

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 14-82

v.

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SECTION: "R"

FRANK MIKE, JR.

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the government would prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt through the introduction of admissible evidence and the testimony of competent witnesses to establish the following facts:

Between February 17 and 27, 2014, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, Frank Mike, Jr., transported in interstate commerce a stolen 2010 Dodge Caravan vehicle, VIN 2D4RN5D15AR190882, knowing the vehicle to be stolen.

On February 19, 2014, St. John Parish Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the home of Kenneth and Lakeitha Joseph at 530 Homewood Place, Reserve, Louisiana regarding a missing person's complaint. More specifically, family members reported Kenneth and Lakeitha Joseph as missing. Family members of the missing couple made numerous attempts to contact the couple with no success. Alosia Joseph Hayward, the sister of Kenneth Joseph, stated that on February 18, 2014, she allowed Kenneth Joseph to borrow her 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan, VIN 2D4RN5D15AR190882. According to Alosia Joseph Hayward, the van was not returned the following morning.

On February 27, 2014, the missing 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan was recovered by the Fulton Police Department in College Park, Georgia in an apartment complex. Following the

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discovery of the missing van, it was discovered that the van had been parked at the Travelodge Hotel located in College Park, Georgia. Detectives were able to review video surveillance at the Travelodge which captured the defendant, Frank Mike, Jr., drive the van into the hotel parking lot on February 21, 2014. The defendant then checked into the hotel.

On March 10, 2014, the New Orleans Police Department discovered the body of Lakeitha Joseph in the Intracoastal Waterway, located in New Orleans East. The body was bound with rope. The New Orleans Parish Coroner ruled the death a drowning. On March 22, 2014, the New Orleans Police Department discovered the body of Kenneth Joseph in the Intracoastal Waterway, located in New Orleans East. The body was bound with rope. The Orleans Parish Coroner ruled the death a drowning.

On April 3, 2014, the defendant contacted the Louisiana State Police Criminal Investigations Bureau and indicated that he wanted to discuss, among other things, his involvement in the missing van. In response, members of the Louisiana State Police and New Orleans Police Department conducted a videotaped interview of him. During this interview, the defendant stated that he arrived at his residence located at 8455 Beechwood Court, New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon arrival, the defendant stated he observed the van backed into the driveway. Shortly after discovering the van, he received a phone call from his nephew/friend, Steven Bradley. Mike did not recognize the vehicle, and Mike was aware that Bradley had dealt with stolen vehicles before. Mike asked Bradley if he knew to whom the van belonged. Bradley told him that "we pulled off a little move in it (the van)." The defendant stated that he asked Bradley for permission to use the van to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, to go shopping for clothes. Bradley gave him permission to use the van. The defendant then drove the van to Atlanta. Mike stated that, while in Atlanta, he learned from news reports that the van was possibly related to a stolen


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van which involved two missing people. He then decided to get rid of the van in Atlanta, Georgia. Mike stated that he drove the van to an apartment complex in Atlanta and abandoned it. He admitted that he wiped the van down for fingerprints before he abandoned it. The defendant stated he observed blood inside the van. According to the defendant, he and two other individuals, who followed him to Atlanta, drove back to New Orleans in another vehicle. Later forensic testing revealed that blood samples taken from the van matched the DNA of both individuals whose bodies were recovered from the Intracoastal Waterway.


Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by the defendant, Frank Mike, Jr., but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for the defendant's plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment.

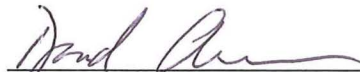
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