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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
January 2019 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
EDWARD BUCK,
Defendant.

CR No. 19CR00595-CAS
I N D I C T M E N T
[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(C): Distribution of
Controlled Substances Resulting in
Death; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(C): Distribution of
Controlled Substances]

The Grand Jury charges:

INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

1. Beginning on a date unknown, but not later than July 2017, and continuing through on or about September 17, 2019, defendant EDWARD BUCK ("BUCK") engaged in a pattern of soliciting men to consume drugs that BUCK provided and perform sexual acts at BUCK's apartment, located at 1234 North Laurel Avenue, Apartment #17, West Hollywood, California 90046 (hereinafter, "BUCK's Residence"). The practice of using drugs in conjunction with, or immediately preceding, sexual activity is commonly referred to as "party and play." In these party and play sessions, BUCK distributed drugs, including methamphetamine, to his victims, and in some instances,

1 injected them with drugs intravenously in a practice known as
2 "slamming." BUCK exerted power over his victims, often targeting
3 vulnerable individuals who were destitute, homeless, and/or struggled
4 with drug addiction, in order to exploit the relative wealth and
5 power imbalance between them.

6 2. BUCK solicited his victims in various ways. He solicited
7 them via social media platforms, including but not limited to
8 Adam4Adam, a gay male dating and escort website. BUCK indicated on
9 his Adam4Adam profile that he was looking for men with whom he could
10 "party and play." He also solicited men via referrals from his prior
11 victims, and used a "recruiter" who scouted men, propositioned them
12 on BUCK's behalf, and brought them to BUCK's Residence to engage in
13 party and play for compensation.

14 3. At BUCK's Residence, BUCK distributed and attempted to
15 distribute methamphetamine and other controlled substances to his
16 victims. At BUCK's Residence, BUCK prepared syringes containing a
17 mixture or substance containing methamphetamine. BUCK sometimes
18 personally injected his victims, with and without their consent.
19 BUCK pressured victims to let him personally inject them; he also
20 distributed syringes filled with methamphetamine so victims could
21 self-inject. In addition to injections, BUCK distributed
22 methamphetamine to be smoked. BUCK pressured, coerced, and/or
23 incentivized his victims to consume drugs, sometimes offering a
24 premium payment to victims who would consume more drugs, try new
25 drugs, or let BUCK inject them with drugs. In some instances, BUCK
26 injected his victims with larger quantities of drugs than they agreed
27 to receive, and in other instances, BUCK injected his victims while
28 they were unconscious. BUCK refused to pay or reduced pay to victims

1 who would not consume drugs with him. On at least two occasions
2 described in this Indictment, BUCK distributed lethal quantities of
3 methamphetamine to his victims, resulting in death.

4 4. These introductory allegations are incorporated into each
5 count of the Indictment.

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COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about July 27, 2017, in Los Angeles County, at BUCK's Residence, within the Central District of California, defendant EDWARD BUCK knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, to Gemmel Moore, whose death and serious bodily injury resulted from the use of such substance.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about January 7, 2019, in Los Angeles County, at BUCK's Residence, within the Central District of California, defendant EDWARD BUCK knowingly and intentionally distributed methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, to Timothy Dean, whose death and serious bodily injury resulted from the use of such substance.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about May 15, 2018, in Los Angeles County, at BUCK's Residence, within the Central District of California, defendant EDWARD BUCK knowingly and intentionally distributed methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, to C.S.

COUNT FOUR

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about December 2, 2018, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant EDWARD BUCK knowingly and intentionally distributed methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, to C.H.

COUNT FIVE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about September 4, 2019, in Los Angeles County, at BUCK's Residence, within the Central District of California, defendant EDWARD BUCK knowingly and intentionally distributed methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, to D.B.

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