

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 13-115

v.

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SECTION: "H"

JORDAN A. SANCHEZ

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FACTUAL BASIS

Were this matter brought to trial, the United States would prove, through competent witnesses and documentary evidence, the following beyond a reasonable doubt.

On April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire occurred on the Deepwater Horizon, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico where British Petroleum (BP) had been drilling a well. Thereafter, BP established the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) to administer, mediate, and settle certain claims of individuals and businesses for losses incurred as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident. The GCCF began receiving and processing such claims on August 23, 2010. The GCCF required any individual filing a claim to submit valid documentation as proof of loss or reduction in earnings due to the oil spill.

The GCCF was an entity established by British Petroleum to process and settle claims of individuals and business for losses incurred as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident. On or

about September 27, 2010, Jordan Sanchez ("**Sanchez**") submitted a fraudulent claim to the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) for \$5,100. In his claim packet, **Sanchez** stated that he lost his job as a manager with Rosie's Catering in New Orleans as a result of the oil spill. In support of his claim, **Sanchez** submitted a letter purportedly authored by Charles Bourgeois, the human resources director for Rosie's catering. Bourgeois' letter specifically stated that **Sanchez** was terminated by Rosie's because the oil spill affected their business to the point where they could no longer keep him on the payroll. **Sanchez** also submitted 2009 and 2010 W2 forms and various earnings statements that were allegedly issued to him by Rosie's Catering. The GCCF processed the claim and paid **Sanchez** \$27,000.00 by check. The check was written on an account with Whitney Bank under check number 00072028. The check was mailed from 105 Maxess Road, Melville, New York, to **Sanchez's** house in located in New Orleans via FedEx on or about October 12, 2010. **Sanchez** negotiated the check on or about October 15, 2010.

After the payment was issued, a Guidepost Solutions investigator called the number that **Sanchez** had provided for Rosie's Catering and telephonically interviewed Rosie Marie Ryan. Ryan identified herself as the owner of Rosie's Catering. She said that her business was located in Lepanto, Arkansas, and that she never operated her business in New Orleans. She also stated that **Sanchez** never worked for her, and that Rosie's catering had never issued any tax documents or earning statements to him.

On September 28, 2012, **Sanchez** was interviewed at his home by a special agent with the FBI about the matter. During the interview, **Sanchez** acknowledged that he filed a claim with BP/GCCF. **Sanchez** advised that during the time of the spill, he was working under the table for a catering business. **Sanchez** wanted to submit a claim to the GCCF, but knew he was working under the table and would have no way of proving income loss. As such, he had the owner of the

catering business create all of the false documents related to Rosie's Catering that were submitted to GCCF in connection with his claim. He also mentioned that he knew the documents were false, and at some point tried to cancel his claim. However, he was pleasantly surprised when he received the \$27,000.00, so he decided not to ask any questions. After cashing the check, **Sanchez** used the funds to pay down debt and to purchase a living room set.

In conclusion, **Sanchez** admits that he committed mail fraud when he caused the GCCF, through the filing of his fraudulent claim, to mail a check from New York to his house in New Orleans.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

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