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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA 15-60159-CR-HURLEY/HOPKINS

41 U.S.C. §§ 8702 &8707 26 U.S.C. § 7201

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Defendant.
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#### INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

#### Introduction

At various times relevant to this Indictment:

- Defendant VICTOR VILLALOBOS resided in Enterprise, Alabama, and was employed by Company A as a federal contractor at Fort Rucker, Alabama.
- Company A was a prime contractor, who entered into a contract with the Federal Government to furnish supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind.
- Person X owned and operated Company B, located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
   Person X and Company B were subcontractors, who furnished supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a subcontract entered into in connection with Company A's prime contract.
- 4. The term "kickback" means any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation of any kind that is provided to a prime contractor, prime contractor employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employee to improperly obtain or reward

favorable treatment in connection with a prime contract or a subcontract relating to a prime contract.

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") was an agency of the United States
 Department of Treasury responsible for administering the tax laws of the United States and collecting taxes owed to the United States.

#### Background

- 6. In or about 2009, the exact date being unknown to the grand jury, the defendant VICTOR VILLALOBOS (hereinafter "Villalobos") would and did approach Person X and solicit kickbacks on the federal subcontracts Person X and Company B had been awarded in connection with Company A's prime contract. VILLALOBOS agreed that in exchange for kickback payments he would refrain from conduct that would unfavorably affect Person X's and Company B's business relationship with Company A and help ensure Person X obtained additional business.
- 7. From in or about June 2009 to in or about December 2014, VILLALOBOS would and did receive into bank accounts he owned and controlled approximately 57 separate wire funds transfers totaling more than \$1.9 million in kickback payments from various foreign and domestic bank accounts controlled by Person X. Person X caused many of these wire transfers to be sent from within the Southern District of Florida.
- On January 26, 2015, VILLALOBOS met with Person X in Dothan, Alabama,
   and accepted an envelope containing \$5,000 in U.S. currency as a kickback.
- On February 9, 2015, VILLALOBOS met with Person X in Dothan, Alabama, and accepted a bag containing \$55,000 in U.S. currency as a kickback.
- Between in or about June 2009 and in or about February 2015, VILLALOBOS
   would and did take various steps to conceal his receipt of unlawful kickbacks to include, but not

limited to: incorporating nominee entities, opening nominee bank accounts, and causing to be prepared and filed false federal income tax returns.

#### COUNT 1 UNLAWFUL KICKBACKS 41 U.S.C. §§ 8702(2) & 8707

- The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.
- From in or about June 2009, through in or about February 2015, in a continuing course of conduct, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendant

#### VICTOR VILLALOBOS

knowingly and willfully solicited, accepted, and attempted to accept a kickback, that is, money, fees, commissions, credits, gifts, gratuities, things of value, and compensation provided, directly and indirectly, to VILLALOBOS, as a prime contractor employee, for the purpose of improperly obtaining and rewarding favorable treatment in connection with a subcontract relating to a prime contract, to wit: VILLALOBOS knowingly and willfully solicited, accepted, and attempted to accept a kickback from Person X and Company B for the purpose of improperly obtaining and rewarding favorable treatment in connection with Company B's performance on subcontracts and as a subcontractor for VILLALOBOS's employer, Company A.

All in violation of Title 41, United States Code, Sections 8702(2) & 8707.

### ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR DEFEAT TAX – 2009 26 U.S.C. § 7201

13. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.

 On or about March 29, 2010, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant

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who during the calendar year 2009 was married, did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his spouse to the United States of America for the calendar year 2009, by preparing and filing and causing to be prepared and filed with the IRS, a false and fraudulent joint Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040X, on behalf of himself and his spouse. In that false return, it was stated that his joint taxable income for the calendar year was approximately the sum of \$203,667 and the amount of tax due and owing thereon was approximately the sum of \$47,795. In fact, as he then and there knew, his joint taxable income for the calendar year was in excess of the amount stated on the return, and, upon the additional taxable income, a substantial additional tax was due and owing to the United States of America.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

