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

**SUPERCEDING INDICTMENT FOR CONSPIRACY
TO STEAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS and WIRE FRAUD**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**SHAWNZELL VENSON
a/k/a Shawn Meyers
WILLIE SMITH
DERRICK BEAULIEU**

* **CRIMINAL NO: 08-287**

* **SECTION: "R"**

* **VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 371
18 U.S.C. § 1343
18 U.S.C. § 2**

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

A. At All Times Material Herein:

1. The Louisiana Road Home Program ("LRH") was designed to provide grants to Louisiana homeowners affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for damage to their homes.

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2. The LRH received its money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, an agency and department of the United States, to provide eligible homeowners with grants to rebuild or relocate their homes.
3. First American Title Insurance Company, operating in New Orleans, Louisiana, and elsewhere, was an entity responsible for completing the closing documentation necessary for LRH recipients to receive their grant money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. This documentation included bank routing instructions for the LRH money to be directly deposited into a recipient's bank account after closing.
4. The defendant, **DERRICK BEAULIEU**, was employed at First American Title Insurance Company in their closing office on Poydras Street in New Orleans, Louisiana.

B. The Conspiracy:

Beginning at a time unknown, but no later than on or about June 7, 2007 until on or about September 1, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers, WILLIE SMITH, and DERRICK BEAULIEU**, and others known and unknown to the grand jury, did wilfully and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree to steal and purloin LRH money belonging to the United States and to knowingly and willfully cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce writings, signals, signs, and sounds by means of a wire communication to obtain said money, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 1343.

C. Overt Acts:

In furtherance of the conspiracy, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers, WILLIE SMITH, DERRICK BEAULIEU** and others committed the following overt acts:

1. On or about June 7, 2007, A.D. and R.D., elderly individuals, closed on a LRH grant worth \$141,000 at First American Title Insurance Company. Included in the closing documents was an ASI Federal Credit Union bank routing instruction form directed to "Louisiana Road Home" which included a routing number and bank account number purporting to be for A.D. and R.D. for the LRH money to be wired transferred into their account. The defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers** and **DERRICK BEAULIEU**, had the bank routing instruction form fraudulently completed with the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's**, bank account number and bank routing number in an attempt to have A.D. and R.D.'s LRH money deposited into the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's**, account for the defendants' benefit.

2. On or about June 13, 2007, L.H., an elderly individual, closed on a LRH grant worth \$133,533 at First American Title Insurance Company. Included in the closing documents signed and notarized by employees at First American Title Insurance Company was a bank routing instruction form for L.H. to provide her bank's routing number and her bank account number for the LRH money to be wire transferred into her account. The defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers** and **DERRICK BEAULIEU** had the bank routing instruction form fraudulently completed with the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's**, name and bank

account number so that L.H.'s LRH money was sent to the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's**, bank account for the defendants' benefit.

3. On or about June 20, 2007, in an attempt to keep the money the LRH designated for L.H. in her bank account at ASI Federal Credit Union, the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers**, told an employee at ASI Federal Credit Union that L.H. was a relative when in truth and in fact she knew that L.H. was not related to her and she was not entitled to the money from LRH.

4. On or about July 17, 2007, C.C., an elderly individual, closed on a LRH grant worth \$149,930 at First American Title Insurance Company. Included in the closing documents signed and notarized by employees at First American Title Insurance Company was a bank routing instruction form for C.C. to provide his bank's routing number and his bank account number for the LRH money to be wired transferred into his account. The defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers** and **DERRICK BEAULIEU** had the bank routing instruction form fraudulently changed so that the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's**, alias Shawn Meyers and her bank account were on the routing instruction and C.C.'s LRH money was sent to the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON's** bank account for the defendants' benefit.

5. On or about July 27, 2007, J.W., an elderly individual, closed on a LRH grant worth \$123,950 at First American Title Insurance Company. Included in the closing documents signed and notarized by employees at First American Title Insurance Company was a bank routing instruction form for J.W. to provide his bank's routing number and his bank account number for the LRH money to be wired transferred into his account. The defendants, **WILLIE SMITH, SHAWNZELL VENSON a/k/a Shawn Meyers**, and **DERRICK BEAULIEU**, had

the bank routing instruction form fraudulently changed so that the defendant, **WILLIE SMITH**'s, name and bank account were on the routing instruction and J.W.'s LRH money was sent to the defendant, **WILLIE SMITH**'s, bank account for the defendants' benefit.

6. On or about July 27, 2007, in an attempt to keep the money the LRH designated for J.W. in his bank account at ASI Federal Credit Union, the defendants, **WILLIE SMITH** and **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers**, told an employee at ASI Federal Credit Union that J.W. was a relative and that they were expecting a wire for J.W. when in truth and in fact the conspirators were going to use LRH money granted to J.W. for their benefit.

7. On or about August 14, 2007, A.W., an elderly individual, closed a LRH grant in the amount of \$98,534.19 at First American Title Insurance Company. Included in the closing documents signed and notarized by employees at First American Title Insurance Company was a bank routing instruction for A.W. to provide his bank's routing number and his bank account number for the LRH money to be wire transferred into his account. The defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers** and **DERRICK BEAULIEU** had the bank routing instruction form fraudulently changed so that the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON**'s, name and bank account was put on the routing instruction and A.W.'s LRH money was sent to the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON**'s bank account for the defendants' benefit.

