

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
SHREVEPORT DIVISION

**PRESENT:**

HON. S. MAURICE HICKS, JR. JUDGE  
Marie Runyon COURT REPORTER  
Denise McDonnell COURTROOM DEPUTY

DATE : April 19, 2016  
COURT OPENED : 3:00 p.m.  
COURT CLOSED : 4:30 a.m.  
STATISTICAL TIME: 01:30

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MINUTES OF COURT

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CRIMINAL NO. : 15-00240-01-02

MAG. CASE NO.: NONE

☒ Defendants present  
☒ Defendants on bond  
☒ Agents testified  
☒ Exhibit List attached

DEFENDANT 01 : MICHAEL A. LORD  
DEFENDANT 02 : RANDALL B. LORD

GOVERNMENT COUNSEL: CYTHERIA JERNIGAN

DEFENSE COUNSEL : PAUL J. CARMOUCHE

( ) PUBLIC DEFENDER (X) RETAINED ( ) CJA ( ) WAIVED

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☒ CASE CALLED FOR CHANGE OF PLEA ON INDICTMENT

☒ Defendants under oath  
☒ Defendants advised of Rule 11 rights  
☐ Waiver of Indictment signed  
☒ Plea Agreement, Affidavit of Understanding, and Elements of the Offense filed as to each defendant  
☐ Filed Act of Forfeiture and Abandonment of Property  
☒ Plea of Guilty to Counts 1 and 15 of the Indictment accepted as to Michael A. Lord  
☒ Plea of Guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment accepted as to Randall B. Lord  
☒ Presentence investigations ordered  
☒ Sentencing set for August 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. for Michael A. Lord  
☒ Sentencing set for August 1, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. for Randall B. Lord

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GOVERNMENT WITNESSES: SA Darrin Heusel, IRS CI

SA Richard Brian Upchurch, DHS HSI

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The Court discussed Minute Entry Doc No. 30, which indicates that Mr. Paul Carmouche orally moved to enroll as counsel for both defendants at the December 8, 2015 initial appearance and arraignment. Both defendants stated that they had no objection to being represented by the same counsel.

The Government's Motion under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) (Acceptance of Responsibility) is contained in each of the plea agreements.

The defendants were ordered to return for sentencing.