

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## District of Massachusetts

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
V.  
**MICHAEL HICKS**

### JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: **1: 09 CR 10299 - 001 - DPW**

USM Number: 92104-038

**Anthony R. Ellison & Geoffrey G. Nathan**

Defendant's Attorney

Additional documents attached  
Final Order for Forfeiture

**THE DEFENDANT:**

pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 & 2 of the Information on 11/24/09

pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
which was accepted by the court.

was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Additional Counts - See continuation page

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 USC § 1343	Wire Fraud	11/29/07	1 of 2
18 USC § 1957	Unlawful Money Transaction	11/16/07	2 of 2

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 10 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

02/23/10

Date of Imposition of Judgment

*Douglas P. Woodlock*

Signature of Judge

The Honorable Douglas P. Woodlock  
Judge, U.S. District Court

Name and Title of Judge

February 24, 2010

Date



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**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: **42** month(s)

COUNTS 1 & 2 TO RUN CONCURRENTLY.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

Defendant should be designated to FMC Butner, or a facility consistent with security requirement's and the defendant's medical needs as close as possible to his family members in North Carolina.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_

as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

before 2 p.m. on 04/09/10

as notified by the United States Marshal.

as notified by the Probation or Prctrial Services Office.

**RETURN**

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
a \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

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Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: **3** year(s)

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed 104 tests per year, as directed by the probation officer.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable.)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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**ADDITIONAL  SUPERVISED RELEASE  PROBATION TERMS**

SO LONG AS HIS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS JUDGMENT ARE OUTSTANDING, DEFENDANT IS PROHIBITED FROM INCURRING NEW CREDIT CHARGES OR OPENING ADDITIONAL LINES OF CREDIT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PROBATION OFFICER.

DEFENDANT IS TO PROVIDE THE PROBATION OFFICER ACCESS TO ANY REQUESTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION. FINANCIAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE PROBATION OFFICE BY THE DEFENDANT MAY BE SHARED WITH THE FINANCIAL LITIGATION UNIT OF THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

DEFENDANT IS NOT TO CONSUME ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, CASINO GAMBLING, ON-LINE GAMBLING, LOTTERIES, INSTANT SCRATCH TICKETS, KENO, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES SIMILAR IN NATURE. THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT FREQUENT ESTABLISHMENTS WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS GAMBLING.

**Continuation of Conditions of  Supervised Release  Probation**

THE DEFENDANT SHALL ATTEND GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS MEETINGS, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE PROBATION OFFICE.

DEFENDANT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AS DIRECTED BY THE US PROBATION OFFICE, WHICH PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE TESTING, NOT TO EXCEED 104 DRUG TESTS PER YEAR, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DEFENDANT HAS REVERTED TO THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF SERVICES FOR SUCH TREATMENT BASED ON THE ABILITY TO PAY OR AVAILABILITY OF THIRD PARTY PAYMENT.

DEFENDANT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM AS DIRECTED BY THE US PROBATION OFFICE. THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF SERVICES FOR SUCH TREATMENT BASED ON THE ABILITY TO PAY OR AVAILABILITY OF THIRD PARTY PAYMENT.

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**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$ 200.00	\$	\$

The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case* (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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TOTALS	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
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Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

the interest requirement is waived for the  fine  restitution.

the interest requirement for the  fine  restitution is modified as follows:

\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

- A  Lump sum payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due immediately, balance due  
 not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 in accordance  C,  D,  E, or  F below; or
- B  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with  C,  D, or  F below); or
- C  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

**DEFENDANT SHALL PAY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF \$200.00 IMMEDIATELY, AND RESTITUTION IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN 90 DAYS, IMMEDIATELY OR ACCORDING TO A PAYMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED BY THE COURT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PROBATION OFFICER.**

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

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Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### I COURT FINDINGS ON PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT

- A  **The court adopts the presentence investigation report without change.**
- B  **The court adopts the presentence investigation report with the following changes.**  
(Check all that apply and specify court determination, findings, or comments, referencing paragraph numbers in the presentence report, if applicable.)  
(Use Section VIII if necessary.)
- 1  **Chapter Two of the U.S.S.G. Manual** determinations by court (including changes to base offense level, or specific offense characteristics):
- 2  **Chapter Three of the U.S.S.G. Manual** determinations by court (including changes to victim-related adjustments, role in the offense, obstruction of justice, multiple counts, or acceptance of responsibility):
- 3  **Chapter Four of the U.S.S.G. Manual** determinations by court (including changes to criminal history category or scores, career offender, or criminal livelihood determinations):
- 4  **Additional Comments or Findings** (including comments or factual findings concerning certain information in the presentence report that the Federal Bureau of Prisons may rely on when it makes inmate classification, designation, or programming decisions):
- C  **The record establishes no need for a presentence investigation report pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 32.**