8. On or about August 15, 2007, in an attempt to keep the money the LRH designated for A.W. in her bank account at ASI Federal Credit Union, the defendant, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers**, faxed ASI an Affidavit of Forgery along with a copy of

A.W.'s driver's license in an effort to convince ASI employees to allow the stolen LRH money to remain in her bank account.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT 2-WIRE FRAUD

A. The allegations contained in Paragraph A of Count One of this Superceding Indictment, as set forth above, are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth in their entirety herein.

B. The Scheme and Artifice to Defraud:

1. Beginning at a time unknown, but no later than on or about June 7, 2007 until on or about September 1, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendants, **DERRICK BEAULIEU, WILLIE SMITH, and SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers**, did knowingly and willfully devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud elderly recipients of their LRH grants, and for obtaining and attempting to obtain money and property from the LRH and the elderly grant recipients by means of false or fraudulent pretenses and representations by altering LRH grant closing documents and posing as relatives of elderly grant recipients to falsely and fraudulently obtain and use and attempt to use funds granted to elderly LRH recipients for repair of hurricane-damaged homes for their own personal benefit.

2. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant, **DERRICK BEAULIEU**, used his position as an employee in the closing department of First American Title Insurance Company to obtain elderly LRH grant recipients' closing documents so that the bank routing instructions for the wire transfers from LRH could be fraudulently altered with his co-defendants' bank account information and the wire transfers of the LRH grants be directly

deposited into defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers, and WILLIE SMITH's**, bank accounts and used for the defendants' own personal benefit without the knowledge of the elderly grant recipients nor the elderly grant recipients permission.

C. Use of the Wires:

On or about July 17, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses and representations, as set forth above, the defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers, and DERRICK BEAULIEU**, did knowingly and wilfully cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce certain writings, signals, signs and sounds by means of a wire communication from the First American Trust, FSB, 5 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707 to Account No. 5357700 at ASI Federal Credit Union, 5508 Citrus Blvd., Harahan, Louisiana 70123, that is; a wire transfer of \$149,930.00, the amount of money awarded to C.C. for repair of a hurricane damaged home; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

COUNT 3—WIRE FRAUD

A. The allegations contained in Paragraphs A and B of Count Two of this Superceding Indictment, as set forth above, are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth in their entirety herein.

B. Use of the Wires:

On or about July 27, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses and representations, as set forth above, the

defendants, **SHAWNZELL VENSON, a/k/a Shawn Meyers, WILLIE SMITH, and DERRICK BEAULIEU**, did knowingly and wilfully cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce certain writings, signals, signs and sounds by means of a wire communication from the First American Trust, FSB, 5 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707 to Account No. 5484170 at ASI Federal Credit Union, 5508 Citrus Blvd., Harahan, Louisiana 70123, that is; a wire transfer of \$123,950.00, the amount of money awarded to J.W. for repair of a hurricane damaged home; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

A TRUE BILL:


FOREPERSON



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INDICTMENT

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18 U.S.C. § 1343
18 U.S.C. § 2

A true bill.

Foreperson

Filed in open court this 29 day,
of April A.D. 2009.

Clerk

Bail, \$ _____

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DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: INFORMATION INDICTMENT

Matter Sealed: Juvenile Other than Juvenile

Pre-indictment Plea Superseding Defendant Added
 Indictment Charges/Counts Added
 Information

Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location (City)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN
 DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA Divisional Office

Name and Office of Person Furnishing information on THIS FORM Tess M. Coulon
 U.S. Atty Other U.S. Agency
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PROCEEDING

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)
HUD-OIG/Special Agent Robert Anderson

person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court (give name of court)

this person/proceeding transferred from another district per (circle one) FRCP 20, 21 or 40. Show District

this is a reprosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:
 U.S. Atty Defense

this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant. (Notice of Related Case must still be filed with the Clerk.)

prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate Judge regarding this defendant were recorded under

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MAG. JUDGE CASE NO.

Place of offense Orleans Parish County

CASE NO. 08-287 "R"

USA vs.

Defendant: DERRICK BEAULIEU

Address: 2627 Myrtle Street
New Orleans, LA 70122

Interpreter Required Dialect: _____

Birth Date 1971 Male Alien
 Female (if applicable)

Social Security Number xxx-xx-2237

DEFENDANT

Issue: Warrant Summons

Location Status:

Arrest Date _____ or Date Transferred to Federal Custody _____

Currently in Federal Custody

Currently in State Custody

Writ Required

Currently on bond

Fugitive

Defense Counsel (if any): _____

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This report amends AO 257 previously submitted

OFFENSE CHARGED - U.S.C. CITATION - STATUTORY MAXIMUM PENALTIES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

Total # of Counts 1 (for this defendant only)

Offense Level (1, 3, 4)	Title & Section/ (Petty = 1 / Misdemeanor = 3 / Felony = 4)	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
4	18 USC Sections 641 & 1343 & 371	Conspiracy to steal government funds	1
4	18 USC Sections 1343 & 2	Wire fraud	2, 3

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***x NO MAGISTRATE PAPERS WERE
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NAME: SHAWNZELL VENSON aka Shawn

Meyers, WILLIE SMITH, & DERRICK

BEAULIEU

Initials: DAS

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Thank you