



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	<u>UNDER SEAL</u>
)	
v.)	Criminal No. 2:19cr 84
)	
WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA,)	18 U.S.C. § 1349
aka Donald Miller,)	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud
)	(Count One)
Defendant.)	
)	18 U.S.C. § 1343
)	Wire Fraud
)	(Counts Two-Three)
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)	18 U.S.C. § 1957
)	Unlawful Monetary Transactions
)	(Count Four)
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)	18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)
)	28 U.S.C. § 2461
)	Criminal Forfeiture

INDICTMENT

May 2019 – at Norfolk, Virginia

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise stated:

1. Defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA (“OGBONNA”) resided in Suffolk, Virginia, within the Eastern District of Virginia.

2. OGBONNA was the registered agent/owner of numerous business entities. When registering these entities with the Virginia State Corporation Commission, he provided different addresses as their business addresses. Specifically, OGBONNA incorporated:

- a. Global Empire Export Company (hereinafter GEEC): incorporated on July 17, 2014, terminated/cancelled on October 31, 2015.
- b. Diesel Universal Works LLC (hereinafter DUWLLC): incorporated on December 13, 2017, current status is listed as cancelled.
- c. Global Link LLC (hereinafter GLLLC), incorporated on October 18, 2018, current status is active.

3. From in or about October 2016 to at least in or about March 2019, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, together with others known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud the victims, and to obtain money and property from the victims by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and for the purpose of executing such a scheme and artifice, transmitted and caused to be transmitted, by means of wire communications in interstate and foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, contrary to Title 18, United States, Section 1343.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY

4. The purpose of the conspiracy was for defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, together with others known and unknown (collectively, the conspirators), to obtain money from victims on the fraudulent basis that the victims, among other falsehoods, is due to receive an inheritance and had to pay taxes and fees in order to receive the inheritance, from victims of Business Email Compromise scams, and through other fraudulent schemes.

THE WAYS, MANNER, AND MEANS OF CONSPIRACY

5. The ways, manner and means by which OGBONNA, and others known and unknown sought to accomplish this conspiracy included, but were not limited to, the following:

a. Conspirators contacted victims throughout the United States and informed the victims that they were due a large inheritance and promised the victims a significant share of money in return for a small up-front payment, such as an inheritance tax or fee, which the conspirators required in order for the victims to obtain the promised large sum. After a victim made a payment, the conspirators either disappeared or concocted and told additional lies regarding further fees and taxes to continue to steal additional funds from the victim. In truth and fact, as OGBONNA and conspirators were well aware, the victims were not due an inheritance and did not have to pay taxes and fees to obtain lottery winnings.

b. The conspirators directed the victims to wire money to various bank accounts opened by OGBONNA within the Eastern District of Virginia, as well as others' bank accounts, to pay for money requested for the taxes and fees. Wires were sent to OGBONNA's personal bank accounts as well as his business accounts.

c. Conspirators contacted victims via Business Email Compromise scams, whereby the conspirators targeted businesses that worked with various suppliers and clients and that regularly utilized wire transfer payments. Conspirators compromised legitimate business email accounts through social engineering or computer intrusion techniques to conduct unauthorized transfer of funds and usually hack or spoof a business executive or employee's email account. Using a fraudulent email address, conspirators sent emails to employees or clients and requested a transfer of funds to conspirators' bank accounts.

d. The conspirators directed the victims to wire money to various bank accounts opened by OGBONNA within the Eastern District of Virginia, as well as others' bank accounts, to pay for money requested by the business. Wires were sent to OGBONNA's personal bank accounts as well as his business accounts.

e. Victims wired money to OGBONNA's bank accounts, both business and personal. In furtherance of the scheme to defraud, conspirators caused the following wire transfers:

- i. On or about December 7, 2019, as a result of a scam, V.B., of Pennsylvania, wired \$17,000 to OGBONNA's GEEC BB&T Bank account x9774.
- ii. On or about January 25, 2019, as a result of an inheritance scam, victim T.H. located in Texas wired \$6,405 to OGBONNA's GLLLC SONA Bank account x6600.
- iii. On or about February 7, 2019, victim T.H. additionally wired \$75,000 to OGBONNA's GLLLC Old Point National Bank account x0701.
- iv. As a result of a scam, a victim wired \$27,500 to Y.S.'s bank account. Y.S. then wired \$3,600 to OGBONNA's TD Bank account x3538.

f. OGBONNA split the proceeds of this fraudulent scheme by thereafter transferring money from his bank accounts through cashier's checks and wires to conspirators.

