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Defendant Sentenced for Money Laundering and more... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Martin 23-cr-260

What's the Basis?: According to the factual basis, DEA agents began investigating and making controlled purchases (using a confidential source) from Martin's domestic partner, Hamler. Agents discovered Martin was depositing cash from drug transactions into multiple financial institutions. One institution even refused further deposits, noting the cash was "grimy and had a strong odor of marijuana." Despite this, Martin continued depositing funds. Over 32 months, Martin and Hamler deposited \$454,589.10 across various institutions. Martin also concealed a drug transaction by acquiring real estate worth over \$40,000 in exchange for a \$10 payment.

What's the Violation?: Ms. Martin pled guilty to *Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments*, in violation of **18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and (h)**.

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Judge Greg G. Guidry sentenced Ms. Martin to **5 years of probation**.

This Week's Other Matter

U.S. V. SMITH, 25-CR-1017

Charge: Distribution of 40 Grams or More of a Mixture of Fentanyl
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B))

Sentence: **71 months of imprisonment** and 4 years of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Greg G. Guidry

U.S. V. MARTIN, 24-CR-027

Charge: Distribution of Fentanyl (2 counts) and Possession with Intent to Distribute 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(C))

Sentence: **46 months of imprisonment** as to each count and 4 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Honorable Barry W. Ashe

U.S. V. TURNER, 24-CR-173

Charge: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Crime
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), (b)(2), and 846; 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, and 924(c)(1)(A)(i))

Sentence: **64 months of imprisonment** (4 months as to the controlled substance charges and followed by 60 months as to the firearm charges).

Judge: Honorable Sarah S. Vance

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN
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- [18 U.S.C. § 2](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 924](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1956](#)
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