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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	Cr. No.: 00-573
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14 v.)	VIOLATION:
)	Title 15, United States Code,
15 GARFIELD PALLISTER,)	Section 1 -- Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade
)	(Bid Rigging)
16 Defendant)	
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19 **INFORMATION**

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

21 **I.**

22 **THE DEFENDANT**

- 23 1. GARFIELD PALLISTER is made a defendant on the charge stated below.
- 24 2. At all relevant times, defendant GARFIELD PALLISTER was the owner of Columbus
- 25 Books, a bookstore dealing in new and used books, located in San Francisco, California.
- 26 3. Various corporations and individuals not made defendants in this Information
- 27 participated as co-conspirators in the offense charged and performed acts and made statements in
- 28 furtherance of it.

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1 been allocated to each participant in the conspiracy. As a result, PALLISTER and his co-
2 conspirators were able to purchase certain book lots at prices lower than would have resulted from a
3 fully competitive auction, thereby depriving the United States Postal Service of the full value of the
4 auctioned merchandise.

5 IV.

6 TRADE AND COMMERCE

7 8. The auctions conducted by the San Francisco District attracted numerous out-of-state
8 bidders and involved books mailed to and from addresses in states other than the State of California.
9 In addition, the books were mailed by publishers, book clubs, and others that were located outside the
10 State of California. As a result of these activities, the auctions and the books sold at those auctions
11 were in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of, and substantially affected, interstate trade and
12 commerce.

13 9. The business activities of PALLISTER and his co-conspirators that are the subject of
14 this Information were within the flow of, and substantially affected, interstate trade and commerce.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. The combination and conspiracy charged in this Information was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California, within the five years preceding the filing of this Information. ALL IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 15, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1.

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