

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MCALLEN DIVISION

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KAMTA RAMNARINE,

Defendant.

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Criminal No.

M-16-1164

INFORMATION

The United States charges that at all times material to this Information (unless otherwise specified):

General Allegations

1. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (“FCPA”), as amended, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-1, *et seq.*, was enacted by Congress for the purpose of, among other things, making it unlawful to act corruptly in furtherance of an offer, promise, authorization, or payment of money or anything of value, directly or indirectly, to a foreign official for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business for, or directing business to, any person.

2. “The Foreign State Government” was the government of one of the thirty-one states that comprise Mexico. The Foreign State Government was a “foreign government,” and an “agency” and “department” of a foreign government, as those terms are used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(2).

3. “Foreign Official 1” was an employee of The Foreign State Government with responsibility for maintaining The Foreign State Government’s aircraft from at least in or around 2005 to in or around December 2010. Thus, from at least in or around 2005 to in or around

December 2010, Foreign Official 1 was a “foreign official,” as that term is used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(2).

4. “Foreign Official 2” was an employee of The Foreign State Government with responsibility for maintaining The Foreign State Government’s aircraft from in or around January 2011 through at least in or around July 2016. Thus, from at least in or around January 2011 through at least in or around July 2016, Foreign Official 2 was a “foreign official,” as that term is used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(2).

5. “Aviation Corporation A” was a United States company, headquartered in Texas, which provided maintenance, repair, overhaul, and related services to customers in the United States and from Mexico, including to The Foreign State Government and instrumentalities of The Foreign State Government. Thus, at all relevant times, Aviation Corporation A was a “domestic concern,” as that term is used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(1).

6. The defendant, **KAMTA RAMNARINE** (“defendant **RAMNARINE**”) was a citizen of the United States and resident of Texas. Defendant **RAMNARINE** was an employee of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 1975 to at least in or around July 2016. Defendant **RAMNARINE** was the President of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 1993 to in or around 2010, and defendant **RAMNARINE** was the General Manager of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 2010 through at least in or around July 2016. Defendant **RAMNARINE** was an owner of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 1993 through in or around 2010. Thus, at all relevant times, defendant **RAMNARINE** was a “domestic concern” and an officer, employee and agent of a “domestic concern,” as those terms are used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(1).

7. Daniel Perez (“Perez”) was a citizen of the United States and a resident of Texas. Perez was the Director of Maintenance of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 1978 through at least in or around July 2016. Perez was an owner of Aviation Corporation A from in or around 1993 through in or around 2010. Thus, at all relevant times, Perez was a “domestic concern” and an officer, employee and agent of a “domestic concern,” as those terms are used in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(1).

COUNT 1
Conspiracy to violate the FCPA
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

8. From in or around 2007 through in or around April 2015, the exact dates being unknown, in the Southern District of Texas, and elsewhere, the defendant,

KAMTA RAMNARINE,

did knowingly and willfully conspire, confederate and agree with Perez and others, known and unknown, to commit offenses against the United States, that is, to willfully make use of the mails and means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, and authorization of the payment of any money, offer, gift, promise to give, and authorization of the giving of anything of value, to a foreign official, and to a person, while knowing that all or a portion of such money and thing of value would be and had been offered, given, and promised to a foreign official, for purposes of: (i) influencing acts and decisions of such foreign official in his or her official capacity; (ii) inducing such foreign official to do and omit to do acts in violation of the lawful duty of such official; (iii) securing an improper advantage; and (iv) inducing such foreign official to use his or her influence with a foreign government and agencies and instrumentalities thereof to affect and influence acts and decisions of such government and agencies and instrumentalities, in order to assist defendant

RAMNARINE, Perez, and others in obtaining and retaining business for and with, and directing business to, Aviation Corporation A, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2.

Purpose of the Conspiracy

9. It was a purpose of the conspiracy for defendant **RAMNARINE** and his co-conspirators to obtain and retain business for Aviation Corporation A from The Foreign State Government and instrumentalities of The Foreign State Government by paying bribes to foreign officials, including Foreign Official 1 and Foreign Official 2.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

10. The manner and means by which defendant **RAMNARINE** and his co-conspirators sought to accomplish the purpose and object of the conspiracy included, among other things, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, the following:

11. Defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others discussed in person, and through other means, making the bribe payments – which they sometimes called “commissions” – to foreign officials (the “Foreign Officials”), including Foreign Official 1 and Foreign Official 2, in order to obtain and retain business with The Foreign State Government and instrumentalities of The Foreign State Government.

12. Defendant **RAMNARINE** and others agreed to pay, promised to pay, and authorized the payment of money to, and for the benefit of the Foreign Officials to help Aviation Corporation A obtain and retain business with The Foreign State Government and instrumentalities of The Foreign State Government.

13. Defendant **RAMNARINE** instructed others to deposit bribe payments into bank accounts controlled by Foreign Official 1 and Foreign Official 2 in Texas.

14. Defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, the Foreign Officials, and others took steps to conceal the bribe scheme, including by hiding the amount of the bribe payments in invoices sent to The Foreign State Government and instrumentalities of The Foreign State Government.

Overt Acts

15. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its object and purpose, the conspirators committed, and caused to be committed, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, the following overt acts, among others:

a. On or about March 13, 2007, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 1 in the amount of approximately \$140,000 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 1's bank account in Texas.

b. On or about October 29, 2008, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 1 in the amount of approximately \$55,000 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 1's bank account in Texas.

c. On or about July 20, 2009, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 1 in the amount of approximately \$45,000 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 1's bank account in Texas.

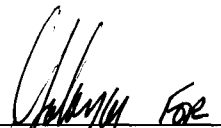
d. On or about December 22, 2010, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 1 in the amount of approximately \$35,000 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 1's bank account in Texas.

e. On or about May 30, 2012, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 2 in the amount of approximately \$2,240 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 2's bank account in Texas.

f. On or about June 10, 2013, defendant **RAMNARINE**, Perez, and others caused Aviation Corporation A to make a corrupt payment to Foreign Official 2 in the amount of approximately \$2,347 from Aviation Corporation A's bank account in Texas that was deposited into Foreign Official 2's bank account in Texas.


All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

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