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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**18 U.S.C. § 1341  
18 U.S.C. § 1343  
18 U.S.C. § 2  
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**vs.**

**CLAUDE SHAW,  
a/k/a "Mac,"  
a/k/a "Claude Mac,"**

**Defendant.**

\_\_\_\_\_ /

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNTS 1-2  
Mail Fraud  
(18 U.S.C. § 1341)**

From in or around September 2013, through in or around August 2015, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**CLAUDE SHAW,  
a/k/a "Mac,"  
a/k/a "Claude Mac,"**

did knowingly, and with intent to defraud, devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that they were false and fraudulent when made, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice to defraud, did knowingly cause to be delivered certain mail matter by United States mail and by private and commercial mail

carrier, according to the directions thereon.

### **THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE**

It was the purpose of the scheme and artifice for the defendant and his accomplices to unlawfully enrich themselves by: (a) falsely informing victims that the victims had won and were entitled to claim a large amount of money in a lottery; (b) fraudulently inducing the victims to pay money in advance of receiving their purported lottery winnings; and (c) thereafter keeping the victims' money for their own personal benefit and use without paying any lottery winnings.

### **MANNER AND MEANS**

The manner and means by which the defendant and his accomplices sought to accomplish the purpose of the scheme and artifice included the following:

1. Victims throughout the United States would receive telephone calls in which they were informed that they had won over a million dollars in a lottery and needed to pay money in advance to claim their winnings. The victims were instructed on how, and to whom, to send their money. The victims were instructed to send their money through wire transfers, the United States Postal Service, and private and commercial interstate carriers to **CLAUDE SHAW** and individuals who worked with **SHAW** at his place of employment.
2. **CLAUDE SHAW** would discuss plans to receive victims' money via cellular telephone text messages.
3. After receiving money from the victims, **CLAUDE SHAW** would send at least a portion of the victims' money to accomplices in Jamaica.
4. The victims never received any lottery winnings.

**USE OF THE MAILS**

5. On or about the dates specified as to each count below, **CLAUDE SHAW**, for the purpose of executing and in furtherance of the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, did knowingly cause to be delivered certain mail matter by United States mail, according to the directions thereon, as more particularly described below:

<b>COUNT</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF MAILING</b>
1	April 6, 2015	Cashier's check in the amount of \$11,400 sent via U.S. Mail from A.H. in Deer Creek, OK, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
2	August 18, 2015	Cashier's check in the amount of \$12,500 sent via U.S. Mail from H.V. in Roseville, MN, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 2.

**COUNTS 3-12**  
**Wire Fraud**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1343)**

From in or around September 2013, through in or around August 2015, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**CLAUDE SHAW,**  
**a/k/a "Mac,"**  
**a/k/a "Claude Mac,"**

did knowingly, and with intent to defraud, devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that they were false and fraudulent when made, and did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce by means of wire communications, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice.

**THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE**

It was the purpose of the scheme and artifice for the defendant and his accomplices to unlawfully enrich themselves by: (a) falsely informing victims that the victims had won and were entitled to claim a large amount of money in a lottery; (b) fraudulently inducing the victims to pay money in advance of receiving their purported lottery winnings; and (c) thereafter keeping the victims' money for their own personal benefit and use without paying any lottery winnings.

**MANNER AND MEANS**

The Manner and Means section of Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein as a description of the manner and means of the scheme and artifice.

**USE OF THE WIRES**

On or about the dates specified as to each count below, **CLAUDE SHAW**, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate and foreign commerce, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, as more particularly described below:

<b>COUNT</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WIRE TRANSMISSION</b>
3	November 29, 2013	Wire transfer of \$1,500 from K.T. in Brooklyn, NY, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
4	December 2, 2013	Wire transfer of \$500 from K.T. in Brooklyn, NY, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
5	December 3, 2013	Wire transfer of \$500 from K.T. in Brooklyn, NY, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
6	December 3, 2013	Wire transfer of \$220 from <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL, to Individual A in St. Catherine, Jamaica

<b>COUNT</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WIRE TRANSMISSION</b>
7	December 3, 2013	Wire transfer of \$900 from <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL, to Individual A in St. Catherine, Jamaica
8	December 10, 2013	Wire transfer of \$300 from <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL, to Individual A in St. Catherine, Jamaica
9	December 31, 2013	Wire transfer of \$1,600 from K.T. in Brooklyn, NY, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
10	January 3, 2014	Wire transfer of \$2,000 from <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL, to Individual A in St. Catherine, Jamaica
11	January 6, 2014	Wire transfer of \$150 from A.S. in Brooklyn, NY, to <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL
12	January 6, 2014	Wire transfer of \$2,000 from <b>CLAUDE SHAW</b> in Miramar, FL, to Individual A in St. Catherine, Jamaica

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

**FORFEITURE**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C))**

1. The allegations of this Indictment are re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant, **CLAUDE SHAW**, has an interest.

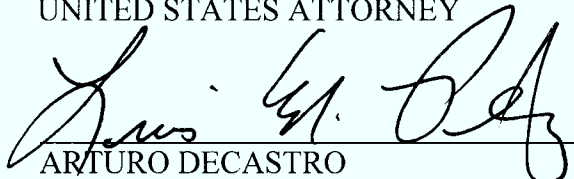
2. Upon conviction of any violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 or 1343, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such violation, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), as made applicable by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and the procedures set forth in Title 21 United States Code, Section 853.

A TRUE BILL

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FOREPERSON

  
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WIFREDO A. FERRER  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

  
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ARTURO DECASTRO  
TRIAL ATTORNEY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

vs.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY\***

CLAUDE SHAW,

Defendant.

\_\_\_\_\_ /

**Superseding Case Information:**

**Court Division:** (Select One)

X  Miami      Key West  
FTL      WPB      FTP

New Defendant(s) Yes      No       
Number of New Defendants       
Total number of counts    

I do hereby certify that:

- I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the indictment/Information attached hereto.
- I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. Section 3161.
- Interpreter: (Yes or No)  No   
List language and/or dialect \_\_\_\_\_
- This case will take  3-5  days for the parties to try.
- Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:

(Check only one)	(Check only one)
I 0 to 5 days <u> X </u>	Petty <u>    </u>
II 6 to 10 days <u>    </u>	Minor <u>    </u>
III 11 to 20 days <u>    </u>	Misdem. <u>    </u>
IV 21 to 60 days <u>    </u>	Felony <u> X </u>
V 61 days and over <u>    </u>	

6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No)  No

If yes:  
Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach copy of dispositive order)

Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No)  No

If yes:  
Magistrate Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Related Miscellaneous numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s) in federal custody as of \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s) in state custody as of \_\_\_\_\_  
Rule 20 from the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No)  No

- Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 14, 2003?      Yes  X  No
- Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to September 1, 2007?      Yes  X  No

  
 ARTURO DECASTRO  
 DOJ TRIAL ATTORNEY  
 Court No. A5501231

\*Penalty Sheet(s) attached

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

**Defendant's Name:** CLAUDE SHAW

**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_

Counts #: 1 - 2

Mail Fraud

18 U.S.C. § 1341

**\*Max Penalty:** Twenty (20) years' imprisonment as to each count.

Counts #: 3 - 12

Wire Fraud

18 U.S.C. § 1343

**\*Max Penalty:** Twenty (20) years' imprisonment as to each count.

Count #:

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**\*Max Penalty:** \_\_\_\_\_

Count #:

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**\*Max Penalty:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, does not include possible fines, restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.**