UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVICION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case: 2:19-cr-20349 Judge: Cox, Sean F. MJ: Majzoub, Mona K. Filed: 05-30-2019 INDI USA VS READOUS (DP)

Plaintiff,

Violations: 18 U.S.C. § 1344 18 U.S.C. § 1028A 18 U.S.C. § 1709

v.

BRIANNA RENEE READOUS,

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNTS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR 18 U.S.C. § 1344 BANK FRAUD

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, BRIANNA RENEE READOUS, did knowingly execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud financial institutions, and to obtain money and funds owned by and under the custody and control of said financial institutions, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, that is pretenses and representations that she was the lawfully authorized account holder signing and executing checks to be deposited into her own personal bank account, and did obtain money and funds in the approximate amounts listed below by those pretenses and representations, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344, and with each transaction constituting a separate count of this Indictment:

| Count | Victim | Date on Check, Issuing Financial Institution | Approximate Date Deposited, Financial Institution of Deposit | Approximate Amount Obtained |
|-------|--------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | L.H. | March 20, 2017 Christian Financial Credit Union | March 21, 2017 Michigan First Credit Union | \$400 |
| 2 | E.H. | March 24, 2017 Genisys Credit Union | March 25, 2017 Michigan First Credit Union | \$660 |
| 3 | M.L.A. | March 24, 2017 Chase Bank | March 25, 2017 Michigan First Credit Union | \$645 |
| 4 | L.H. | March 26, 2017 Christian Financial Credit Union | March 27, 2017 Michigan First Credit Union | \$650 |

COUNTS FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, AND EIGHT 18 U.S.C. § 1028A AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, BRIANNA RENEE READOUS, did knowingly possess and use without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, including, but not limited to, bank account numbers, account holder information, and the forged signature of the account holder on checks issued to other persons that were entrusted to her and came into her possession by virtue of her employment with the United States Postal Service and were taken by her unlawfully, during and in relation to a felony violation enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(c) as set forth below, knowing that the means of identification belonged to another actual person, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1), with each date constituting a separate count of this Indictment:

| Count | Person Whose Identification Was Used | Approximate Date | Felony Offense |
|-------|--|---------------------|---|
| 5 | L.H. | March 21, 2017 | Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Count 1) |

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| 6 | E.H. | March 25, 2017 | Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Count 2) |
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| 7 | M.L.A. | March 25, 2017 | Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Count 3) |
| 8 | L.H. | March 27, 2017 | Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Count 4) |

<u>COUNT NINE</u> 18 U.S.C. § 1709

THEFT OF MAIL MATTER BY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

Beginning on or about March 20, 2017 and continuing through March 27, 2017, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, BRIANNA RENEE READOUS, who was then an employee of the United States Postal Service, did knowingly embezzle, steal, abstract, and remove letters, packages, mail, and articles and things contained therein, including checkbooks and checks issued to third parties, which were entrusted to her, and came into her possession intended to be conveyed by mail and carried and delivered by an employee of the United States Postal Service, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1709.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A)

The allegations contained in Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for purposes of alleging forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A).

Upon conviction of the offenses set forth in Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds she obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty;

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the United States shall be entitled, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b), to forfeit any property of such defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL

<u>s/ Grand Jury Foreperson</u> GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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