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Undercover Buys and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. King 24-cr-133

What's the Basis? According to the factual basis, the investigation began when a man approached undercover ATF agents in the French Quarter and offered to sell them drugs. That encounter led to a series of undercover purchases and, eventually, to **King**. Investigators also intercepted calls linking drug sales to King's barbershop and apartment.

King later sold an undercover agent more than 40 grams of a substance containing fentanyl. Searches of the barbershop and apartment uncovered heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and firearms. **King** admitted possessing drugs for distribution, possessing firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, and using the barbershop to distribute drugs.

What's the Violation? **King** pleaded guilty to Drug Conspiracy, Distribution of Heroin and Fentanyl, Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking, and Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) and 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 846, and 856.

What's the Punishment? The Honorable Barry W. Ashe sentenced **King** to 147 months of imprisonment, including a consecutive 60-month term for the firearm offense, and five years of supervised release.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. ROBERSON, 24-CR-229

Charge: Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana; Conspiracy to Possess Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime
(18 U.S.C. § 924(o); 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D))

Sentence: 21 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Brandon S. Long

U.S. V. BRIGHT, 20-CR-072

Violation of Mandatory and Special Conditions of Supervised Release: Arrested for Domestic Abuse; Resisting an Officer; and Battery upon a Dating Partner; Alleged to have committed theft, ID theft, and fraud; Failure to notify U.S. Probation of arrests.

Sentence: 24 months of imprisonment.

Judge: Honorable Barry W. Ashe

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN
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- [18 U.S.C. § 924](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 841](#)
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- [21 U.S.C. § 856](#)



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