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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

MATTHEW J. DYKMAN
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRAD AHRENSFIELD,

Defendant.

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) **CRIMINAL NO. 09-CR-03457-TP**
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) **Count 1: 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2):**
) **Obstruction of Justice;**
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) **Count 2: 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2): False**
) **Statements.**

SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Count 1

At all times material to this Indictment:

The Investigation

1. In September 2009, Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) members of a joint task force known as Operation Safe Streets were conducting an investigation of Car Shop, a business located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for possible drug trafficking and stolen merchandise-related offenses. As a result of the investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for one of Car Shop's employees.

2. During the course of its investigation, on or about September 22, 2009, the joint task force received information that the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had informed Car Shop's owner, John Doe #1, about the existence of the investigation and the issuance of the arrest warrant described in paragraph 1.

3. On or about September 23, 2009, the FBI initiated a separate investigation to focus on the leak of sensitive law enforcement information. The following matters, among others, were material to the investigation:

(a) Whether the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, an APD officer who was not a member of the joint task force, had nevertheless learned details of the investigation of Car Shop.

(b) How the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had learned the details of the investigation of Car Shop.

(c) Whether the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had informed John Doe #1 about the investigation of Car Shop.

4. On or about September 22 and 23, 2009, in Bernalillo County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, by informing John Doe #1 of the details of the joint task force's investigation, did knowingly, willfully, and corruptly obstruct, influence and impede an official proceeding, and attempt to do so, namely, a Federal Grand Jury investigation, that would foreseeably result from the joint task force's investigation of possible violations of federal criminal laws.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2).

Count 2

1. Paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count 1 are realleged and incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

2. On or about September 23, 2009, in Bernalillo County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, did knowingly and willfully make materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations in a matter

within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency within the executive branch of the Government of the United States, when the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, while being interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated in sum and substance that:

- (a) the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had no knowledge of the investigation of Car Shop;
- (b) the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had not communicated with John Doe #2 about the investigation of Car Shop; and
- (c) the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, had not told John Doe #1 about the investigation of Car Shop.

Whereas, in truth and in fact, as the defendant, **BRAD AHRENSFIELD**, then well knew, these statements were false.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2).

A TRUE BILL:

/s/
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

Assistant United States Attorney

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