

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO.

v. : DATE FILED:

GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS : VIOLATION:
: 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud – 1 count);
: Notice of forfeiture

INFORMATION

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times relevant to this indictment:

1. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS was an attorney who worked as an associate for Spector Gadon & Rosen (“Spector”), a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania law firm. Defendant WILLIAMS’s legal practice included representing clients in trusts and estate matters. Spector paid defendant WILLIAMS approximately forty percent of the legal fees collected from defendant WILLIAMS’s clients.

2. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS’s clients included, among others, the following trusts and estates: the A.B. Trust, the J.H. Trust, the M.K. Estate, and the R.H. Estate. For the trusts, defendant WILLIAMS was the trustee, and for the estates, defendant WILLIAMS was the administrator and/or executor.

3. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS exercised complete control over the financial accounts of the trusts and estates, including possessing and exercising check writing authority on their checking accounts.

4. The A.B. Trust maintained a checking account (#6853) at PNC Bank; the J.H. Trust maintained a checking account (#6861) at PNC Bank and a securities account (#4755) at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia Bank); the M.K. Estate maintained a checking account (#8754) at PNC Bank; and the R.H. Estate maintained a checking account (#0744) at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia Bank).

5. Spector billed the trust and estate clients of defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS an hourly rate for the time that defendant WILLIAMS reported that he spent handling the client matters. On behalf of Spector, defendant WILLIAMS collected the fees from each trust and estate client by writing checks on that client's bank account, making the checks payable to Spector.

6. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS maintained a personal checking account (#4182), loan account (#5502), and family member's account (#9771) at PNC Bank. Defendant WILLIAMS also had a mortgage on his personal residence with Seterus, Inc., which held its collection account with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in Tampa, Florida.

The Scheme

7. From in or about October 2007 to on or about September 30, 2012, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS

devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud the A.B. Trust, the J.H. Trust, the M.K. Estate, and the R.H. Estate, and to obtain money and property from those trusts and estates, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the scheme that:

8. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS opened checking accounts for the A.B. Trust, the J.H. Trust, and the M.K. Estate at PNC Bank, where defendant WILLIAMS had personal bank accounts, so that defendant WILLIAMS could easily transfer funds from the trust and estate accounts to his personal bank accounts.

9. Between in or about October 2007 and on or about September 30, 2012, defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS, without the authorization or knowledge of the representatives and beneficiaries of the trusts and estates, diverted the following:

a. approximately \$15,012 from the A.B. Trust checking account at PNC Bank, by making online transfers from the A.B. Trust checking account to defendant WILLIAMS's personal checking and loan accounts at PNC Bank;

b. approximately \$122,597 from the J.H. Trust checking account at PNC Bank, by making online transfers from the J.H. Trust checking account to defendant WILLIAMS's personal checking and loan accounts at PNC Bank and to his mortgage account with Seterus, Inc.;

c. approximately \$22,916 from the J.H. Trust at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia Bank) securities account, by writing and negotiating checks made payable to defendant WILLIAMS on the J.H. Trust securities account.

d. approximately \$46,174 from the M.K. Estate checking account at PNC Bank, by making online transfers from the M.K. Estate checking account to defendant WILLIAMS's personal checking account at PNC Bank; and

e. approximately \$15,321 from the R.H. Estate checking account at Wells

Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia Bank), by writing and negotiating checks on the R.H. Estate checking account and making cash withdrawals from the R.H. Estate checking account;

10. Defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS diverted the above funds from his client trusts and estates to pay defendant WILLIAMS's personal expenses, including his personal loans and mortgage bills.

11. To increase his compensation from Spector and obtain additional funds from his trust and estate clients, defendant GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS billed the J.H. Trust approximately \$210,206, and the M.K. Estate approximately \$71,135, for legal services that were not provided. That is, defendant WILLIAMS overbilled those two clients in total by approximately \$281,341.

12. In total, as a result of the scheme described above, defendant WILLIAMS defrauded his trust and estate clients of approximately \$503,361.

13. On or about May 17, 2012, in Berwyn, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

GOMER THOMAS WILLIAMS,

for the purpose of executing the scheme described above, and attempting to do so, caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce a transfer of \$8,571.52 , via Western Union Speedpay, from the J.H. Trust account (#6861) at PNC Bank Association in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, to the Seterus Mortgage custodial ACH collection account at JP Morgan Chase Bank in Tampa, Florida, for the benefit of defendant WILLIAMS's mortgage account (#0034).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. As a result of the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343, set forth in this information, defendant

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shall forfeit to the United States of America any property that constitutes, or is derived from, proceeds traceable to the commission of such offenses, as charged in this indictment, including, but not limited to, the sum of \$503,361.

2. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, 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 divided

without difficulty, it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Sections 2461(c), incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).

ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY