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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CRIM. NO. 1:19-00197-JB</b>
	*	<b>USAO NO. 19R00052</b>
<b>v.</b>	*	
	*	<b>VIOLATION: 18 USC §1343</b>
<b>THOMAS EDWARD BURNS</b>	*	
<b>A/K/A TOMMY BURNS</b>	*	

**INFORMATION**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:**

**COUNT ONE**  
18 U.S.C. § 1343  
(WIRE FRAUD)

On or about the date listed below, in the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**

did knowingly and willfully execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representation and promises by devising a scheme to defraud victims seeking to purchase insurance. Specifically, the defendant, **THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**, solicited insurance customers by falsely claiming that he was obtaining them insurance through various insurance companies. Thereafter, based on these false representations, he obtained payments of insurance premiums from said persons and then kept said money for his own benefit, without ever actually purchasing or paying the premiums on the insurance policies. As a result of his false representations, individuals were misled into believing they had insurance coverage when in fact, the policies of insurance had been cancelled for non-

payment of premiums.

In furtherance of the aforesaid scheme to defraud, on October 29, 2018, the defendant, for the purpose of executing of the above described scheme and attempting to do so, knowingly did cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce certain signs, signals and sounds by means of wire communication, via the internet. Specifically, the defendant, **THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**, sent an email to an insurance carrier, falsely claim that the victim had insurance coverage for a loss that occurred during a lapse in coverage due to nonpayment of the insurance premium when he knew said representation to be false.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.



RICHARD W. MOORE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

AUGUST 2019

**PENALTY PAGE**

**CASE STYLE: UNITED STATES v. TOMMY EDWARD BURNS**

**DEFENDANT: TOMMY EDWARD BURNS (COUNT 1)**

**USAO NO.: 19R00052**

**AUSA: Jamie A. Wilson**

**CODE VIOLATION:**

**COUNT 1: 18 USC § 1343, Wire Fraud**

**PENALTY:**

**COUNT 1: 20yrs/\$250,000/3yrs SRT/ \$100 SA**

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**v.**

**THOMAS EDWARD BURNS  
aka TOMMY BURNS**

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**CRIMINAL NO.** 1:19-00197-JB

**WAIVER OF INDICTMENT**

I, **THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**, the above named defendant, who is accused of wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Section 1343, being advised of the nature of the charges, the proposed Information, and of my rights, hereby waive in open court on \_\_\_\_\_, prosecution by Indictment and consent that the proceeding may be by Information rather than by Indictment.

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**THOMAS EDWARD BURNS**  
Defendant

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T. JEFFERSON DEEN, III  
Counsel for Defendant

Before \_\_\_\_\_  
*Judicial Officer*