#### <u>COUNT 3</u> <u>ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR DEFEAT TAX – 2010</u> 26 U.S.C. § 7201

- 15. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.
- That on or about October 5, 2011, in Broward County in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant

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who during the calendar year 2010 was married, did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his spouse to the United States of America for the calendar year 2010, by preparing and filing and causing to be prepared and filed with the IRS, a false and fraudulent joint U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, on behalf of himself and his spouse. In that false return, it was stated that his joint taxable income for the calendar year was approximately the sum of \$75,182 and the amount of tax due and owing thereon was approximately the sum of \$9,156. In fact, as he then and there knew, his joint taxable income for the calendar year was in excess of the amount stated on the return, and, upon the additional taxable income, a substantial additional tax was due and owing to the United States of America.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

## COUNT 4 ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR DEFEAT TAX – 2011 26 U.S.C. § 7201

- 17. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.
- That on or about April 6, 2012, in Broward County in the Southern District of
   Florida, the defendant

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who during the calendar year 2011 was married, did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his spouse to the United States of America for the calendar year 2011, by preparing and filing and causing to be prepared and filed with the IRS, a false and fraudulent joint U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, on behalf of himself and his spouse. In that false return, it was stated that his joint taxable income for the calendar year was approximately the sum of \$0 and the amount of tax due and owing thereon was approximately the sum of \$0. In fact, as he then and there knew, his joint taxable income for

the calendar year was in excess of the amount stated on the return, and, upon the additional taxable income, a substantial additional tax was due and owing to the United States of America.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

## COUNT 5 ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR DEFEAT TAX – 2012 26 U.S.C. § 7201

- 19. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.
- That on or about May 8, 2013, in Broward County in the Southern District of
   Florida, the defendant

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who during the calendar year 2012 was married, did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his spouse to the United States of America for the calendar year 2012, by preparing and filing and causing to be prepared and filed with the IRS, a false and fraudulent joint U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, on behalf of himself and his spouse. In that false return, it was stated that his joint taxable income for the calendar year was approximately the sum of \$33,961 and the amount of tax due and owing thereon was approximately the sum of \$2,226. In fact, as he then and there knew, his joint taxable income for the calendar year was in excess of the amount stated on the return, and, upon the additional taxable income, a substantial additional tax was due and owing to the United States of America.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

<u>COUNT 6</u> <u>ATTEMPT TO EVADE OR DEFEAT TAX – 2013</u> 26 U.S.C. § 7201 21. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as if copied verbatim.

 That on or about March 3, 2014, in Broward County in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant

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who during the calendar year 2013 was married, did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his spouse to the United States of America for the calendar year 2013, by preparing and filing and causing to be prepared and filed with the IRS, a false and fraudulent joint U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, on behalf of himself and his spouse. In that false return, it was stated that his joint taxable income for the calendar year was approximately the sum of \$32,189 and the amount of tax due and owing thereon was approximately the sum of \$1,934. In fact, as he then and there knew, his joint taxable income for the calendar year was in excess of the amount stated on the return, and, upon the additional taxable income, a substantial additional tax was due and owing to the United States of America.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

TRUE BILL:

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

UNITED STATE	ES OF AMERICA	CASE NO.	
vs.			
VICTOR RENE	VILLALOBOS, Defendant.	CERTIFICATE OF T	
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		CHARLESM	EDAR, JR.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Special Bar ID # is A5501671

\*Penalty Sheet(s) attached

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

#### PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name. VICTOR RENE VILLALOBOS
Case No:
Count #: 1
Prohibited Conduct and Criminal Penalties-Kickbacks
Title 41, United States Code, Section 8702; Title 41, United States Code, Section 8707
*Max. Penalty: Ten (10) years' imprisonment; three (3) years' supervised release; \$250,000 fine or twice the gross
Counts #: 2-6
Attempt to evade or defeat tax
Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201
*Max. Penalty: Five (5) years' imprisonment; three (3) years' supervised release; \$250,000 fine
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<sup>\*</sup>Refers only to possible term of incarceration, does not include possible fines, restitution, special assessments, parole terms or forfeitures that may be applicable.