

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR MAIL FRAUD

FELONY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO.

v.

* SECTION:

ROBERT LEO HACKETT

* VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. 1341

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. **ROBERT LEO HACKETT** was an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana.
2. As part of his law practice, **ROBERT LEO HACKETT** engaged in the representation of professional athletes in their workers' compensation claims.

B. THE SCHEME:

Beginning in or about January 1997 and continuing until in or about December 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **ROBERT LEO HACKETT**, did

unlawfully, willfully and knowingly devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, as set forth more fully below, well knowing at the time, that the pretenses, representations and promises would be and were false when made. The object of the defendant's scheme was to fraudulently obtain approximately \$462,615.03 from his clients.

In furtherance of the scheme and artifice to defraud, **ROBERT LEO HACKETT (HACKETT)** agreed to represent professional athletes in their workers' compensation claims. **HACKETT** mailed correspondence to his clients and to his clients' insurers in order to secure payment for his clients' sports-related injuries. **HACKETT** caused payments from the insurers to be sent to his custody and control. **HACKETT** then deposited the payments into his own bank account and spent the money for his own personal expenses. In many instances, **HACKETT** forged his clients' signatures and deposited the payments into his own account without his clients' knowledge.

C. THE MAILING:

On or about October 6, 2006, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, **ROBERT LEO HACKETT**, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud, and attempting to do so, did knowingly cause to be sent, delivered, and moved by the United States

Postal Service and any private or commercial interstate carrier a check in the amount of \$155,642.26 mailed from Mandeville, Louisiana to the law offices of **ROBERT LEO HACKETT** in Atlanta, Georgia.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON



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