### II COURT FINDING ON MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE (Check all that apply.)

- A  No count of conviction carries a mandatory minimum sentence.
- B  Mandatory minimum sentence imposed.
- C  One or more counts of conviction alleged in the indictment carry a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, but the sentence imposed is below a mandatory minimum term because the court has determined that the mandatory minimum does not apply based on
- findings of fact in this case
  - substantial assistance (18 U.S.C. § 3553(e))
  - the statutory safety valve (18 U.S.C. § 3553(f))

### III COURT DETERMINATION OF ADVISORY GUIDELINE RANGE (BEFORE DEPARTURES):

Total Offense Level: 21  
Criminal History Category: IV  
Imprisonment Range: 57 to 71 months  
Supervised Release Range: 3 to 5 years  
Fine Range: \$ 7,500 to \$ 1,000,000

- Fine waived or below the guideline range because of inability to pay.

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#### IV ADVISORY GUIDELINE SENTENCING DETERMINATION (Check only one.)

- A  The sentence is within an advisory guideline range that is not greater than 24 months, and the court finds no reason to depart.
- B  The sentence is within an advisory guideline range that is greater than 24 months, and the specific sentence is imposed for these reasons.  
(Use Section VIII if necessary.)
- C  The court departs from the advisory guideline range for reasons authorized by the sentencing guidelines manual.  
(Also complete Section V.)
- D  The court imposed a sentence outside the advisory sentencing guideline system. (Also complete Section VI.)

#### V DEPARTURES AUTHORIZED BY THE ADVISORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES (If applicable.)

- A The sentence imposed departs (Check only one.):  
 below the advisory guideline range  
 above the advisory guideline range

B Departure based on (Check all that apply.):

- 1 **Plea Agreement** (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):  
 5K1.1 plea agreement based on the defendant's substantial assistance  
 5K3.1 plea agreement based on Early Disposition or "Fast-track" Program  
 binding plea agreement for departure accepted by the court  
 plea agreement for departure, which the court finds to be reasonable  
 plea agreement that states that the government will not oppose a defense departure motion.
- 2 **Motion Not Addressed in a Plea Agreement** (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):  
 5K1.1 government motion based on the defendant's substantial assistance  
 5K3.1 government motion based on Early Disposition or "Fast-track" program  
 government motion for departure  
 defense motion for departure to which the government did not object  
 defense motion for departure to which the government objected
- 3 **Other**  
 Other than a plea agreement or motion by the parties for departure (Check reason(s) below.):

C Reason(s) for Departure (Check all that apply other than 5K1.1 or 5K3.1.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4A1.3 Criminal History Inadequacy                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.1 Death                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.11 Lesser Harm                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.1 Age   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.2 Physical Injury                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.12 Coercion and Duress                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.2 Education and Vocational Skills                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.3 Extreme Psychological Injury      | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.13 Diminished Capacity                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.3 Mental and Emotional Condition                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.4 Abduction or Unlawful Restraint   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.14 Public Welfare                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.4 Physical Condition                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.5 Property Damage or Loss           | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.16 Voluntary Disclosure of Offense         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.5 Employment Record                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.6 Weapon or Dangerous Weapon        | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.17 High-Capacity, Semiautomatic Weapon     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.6 Family Ties and Responsibilities                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.7 Disruption of Government Function | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.18 Violent Street Gang                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.11 Military Record, Charitable Service,<br>Good Works | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.8 Extreme Conduct                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.20 Aberrant Behavior                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.0 Aggravating or Mitigating Circumstances             | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.9 Criminal Purpose                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.21 Dismissed and Uncharged Conduct         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.10 Victim's Conduct                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.22 Age or Health of Sex Offenders          |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.23 Discharged Terms of Imprisonment        |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other guideline basis (e.g., 2B1.1 commentary) |

D Explain the facts justifying the departure. (Use Section VIII if necessary.)

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#### VI COURT DETERMINATION FOR SENTENCE OUTSIDE THE ADVISORY GUIDELINE SYSTEM

(Check all that apply.)

**A The sentence imposed is (Check only one.):**

- below the advisory guideline range  
 above the advisory guideline range

**B Sentence imposed pursuant to (Check all that apply.):**

**1 Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):**

- binding plea agreement for a sentence outside the advisory guideline system accepted by the court  
 plea agreement for a sentence outside the advisory guideline system, which the court finds to be reasonable  
 plea agreement that states that the government will not oppose a defense motion to the court to sentence outside the advisory guideline system

**2 Motion Not Addressed in a Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):**

- government motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system  
 defense motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system to which the government did not object  
 defense motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system to which the government objected

**3 Other**

- Other than a plea agreement or motion by the parties for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system (Check reason(s) below.):

**C Reason(s) for Sentence Outside the Advisory Guideline System (Check all that apply.)**

- the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1)  
 to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(A))  
 to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(B))  
 to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(C))  
 to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(D))  
 to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities among defendants (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6))  
 to provide restitution to any victims of the offense (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(7))

**D Explain the facts justifying a sentence outside the advisory guideline system. (Use Section VIII if necessary.)**

Especially given the parties' miscalculation of the guidelines in the plea agreement and the defendant's prompt tender of his actual financial benefit, the incarcerative portion of the sentence is sufficient without more to serve the statutory purposes outlined by section 3553.

