



Money Laundering, Distribution, and more....
.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Hamler
23-cr-260

What's the Basis?: According to the factual basis, the DEA suspected Hamler of operating a front company, Dee's Trucking, to launder drug proceeds and using the front company to obtain a false PPP loan. The DEA therefore used a confidential source (CS) to record calls with Hamler and to set up staged and monitored drug transactions. During the transactions, the CS purchased over 120 grams of cocaine and over 100 grams of methamphetamine from Hamler. As the investigation expanded, the Government found that Hamler and his girlfriend deposited over \$450,000 in bank accounts from proceeds derived from drug activities over the course of approximately 2½ years. Based on the above, the Government decided to conduct a search warrant on Hamler's residence. There, they found Hamler and his girlfriend, along with 24 pounds of marijuana. Hamler later admitted to distributing approximately a kilogram of cocaine and marijuana. The search warrant also yielded evidence the showed that Hamler's girlfriend started an LLC for the purpose of opening a bank account and helping Hamler launder illicit funds.

What's the Violation?: Hamler pled guilty to ***Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 Grams or More of a Mixture and Substance Containing Cocaine, and a Quantity of Marijuana; Distribution of a Quantity of a Mixture and Substance Containing Methamphetamine; Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments; and False Statements;*** all in violation of ***21 U.S.C. § 841 (a)(1), (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), (b)(1)(C), and 846; 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), and (b).***

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Greg G. Guidry sentenced Hamler to **135 months of imprisonment and five years of supervised release.** Hamler was also ordered to **pay \$19,505 in restitution to the SBA.**

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. ORDONEZ-RIVAS, 25-CR-188

Violation of Mandatory, Special and Standard Conditions of Supervised Release: *Failing to Register as a Sex Offender, Required Rehab Sessions, Failing to Submit to a Drug Test, Failing to Maintain Full Time Employment, Failing to Respond to her Probation Officer or Notify the Officer about a Change or Residence.*

Sentence: TIME SERVED.

Judge: Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

U.S. V. GEE, 22-CR-611

Charge: Reentry of a Deported Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1))

Sentence: TIME SERVED

Judge: Honorable Brandon S. Long

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DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN
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- [8 U.S.C. § 1326](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1001](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1956](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 841](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 846](#)

