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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *v.* RONALD DEABLER	Criminal Indictment No. 1:25-CR-003

UNDER SEAL

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

Count One

(MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY)

1. Beginning on or about June 1, 2023 and continuing through on or about June 23, 2023, in the Northern District of Georgia and elsewhere, the defendant, RONALD DEABLER, did knowingly combine, conspire, agree, and have a tacit understanding with others unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly conduct and attempt to conduct financial transactions in and affecting interstate commerce, which transactions involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, wire fraud, knowing that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, and knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceeds of said specified unlawful activity, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

BACKGROUND

2. At all times relevant to the Indictment, the defendant, RONALD DEABLER, resided in the state of Florida.

3. At all times relevant to the Indictment, Business 1 was a business located in the Northern District of Georgia that supplied goods and services to Business 2.

4. At all times relevant to the Indictment, Business 2 was a healthcare provider located in the Northern District of Georgia.

MANNER AND MEANS

5. In or about June 2023, unknown conspirators executed a scheme to compromise Business 1's legitimate business email account, including by "spoofing" the email address of employees of Business 1.

6. On or about June 5, 2023, using an email address that appeared to be Business's 1 legitimate email address, conspirators sent an email to Business 2, located in the Northern District of Georgia, that requested a form to change Business 1's ACH instructions.

7. On or about June 6, 2023, using an email address that appeared to be Business's 1 legitimate email address, conspirators sent an email to Business 2 that included a Chase Bank routing number and a Chase Bank account number ending in 0497. During the time relevant to this indictment, defendant DEABLER was the listed account holder and in control of Chase Bank account ending in 0497.

8. On or about June 13, 2023, Business 2, believing it was paying Business 1 for goods and services rendered, caused approximately $5,347,687 to be wired to

Chase Bank account ending in 0497. This submission caused an interstate wire transmission.

9. After the fraud proceeds were wired into Chase Bank account ending in 0497, defendant DEABLER disbursed some of the fraud proceeds by transferring a portion of the funds to other bank accounts that he owned and controlled.

10. Defendant DEABLER, as instructed by conspirators, also purchased cashier's checks made payable to certain individuals and businesses. Defendant DEABLER further used a delivery service to send the cashier's checks to other individuals as directed by conspirators. The cashier's checks include:

Date	Amount	Payee
June 15, 2023	$800,000	Company A
June 16, 2023	$951,600.50	Person A
June 16, 2023	$855,400.40	Company B
June 20, 2023	$851,650.80	Person B

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

Forfeiture

11. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, the defendant, RONALD DEABLER, shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), all property, real or personal, involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property, including, but not limited to, the following:

a. MONEY JUDGMENT: A sum of money in United States currency, representing the amount of property obtained as a result of the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment; and

b. FUNDS: $800,000 in funds seized from Washington Federal Bank account number ending 7410 held in the name of Punkin, LLC.

12. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

d. has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States intends, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property.

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