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Stolen Property, Mail Fraud, and Reentry... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. James Blocker 25-cr-018

What's the Basis?: In November of 2024, Jefferson Parish Sherriff's Office Detectives responded to a burglary in progress. Upon arriving, they discovered individuals had cut through a fence and into two 18-wheeler trailers containing thousands of cartons of cigarettes. Surveillance footage showed masked individuals wearing head lamps and gloves loading hundreds of cartons of cigarettes into two vehicles. The vehicles were traced back to an Enterprise Rental location in California. Using Enterprise's GPS tracking, officers located the vehicles, obtained search warrants, and recovered cartons of cigarettes - valued at over \$75,000.00.

What's the Violation?: Mr. Blocker pled guilty to *Transporting (and Conspiracy to Transport) Stolen Property* in violation of **18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 371, and 2314**.

What's the Punishment?: Judge Sarah S. Vance sentenced Mr. Blocker to **29 months of imprisonment** and **3 years of supervised release** for each violation. Sentences to run concurrently.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. ALIMAN, 24-CR-242

Charge: Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Reentry of Deported Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a); 18 U.S.C. § 371)

Sentence: **30 months imprisonment** as to Wire Fraud and **24 months imprisonment** as to Reentry. 1 year of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Honorable Nannette J. Brown

U.S. V. MUNTEANU, 24-CR-242

Charge: Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Reentry of Deported Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a); 18 U.S.C. § 371)

Sentence: **TIME SERVED.**

Judge: Honorable Nannette J. Brown

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN
THIS WEEKS' EDITION

- [8 U.S.C. § 1326](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 2](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 371](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1349](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 2314](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 841](#)
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U.S. V. CABALLERO-FUNES, 25-CR-053

Charge: Reentry of a Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

Sentence: TIME SERVED

Judge: Eldon E. Fallon

U.S. V. EVERY, 22-CR-206

Charge: Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud
(18 U.S.C. § 1349)

Sentence: 41 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

Judge: Carl J. Barbier

U.S. V. FLOKE, 24-CR-157

Charge: Distribution of Fentanyl
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1) (3 counts))

Sentence: 78 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Sarah S. Vance

U.S. V. KELLUP, 24-CR-152

Charge: Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1); 846; 856(a))

Sentence: 63 months of imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release, as to each count. Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Carl J. Barbier

U.S. V. MONTAGUE, 23-CR-237

Charge: Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1); 846; 856(a))

Sentence: 64 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release, as to each count. Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Carl J. Barbier

U.S. V. MORILLO, 25-CR-126

Charge: Reentry of a Removed Alien previously Convicted of a Felony
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

Sentence: 18 months of imprisonment and 1 year of supervised release.

Judge: Eldon E. Fallon

U.S. V. BROWN, 22-CR-069

Violation of Mandatory and Special Conditions of Supervised Release: Testing Positive for Controlled Substances and Failing to Report to U.S. Probation Office

Sentence: 14 months of imprisonment total for the violations. 22 months of supervised release.

Judge: Nannette J. Brown

U.S. V. SERRANO-MOREIRA, 25-CR-195

Charge: Reentry of a Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

Sentence: TIME SERVED

Judge: Eldon E. Fallon

Did You Know?

In 2024, of the 61,678 federal cases reported, fewer than 10% (approximately 5,000) involved theft, property destruction, or fraud. According to a [report](#) issued by the United States Sentencing Commission, the median loss for these offenses was approximately \$210,000.

10% of the cases involved amounts of \$6,500 or less, and 20% of the cases involved amounts greater than \$1.5M.

Psalms 69:33 - For the Lord hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners.

Heed His word and pray for the detained,
incarcerated, and less fortunate among us.