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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CRIMINAL NO. <u>20-30042-NJR</u>
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	Title 21, United States Code,
CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT,	)	Sections 841 and 856
	)	
Defendant.	)	Title 18, United States Code,
	)	Sections 922, 924(c), and 924(j)
	)	

**INDICTMENT**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT 1**

**DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE**

On or about July 9, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT,**

defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly known as "crack cocaine," a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT 2**

**DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE**

On or about July 18, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT,**

defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing

cocaine base, commonly known as “crack cocaine,” a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT 3**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE**

On or about August 21, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT,**

defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, commonly known as “crack cocaine,” a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT 4**  
**POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME**

On or about August 21, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT**

defendant herein, did knowingly possess a firearm, being a 9mm handgun, an AK-style rifle, and an AR-15 style rifle in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Distribution of Crack Cocaine, as charged in Count 3, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

**COUNT 5**  
**MAINTAINING A DRUG-INVOLVED PREMISES**

Between on or about February 1, 2019 to on or about August 23, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT**

defendant herein, did knowingly use and maintain the residence at 1424 North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, for the purpose of distributing controlled substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 856(a)(1).

**COUNT 6**

**USE OF A FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME**

On or about August 23, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT**

defendant herein, did knowingly discharge a firearm: being a Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number ACXA695; in furtherance of the commission of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises, as charged in Count 5, in violation of in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

**COUNT 7**

**USE OF A FIREARM TO COMMIT MURDER IN FURTHERANCE OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME**

On or about August 23, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT**

defendant herein, did knowingly discharge a firearm: being a Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number ACXA695; in furtherance of the commission of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises, as charged in Count 5, and in the course of such violation caused the death of Trooper Nicholas Hopkins through the use and discharge of a firearm, and the killing was a murder, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1111, in that it was the unlawful killing of a human

being with malice aforethought, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 924(j)(1).

**COUNT 8**  
**FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

On or about August 23, 2019, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT**

defendant herein, knowing that he had been previously convicted of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, being, Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, on October 30, 2003 in Case No. 03-CF-1274 in St. Clair County, Illinois, did knowingly possess, in and affecting commerce, a firearm, to wit: a Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number ACXA695; a Romarm Cugir AK-style Model Draco, 7.62X39 caliber pistol, serial Number PE-4350-2018 RO; a Bushmaster AR-15 style, Model Carbine 15, .223/.556 caliber pistol, serial number CBC045924; a Mag. Tactical Systems LLC, Model NG-G4, multi-caliber rifle, serial number MTS08854; a Smith and Wesson, Model 36, .38 Special caliber revolver, serial number 489356; a Berretta, Model APX PB, 9X19 caliber pistol, serial number A007963X; a Glock, Model 21 Gen 4, .45 auto caliber pistol, serial number XHD639; and a Taurus, Model PT809C, 9mm pistol, serial number TKN247331, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts 4, 6, 7 and 8 of this Indictment,

**CHRISTOPHER R. GRANT,**

shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), all firearms involved in or used in any knowing violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) or 18 U.S.C. §

922(g)(1), including, but not limited to, the following:

A Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber pistol, serial number ACXA695;

A Romarm Cugir AK-style Model Draco, 7.62X39 caliber pistol, serial Number PE-4350-2018 RO;

A Bushmaster AR-15 style, Model Carbine 15, .223/.556 caliber pistol, serial number CBC045924;

A Mag. Tactical Systems LLC, Model NG-G4, multi-caliber rifle, serial number MTS08854;

A Smith and Wesson, Model 36, .38 Special caliber revolver, serial number 489356;

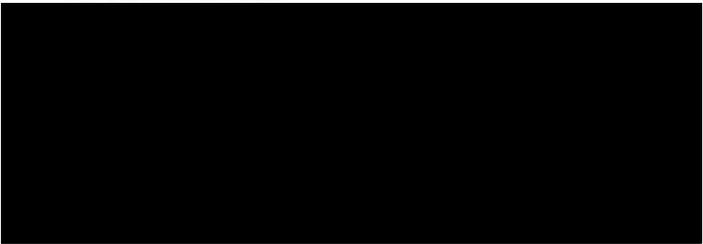
A Berretta, Model APX PB, 9X19 caliber pistol, serial number A007963X;

A Glock, Model 21 Gen 4, .45 auto caliber pistol, serial number XHD639;

A Taurus, Model PT809C, 9mm pistol, serial number TKN247331;

and any and all ammunition contained therein or seized therewith.

**A TRUE BILL**



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