(All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

COUNTS TWO-THREE
(Wire Fraud)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. The allegations in paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count One are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

2. On or about the following dates, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, together with others known and unknown, each aiding and abetting the other, knowingly transmitted, and caused to be transmitted by means of a wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, the following matters:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ITEM TRANSMITTED</u>
TWO	January 28, 2019	Wire of approximately \$6405 from victim T.H. in Texas to OGBONNA's SONA Bank account x6600 in Hampton
THREE	February 7, 2019	Wire of approximately \$75,000 from victim T.H. to OGBONNA's Old Point National Bank account x0701 in Hampton

(All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.)

COUNT FOUR
(Unlawful Monetary Transactions)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. The allegations in paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count One are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.
2. On or about February 11, 2019, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant, WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, knowingly engaged and attempted to engage in a monetary transaction by, through, and to a financial institution, affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, that is, fraudulently obtained money from victim T.H., such property having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, that is, wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343; to wit, the defendant sent a \$49,915 wire from Old Point National Bank account x0701.

(All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957.)

FORFEITURE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE THAT:

1. Defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, if convicted of one or more of the violations alleged in Counts One, Two or Three of the Indictment, shall forfeit to the United States, as part of the sentencing pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2, any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the violation.

2. Defendant WILLIAM ONYEBUCHI OGBONNA, if convicted of one or more of the violations alleged in Count Four of the Indictment, shall forfeit to the United States, as part of the sentencing pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2, any property, real or personal, involved in the violation, or any property traceable to such property.

4. If any property that is subject to forfeiture 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 to, 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, it is the intention of the United States to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant, as subject to forfeiture under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

(All in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(1); Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).)

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Criminal No. 2:19cr 84

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Criminal Case Cover Sheet

U.S. District Court

Place of Offense:		Under Seal: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Judge Assigned:
City: <u>EDVA</u>	Criminal Complaint:		Criminal Number: <u>2:19cr84</u>
County/Parish:	Same Defendant:	New Defendant: William Onyebuchi Ogbonna	
	Magistrate Judge Case Number:	Arraignment Date:	
	Search Warrant Case Number:	•	
	R 20/R 40 from District of _____		

Defendant Information:

Juvenile: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI# ---- Virginia Driver's License #A60601597				
Defendant Name: William Onyebuchi Ogbonna			Alias Name(s): Donald Miller		
Address: Suffolk, VA 23323					
Birth Date: 1976	SS#:	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Nationality: USA	Place of Birth:
Height:	Weight:	Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown	Scars/Tattoos:	
Interpreter: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		List Language and/or dialect:			

Location Status:

Arrest Date:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Already in Federal Custody as of: _____ in: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Already in State Custody	<input type="checkbox"/> On Pretrial Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Custody
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Fugitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Summons Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant Pending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detention Sought	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond

Defense Counsel Information:

Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Court Appointed
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Retained
Telephone:	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Defender
	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Federal Public Defender should not be appointed due to conflict of interest
	<input type="checkbox"/> CJA attorney: _____ should not be appointed due to conflict of interest

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Complainant Agency, Address & Phone Number or Person & Title:

FBI Norfolk Field Office, 509 Resource Row, Chesapeake, VA 23320
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U.S.C. Citations:

	Code/Section	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)	Capital/Felony/Misd/Petty
Set 1	18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	1	Felony
Set 2	18 U.S.C. § 1343	Wire Fraud	2-3	Felony
Set 3	18 U.S.C. § 1957	Money Laundering	4	Felony
Set 4	18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461	Forfeiture		