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15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
16 OAKLAND DIVISION

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

18 v.

19 CHUOKEE BO,

20 Defendant.

) Criminal No. **CR13-00730**
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) **INFORMATION**
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) VIOLATIONS: 15 U.S.C. § 1 –
) Bid Rigging (Count One);
) 18 U.S.C. § 1349 – Conspiracy to
) Commit Mail Fraud (Count Two)

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21 The United States of America, acting through its attorneys, charges:

22 CHUOKEE BO,

23 the defendant herein, as follows:

24 BACKGROUND

25 1. At all times relevant to this Information, when California homeowners defaulted
26 on their mortgages, mortgage holders could institute foreclosure proceedings and sell the
27 properties through non-judicial public real estate foreclosure auctions (“public auctions”). These
28 public auctions were governed by California Civil Code, Section 2924, *et seq.* Typically, a

1 trustee was appointed to oversee the public auctions. These public auctions usually took place at
2 or near the courthouse of the county in which the properties were located. The auctioneer, acting
3 on behalf of the trustee, sold the property to the bidder offering the highest purchase price.
4 Proceeds from the sale were then used to pay the mortgage holders, other holders of debt secured
5 by the property, and, in some cases, the defaulting homeowner (collectively, "beneficiaries").

6 COUNT ONE: 15 U.S.C. § 1 – Bid Rigging (Alameda County)

7 THE COMBINATION AND CONSPIRACY

8 2. Beginning as early as August 2009 and continuing until in or about October 2010,
9 the defendant, CHUOKEE BO, and co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a combination
10 and conspiracy to suppress and restrain competition by rigging bids to obtain selected properties
11 offered at public auctions in Alameda County in the Northern District of California, in
12 unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce, in violation of the Sherman Act, Title
13 15, United States Code, Section 1.

14 3. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement,
15 understanding, and concert of action among the defendant and his co-conspirators to suppress
16 competition by agreeing to refrain from or stop bidding against each other to purchase selected
17 properties at public auctions in Alameda County at non-competitive prices.

18 4. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged combination and
19 conspiracy, the defendant and his co-conspirators did those things that they combined and
20 conspired to do, including, among other things:

21 a. agreeing not to compete to purchase selected properties at public auctions
22 in Alameda County;

23 b. designating which conspirator would win the selected properties at the
24 public auctions for the group of conspirators; and

25 c. refraining from or stopping bidding for the selected properties at the
26 public auctions.

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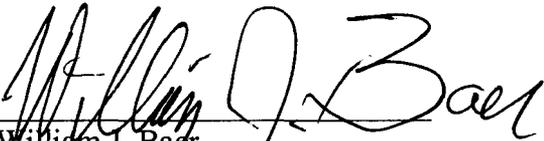
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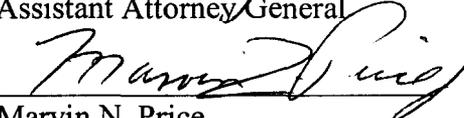
1 12. For the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to
2 do so, the defendant and his co-conspirators knowingly used and caused to be used the United
3 States Postal Service and private or commercial interstate carriers. For example, trustees used
4 the United States mail and private or commercial interstate carriers to transmit the Trustee's
5 Deeds Upon Sale and other title documents to participants in the conspiracy. These mailings
6 were foreseeable to the defendant in the ordinary course of business.

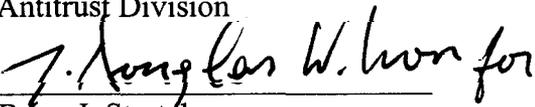
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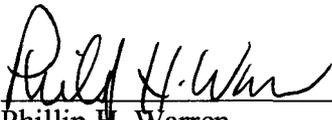
8 13. The combination, conspiracy, and agreement to violate Title 18, United States
9 Code, Section 1341 charged in this Information was carried out, in part, in the Northern District
10 of California, within the five years preceding the filing of this Information.

11 ALL IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1349.

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