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**VII COURT DETERMINATIONS OF RESTITUTION**

- A  Restitution Not Applicable.
- B Total Amount of Restitution: To be determined within 90 days.
- C Restitution not ordered (Check only one.):
  - 1  For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because the number of identifiable victims is so large as to make restitution impracticable under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(A).
  - 2  For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because determining complex issues of fact and relating them to the cause or amount of the victims' losses would complicate or prolong the sentencing process to a degree that the need to provide restitution to any victim would be outweighed by the burden on the sentencing process under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(B).
  - 3  For other offenses for which restitution is authorized under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 and/or required by the sentencing guidelines, restitution is not ordered because the complication and prolongation of the sentencing process resulting from the fashioning of a restitution order outweigh the need to provide restitution to any victims under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(1)(B)(ii).
  - 4  Restitution is not ordered for other reasons. (Explain.)
- D  Partial restitution is ordered for these reasons (18 U.S.C. § 3553(c)):

**VIII ADDITIONAL FACTS JUSTIFYING THE SENTENCE IN THIS CASE (If applicable.)**

Sections I, II, III, IV, and VII of the Statement of Reasons form must be completed in all felony cases.

Defendant's Soc. Sec. No.: 000-00-7249  
Defendant's Date of Birth: xx/xx/1968  
Defendant's Residence Address: Quincy, MA  
Defendant's Mailing Address: Same as above.



Date of Imposition of Judgment: 02/23/10  
Douglas P. Woodlock  
Signature of Judge  
The Honorable Douglas P. Woodlock Judge, U.S. District Court  
Name and Title of Judge  
Date Signed: February 24, 2010

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA            )  
  )  
  )       Criminal No. 09-10299-DPW  
  )  
MICHAEL HICKS,                        )  
  )       Defendant.

**FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

**WOODLOCK, D.J.,**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2009, a two-count Information was filed with the Court, charging Defendant Michael Hicks (the "Defendant") with Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2 (Count One) and Unlawful Monetary Transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 2 (Count Two);

WHEREAS, the Information also contained forfeiture allegations, which provided notice to the Defendant that, upon conviction of the wire fraud offense, the United States would seek forfeiture of any property, real or personal, that constitutes, or is derived from, proceeds traceable to the commission of such offense, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. 2461(c);

WHEREAS, the forfeiture allegations also provided notice to the Defendant that, upon conviction of the money laundering offense, the United States would seek forfeiture of any property, real or personal, involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1);

WHEREAS, the Information further provided that, if any of the forfeitable property, 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 (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty, it is the intention of the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(p);

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, pursuant to a written Plea Agreement (the "Agreement") which the Defendant signed on November 4, 2009, the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One and Two of the Information;

WHEREAS, in the Agreement, the Defendant admitted that the proceeds traceable to and/or the property involved in the crimes to which he pled guilty totaled \$180,500 in United States currency;

WHEREAS, in the Agreement, the Defendant acknowledged and agreed that the \$180,500 traceable to or involved in his crimes is unavailable for one or more of the reasons set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), and agreed that the United States is therefore entitled to forfeit as "substitute assets" any other assets of the Defendant up to the value of \$180,500;

WHEREAS, the Defendant further agreed that, no later than two weeks prior to sentencing, he would deliver to the United

States a cashier's check in the amount of \$180,500, made payable to the U.S. Secret Service;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, the Defendant delivered to the United States Mt. Washington Bank Treasurer's Check number 229195, in the amount of \$180,500 (the "Currency");

WHEREAS, in the Agreement, the Defendant consented to the entry of orders of forfeiture for the Currency;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Defendant's guilty plea and based on the Agreement and the Defendant's admissions therein, the United States now is entitled to forfeit the Currency.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED:

1. The United States' Motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture is allowed.

2. The United States of America is now entitled to the forfeiture of all right, title, or interest in the Currency, and the Currency is hereby forfeited to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853.

3. Any parties having any right, title or interest in the Currency are hereby held in default.

4. The United States is hereby authorized to dispose of the Currency in accordance with applicable law.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this order and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

DONE AND ORDERED in Boston, Massachusetts, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.



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DOUGLAS P. WOODLOCK  
United States District Judge