

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CRIMINAL NO: 08-172**

v.

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**SECTION: "A"**

**ISAAC RONALD SKINNER, JR.**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts:

On February 14, 2008, the Chase Bank at 12515 Airline Highway in Destrehan, Louisiana was robbed by an unknown black male. During the course of the investigation into that robbery, SKINNER was identified as a possible suspect. Since that time, several other banks have been robbed all of which SKINNER was a suspect.

On June 10, 2008, special agents of the FBI placed a tracking device on SKINNER'S vehicle while it was parked in a public place. On June 11, 2008, the Chase Bank at 104 West Airline Highway in Luling, Louisiana was robbed. Interviews with the victim witnesses and the bank surveillance video disclosed a description consistent with SKINNER'S features. FBI agents reviewed the tracking information of SKINNER'S vehicle and discovered that it had been in the

vicinity of the Chase Bank at the exact time of the robbery. FBI agents, familiar with SKINNER'S physical features, concluded that he was the man who robbed the bank after comparing his likeness to that of the bank robber in the bank surveillance video.

The victims recount that a black man entered the bank holding a light blue expandable binder, approached a teller, pulled up his shirt exposing the handle of a gun and said, "give me all of your money." When the teller hesitated and looked at the teller beside her, the robber stated, "if you tell her anything I will shoot you." When the teller attempted to open her money drawer, the robber said, "no, go to the other drawer." She obeyed, unlocked her second drawer and placed all of the money from the drawer in a black drawstring bag provided by the robber. Next, the robber said, "that's not all of it." The teller responded, "yes it is." She pulled out the drawer so that the robber could see that it was empty. The robber then told her to give him all the money in her top drawer. The teller complied and the robber left through the front door of the bank with \$9,067.00.

Within an hour of the bank robbery, FBI agents observed SKINNER exit his vehicle and go into his residence. Tracking information further revealed that after SKINNER'S vehicle left the vicinity of the Chase Bank, it traveled to another bank, remained for a few minutes and left. The second bank was the location of his girlfriend's place of employment. SKINNER purchased an \$800.00 cashier's check at this bank.

On June 12, 2008, a Complaint was filed against SKINNER and warrants obtained to search his home and his vehicle. SKINNER was arrested the next day and confessed to the instant bank robbery but claimed that he did not have/carry a gun during any of the robberies. SKINNER also confessed to robbing five other banks over a 12 month period. Seized during the search of SKINNER'S residence (among other things), was a black drawstring bag, the \$800.00 cashier's

check, \$843.00 cash, a leather jacket and a baseball cap in camouflage print (identical to the ones worn in some of the bank robberies). Nothing was seized from the vehicle, however, the vehicle itself was seized. The searches did not yield any firearms. The bank was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the time of the robbery.

Agents have since tied SKINNER to the five other bank robberies to which he confessed by having him look at the still photos of the robbers captured by bank surveillance cameras and identify himself by initialing the back of the photos. One of those bank robberies is specifically noted below:

May 21, 2008

\_\_\_\_\_ At approximately 12:40 p.m., SKINNER entered the federally insured Omni Bank located at 2900 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie wearing a bright orange highway worker vest, a Saints baseball cap and carrying a white construction worker hard hat. SKINNER approached the teller and gave her a note that said, “put all 10,000, 5000 and 2,000 stack on counter watch ur hand.” The teller looked at the note and then at SKINNER. SKINNER pulled up his shirt and revealed a black semiautomatic pistol tucked into his waistband. The teller then opened her middle drawer and began placing stacks of \$100, \$20 and \$10 on the counter. Next, SKINNER leaned over the counter looking into the teller drawer and said, “give me all of the rest of the money in your drawer. I don’t want a dye pack. Don’t give me a dye pack.” The teller complied. SKINNER then said, “now you sure you have no more money in that drawer?” The teller responded saying that all she had left were fives and ones. SKINNER said, “I want those too, now stack it up.” The teller complied and SKINNER put the money in his hard hat. Before SKINNER left the bank, he told the teller, “you better not say anything, nothing ‘til I get out these doors.” The demand note was recovered from the scene. SKINNER stole \$16,581.00.

The total amount stolen by SKINNER during the 10 month bank robbery spree was approximately \$95,187.00.

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