UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
v.	:	Criminal No. 02 CR 865
DANA OKEY	:	Filed: 6/26/02
	:	Violation: 15 U.S.C. § 1
Defendant.	:	

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INFORMATION

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

1. Dana Okey is hereby made a defendant on the charge stated below.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENSE

2. Beginning at least in the early 1980s and continuing until at least June 1997, the exact dates being unknown to the United States, the defendant and co-conspirators engaged in a combination and conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of interstate and foreign trade and commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

3. The aforesaid combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among the defendant and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to rig bids for the purchase of stamps at auctions in the United States and elsewhere.

4. For the purpose of forming and effectuating the aforesaid combination and conspiracy, the defendant and co-conspirators did those things which they combined and conspired to do, including, among other things:

(a) participating in preauctions at which it was determined which stamp dealer would be the bidder for specific lots of stamps at the subsequent public auction;

(b) agreeing not to bid at public auctions against other stamp dealers who submitted the highest bid price at the preauction for lots of stamps;

(c) making payments to stamp dealers who agreed not to bid at public auctions when they were not the high bidder at the preauction for those lots of stamps.

II. DEFENDANT AND CO-CONSPIRATORS

5. Dana Okey is located in Solana Beach, California. During the period covered by this Information, Dana Okey was engaged in the purchase of stamps for resale as a stamp dealer.

6. During the period covered by this Information, Dana Okey determined the price to be bid for stamps he purchased at auction.

7. Various persons and companies, not made defendants herein, participated as co-conspirators in the offense charged herein and performed acts and made statements in furtherance thereof.

III. INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN TRADE AND COMMERCE

8. Stamps are often sold at auctions at which the highest bid price determines who will purchase the stamps. Stamp auctions take place periodically throughout the year at various locations in the United States, including in New York City, and elsewhere.

9. During the period covered by this Information, stamps of substantial value were bid for at public auctions at which the defendant and co-conspirators rigged the prices bid.

10. During the period covered by this Information, the activities of the defendant and co-conspirators with respect to the sale of stamps at public auctions were within the flow of, and substantially affected, interstate and foreign trade and commerce.

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. The aforesaid combination and conspiracy was carried out, in part, within the Southern District of New York within the five years preceding the filing of this Information.

IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 15, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1.

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