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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) CRIMINAL NO. 18-CR-00084-KD
)
CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER)

FACTUAL RESUME

The defendant, **CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER**, admits the allegations of Count Two of the Indictment.

ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE

CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER understands that in order to prove a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 471, as charged in Count Two of the Indictment, the United States must prove:

- 1. That the defendant falsely made, forged, counterfeited, altered Federal Reserve notes; and
- 2. That the defendant did so with the intent to defraud.

OFFENSE CONDUCT

Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER**, admits in open court and under oath that the following statement is true and correct and constitutes evidence in this case. This statement of facts is provided solely to assist the Court in determining whether a factual basis exists for **CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER's** plea of guilty. The statement of facts does not contain each and every fact known to **CHRISTOPHER M. TANNER** and to the United States concerning the defendant's involvement in the charges set forth in the plea agreement.

On or about January 29, 2018, married couple, Christopher Tanner and Debbie Tanner, checked into a room at the Holiday Inn on Highway 90 in Mobile, Alabama. Christopher paid for the room with \$80 of counterfeit U.S. currency. Once the hotel staff discovered that the money was counterfeit, they call the local authorities. Officers responded to the scene and located Christopher Tanner on the property. Mr. Tanner was *Mirandized* and asked if he paid cash for the room and whether he knew the money he used was counterfeited U.S. currency. Mr. Tanner stated that he did pay for the room in cash and that he received the cash from a person he did not know as payment for a business transaction. Mr. Tanner stated that he did not know the money was counterfeit. Officers then told Mr. Tanner that he would be transported to the Financial Crimes Unit of the Mobile Police Department. Mr. Tanner asked officers if they would retrieve a pair of shoes from his hotel room for him. Officers went to the room and knocked on the door. After waiting for approximately five minutes, Mrs. Tanner opened the door. Officers asked for a pair of shoes for her husband. During the wait, officers heard what they believed to be the top of a printer closing and crumbling paper. When Mrs. Tanner returned with the shoes, officers asked if she was alone in the room and if he could conduct a safety check of the room. Mrs. Tanner gave verbal consent. While conducting the safety check, the officers noticed two printers and a pack of paper inside the room. Mrs. Tanner was then detained and a search warrant was obtained for the room. Additionally, officers obtained a search warrant for the vehicle the Tanners drove to the hotel after seeing a package of printer paper in plain view through one of the vehicle's windows. Items seized during the search of the hotel room included:

- (1) A Epson Printer, model C462R, serial number WBNK170338;

- (2) A Epson Printer, model C462R, serial number WBNK170324;
- (3) A Logitech, computer mouse, model M317, serial number 1302LZ05QPS8;
- (4) An Apple MacBook, serial number W880405M0HB;
- (5) A Hewlett Packard laptop, serial number CND64791Y8;
- (6) \$429.00 cash that include the parent notes used to produce counterfeit federal reserve notes;
- (7) \$8,890.00 counterfeited U.S. Currency;
- (8) Nineteen bleached genuine \$1 federal reserve notes;
- (9) A notebook containing notes on security information of U.S. currency;
- (10) A pack of Georgia Pacific printer paper; and
- (11) A can of Easy Off oven cleaner.

Officers also obtained search warrants for the two seized computers. Items found during the searches included: 44 images of counterfeit currency; 20 images of driver's licenses from various states and an internet history displaying downloads and searches for items related to manufacturing counterfeit currency and documents. All of the items seized during the searches are instrumentalities of and helped facilitate the production of counterfeit U.S. currency.

On January 4, 2018 in DeRidder, Louisiana, Mr. Tanner attempted to pay his electric bill at Beauregard Electric with two counterfeit \$20 dollar bills included with genuine U.S. currency. He was not arrested at that time because officers believed his story when he told them he did not know the money was counterfeit.

On March 14, 2018, Mr. Tanner went into the Walmart in DeRidder, Louisiana, and purchased merchandise with counterfeit \$20 bills. He was not apprehended that day but his fraudulent transaction was captured on Walmart's security camera video.


On March 17, 2018 in DeRidder, Louisiana, Mr. Tanner was arrested for possessing, passing and attempting to pass counterfeit currency. On this date, a search warrant was executed at a hotel room he was staying in. The items seized during that search included: 1) approximately \$18,130 in counterfeit U.S. currency; 2) a Blackberry tablet; 3) a Verizon tablet; 4) an HP Laptop computer. All of Mr. Tanner's criminal activities in DeRidder were continuous actions that were part of his conspiracy in Mobile.

AGREED TO AND SIGNED.

Respectfully submitted,

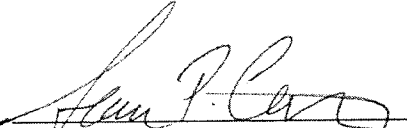
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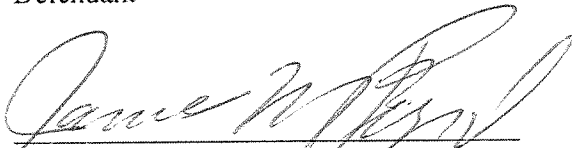
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