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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

TRACY BRIDGES

DOCKET NO. 1:07CR120


STATEMENT OF FACTS

Were this matter to go to trial, the United States of America would prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. From on or about May 3, 2006, through on or about November 2, 2006, in Buncombe County, North Carolina, the defendant, while a Captain with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, knowingly and willfully combined, conspired confederated and agreed with other members of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, and others, to conceal the true source of monies. To carry forth this conspiracy, the defendant received cash from other members of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. The defendant knew that the cash had been gathered from illegal video poker operators by means of extortion under color of law. The defendant also knew that the cash gathered from these video poker operators had been generated by their illegal gambling businesses. The defendant then purchased money orders using this cash. Thereafter, he placed false names on the money orders in order to conceal and disguise the nature, source and ownership of the cash used to purchase the money orders. The defendant engaged in all of these transactions knowing that the transactions were designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, source, and ownership of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activities, to wit, extortion under color of law and illegal gambling businesses.

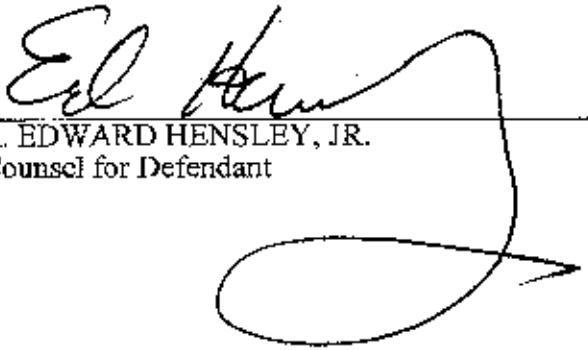
Defendant's Signature: After consulting with my attorney and pursuant to the plea agreement entered into this day between the defendant, TRACY BRIDGES, and the United States, I hereby stipulate that the above Statement of Facts is true and accurate, and that had the matter proceeded

to trial, the United States would have proved the same beyond a reasonable doubt.



TRACY BRIDGES
Defendant

Defense Counsel's Signature: I am the attorney for TRACY BRIDGES. I have carefully reviewed the above Statement of Facts with him. To my knowledge, his decision to stipulate to these facts is an informed and voluntary one.



R. EDWARD HENSLEY, JR.
Counsel for Defendant