."		
Call 1909	CARTER told his wife that he needed to "hit a lick at Dorian's."		
Call 1916	HART and CARTER discussed a meet location, at HART's car wash.		

13.) As indicated above, Title III wire intercepts, as well as interviews with BOLDEN, HART, **CARTER** and other co-conspirators, indicated that the organization obtained between fifteen (15) and fifty (50) kilograms of cocaine and over one thousand (1000) pounds of marijuana during the life of the conspiracy. Approximately every ten (10) to fourteen (14) days during the period of time

¹ Mario McGrew is **CARTER**'s brother.

specified in the Indictment, **CARTER** and/or other co-conspirators would travel to Houston, Texas and obtain between three (3) and five (5) kilograms of cocaine and a one hundred (100) pounds or more of marijuana. **CARTER** is known to have made the "drug run" to Houston on at least one occasion. Statements given by **CARTER** during a post-arrest proffer session verified and corroborated the above described facts and his participation in the conspiracy.

- 14.) The FBI utilized audio surveillance techniques which captured **CARTER** and other co-conspirators communicating over the telephone. Intercepted conversations between **CARTER** and other individuals would be introduced as evidence, as well as the testimony of cooperating conspirators and investigators.
- 15.) An employee of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office analyzed the illegal narcotics obtained during the investigation which were distributed and to be distributed by **CARTER**. This analysis determined that they were indeed both cocaine hydrochloride and cocaine base, Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substances, and marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance.

BRUCE CARTER, JR. acknowledges that the above-referenced conduct constitutes a knowing violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A)(ii). He also acknowledges and admits that on June 27, 2005, he was convicted of Possession of Alprazolam in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 40:969(C) in the 22nd Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, under case number 386681, and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of five (5) years in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Corrections. By doing so, CARTER admits to participating in the narcotics-related conspiracy described above and to committing said

offense after a prior conviction for a felony drug offense became final, which will result in him receiving a mandatory *minimum* sentence of twenty (20) years of imprisonment pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(b)(1)(A) and 851.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

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