

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

IKE BRONSON

CRIMINAL NO.

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INFORMATION

18 U.S.C. § 371
18 U.S.C. § 1341
26 U.S.C. § 7206

HONORABLE SUSAN J. DELOTT

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

1. Between January 1, 2002, and February 14, 2005, in the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant, **IKE BRONSON**, knowingly, intentionally, and willfully, conspired with others to commit an offense against the United States, including, but not limited to, Mail Fraud. In carrying out the conspiracy, the defendant committed at least one overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy including, but not limited to, the conduct alleged in Counts 2.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

COUNT 2
(18 U.S.C. § 1341)

1. On or about August 22, 2002, in the Southern District of Ohio and elsewhere, having devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, the defendant, **IKE BRONSON**, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice to defraud, knowingly caused a fraudulent loan package to be sent, delivered, and moved by the United States mails and

commercial interstate carriers, to New Century Mortgage, 18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612.

2. On or about January 31, 2003, Kevin Vallandingham purchased the property at 2540 Queen City in Cincinnati, Ohio, located in the Southern District of Ohio, for \$85,000. Mr. Bronson prepared Mr. Vallandingham's loan application. The loan application indicated the source of down payment was Mr. Vallandingham's "checking/savings" account. According to the HUD-1 Settlement Statement, Mr. Vallandingham brought a down payment of \$6,695.70 to the closing. In reality, Mr. Bronson brought the down payment. Mr. Bronson signed the loan application as the loan originator knowing it was false. In addition, an appraisal supporting the inflated sales prices of \$85,000 was submitted to the lender. Mr. Bronson was aware that this appraisal was false. The loan package was submitted to New Century Mortgage. Mr. Bronson's actions were committed in furtherance of a scheme to defraud New Century Mortgage. Several documents, including the final loan package, were placed in a post office or authorized depository for mail matter, to be delivered by the Postal Service, and sent via commercial carrier to New Century Mortgage, 18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612, and relied upon by the lender.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

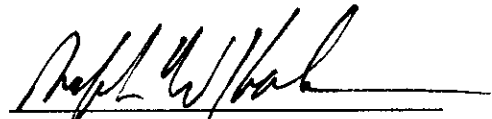
COUNT 3
(18 U.S.C. § 7206)

1. On or about October 17, 2003, in the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant, **IKE BRONSON**, did willfully make and subscribe a 2003 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, that was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and was signed and filed with the Internal Revenue Service, which said 2003 U.S. Individual Income Tax

Return, he did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that defendant failed to provide his return preparer with complete and accurate information regarding all of the payments he received during the year by way of fraudulent loan proceeds in the form of checks made payable to his shell company, LCI Financial. As a result, defendant failed to report \$131,217 of income on his 2003 Individual Income Tax Return.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 7206.

**GREGORY G. LOCKHART
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph W. Kohnen", is written over a horizontal line.

**RALPH W. KOHNEN
DEPUTY CRIMINAL CHIEF**