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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and
EVENS JEAN,

Defendants.
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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

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I N D I C T M E N T

Cr. No. 24-CR-263
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 982(a)(7), 982(b)(1),
1001(a)(2), 1347, 1349, 2 and 3551 et
seq.; T. 21, U.S.C., §§ 841(a)(1),
841(b)(1)(E), 846, 853(a) and 853(p))

Judge LaShann DeArcy Hall
Magistrate Judge James R. Cho

I N T R O D U C T I O N

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

I. Background

A. The Medicare and Medicaid Programs

1. The Medicare program ("Medicare") was a federal health care program providing benefits to persons who were at least 65 years old or disabled. Medicare was administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), a federal agency under the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"). Individuals who received benefits under Medicare were referred to as Medicare "beneficiaries."

2. The New York State Medicaid program ("Medicaid") was a federal and state health care program providing benefits to individuals and families who met specified financial and other eligibility requirements, and certain other individuals who lacked adequate resources to pay for medical care. CMS was responsible for overseeing the Medicaid program

in participating states, including New York. Individuals who received benefits under Medicaid were referred to as Medicaid “recipients.”

3. Medicare and Medicaid each qualified as a “health care benefit program,” as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b).

4. Medicare included coverage under various parts including medical insurance (“Medicare Part B”) and prescription drug insurance (“Medicare Part D”). Medicare Part B covered the costs of physicians’ services and outpatient care, including addiction treatment. Medicare Part D provided prescription drug coverage to persons who were eligible for Medicare. Generally, Medicare covered these costs only if, among other requirements, they were medically necessary and ordered by a licensed medical provider.

5. Medicaid covered the costs of medical services and products ranging from routine preventive medical care for children to institutional care for the elderly and disabled. Among the specific medical services and products provided by Medicaid was addiction treatment. Generally, Medicaid covered these costs only if, among other requirements, they were medically necessary and ordered by a licensed medical provider.

6. Medicaid recipients could obtain their medical services and prescription drug benefits either through “fee-for-service” enrollment or through Medicaid Managed Care plans, which were administered by private insurance companies (Managed Care Organizations, or “MCOs”) that were paid by Medicaid.

7. HHS was required to exclude any individual or entity from participating in all federal health care programs upon conviction for certain crimes, including a criminal offense related to the delivery of an item or service under Medicare, Medicaid or any state health care program, or a felony conviction related to health care fraud or controlled substances.

8. The effect of exclusion was to prohibit the payment by any federal health care program, including Medicare and Medicaid, for any items or services the excluded person or entity furnished, ordered, or prescribed in any capacity. Excluded persons were also prohibited from furnishing administrative and management services, including health information technology services, strategic planning, billing and human resources, even if the services did not directly involve patient care or the provision of any health care related services.

9. Medical providers were authorized to submit claims to Medicare and Medicaid only for services they actually rendered and were required to maintain patient records verifying the provision of services. By submitting a claim, the provider certified, among other things, that the services were rendered to the patient, were medically necessary, were not rendered as a result of kickbacks and bribes and were not otherwise ineligible for payment, such as claims for services furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded provider. Medicare and Medicaid did not reimburse for services that were medically unnecessary, rendered as a result of kickbacks and bribes or furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded provider.

10. Medicare and Medicaid covered prescriptions for controlled substances, including buprenorphine, a medication designed to treat patients with opioid use disorder, that were obtained from a state-licensed physician, or other appropriately licensed health care provider, who was registered as required with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"). Medicare and Medicaid required that any drug prescribed by a participating provider must be safe and effective and otherwise reasonable and necessary and would only reimburse for claims for prescriptions that were prescribed within the usual course of professional practice and for a legitimate medical purpose. Medicare and Medicaid required that prescriptions were written within the usual course of professional practice and for a legitimate medical purpose.

B. The Controlled Substances Act

11. The Controlled Substances Act (“CSA”), Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) et seq., and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.04, governed the manufacture, distribution and dispensation of controlled substances in the United States. With limited exceptions for medical professionals, the CSA made it unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance or conspire to do so.

12. The term “controlled substance” meant a drug or other substance, or immediate precursor, included in Schedules I, II, III, IV and V, as designated by Title 21, United States Code, Section 802(c)(6), and the Code of Federal Regulations. The designation “Schedule III” meant the drug or other substance had a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence and had less abuse potential than Schedule I or Schedule II substances but more than Schedule IV substances.

13. Buprenorphine was a Schedule III controlled substance. Buprenorphine was marketed in the United States as, among other things, Suboxone.

14. Medical practitioners, such as nurse practitioners and physicians, who were authorized to prescribe controlled substances by the jurisdiction in which they were licensed to practice medicine, were authorized under the CSA to prescribe, or otherwise distribute, controlled substances, if they were registered with the Attorney General of the United States. 21 U.S.C. § 822(b); 21 C.F.R. § 1306.03. Medical practitioners were required to register with the DEA in order to prescribe controlled substances. The registration of mid-level practitioners, such as nurse practitioners, was contingent upon the authority granted by the state in which they were licensed. Upon application by the practitioner, the DEA assigned a unique

registration number to each qualifying medical practitioner. The DEA was responsible for enforcement of controlled substance laws in the United States.

15. To be effective, a prescription for a controlled substance was required to be “issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his professional practice.” 21 C.F.R. § 1306.04(a).

C. Buprenorphine and the DATA Waiver Program

16. Pursuant to the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (“DATA”) and accompanying rules and regulations, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”), a federal agency under HHS, issued special licenses to those DEA-licensed medical professionals who wished to prescribe buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder. These licenses, known as “DATA waivers,” permitted qualified practitioners, including nurse practitioners, to dispense or prescribe buprenorphine in clinic settings. Practitioners who did not possess a DATA waiver could not prescribe buprenorphine, even if they maintained a license issued by the DEA to prescribe controlled substances.

17. In order to receive a DATA waiver, practitioners were required to have a DEA registration number and complete 24 hours of additional training. The DEA assigned special identification numbers to practitioners who received DATA waivers.

18. Rules and regulations and policies pertaining to DATA waivers, including but not limited to those rules and regulations enforced by SAMHSA and the DEA, required that DATA-waived practitioners who prescribed buprenorphine assess patients in connection with prescribing the medication in order to ascertain whether the medication was appropriate for the patient’s medical condition. Prior to 2020, certain such assessments were required to be in

person. After the COVID-19 pandemic began, the required assessments could take place by means of telemedicine.

D. The Defendants and Relevant Individuals and Entities

19. American Medical Utilization Management Corporation, doing business as AMUMC / American Medical Centers (together, “AMC” or the “Clinic”), was a medical clinic that operated in Brooklyn, New York. AMC purported to offer a variety of services including, but not limited to, primary care, women’s health, non-addictive pain management, laboratory testing, podiatry services, physical therapy and obesity treatment.

20. The defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARCAH was a resident of the State of New York and was the owner of AMC. BROWN-ARCAH was not a medical practitioner and was not licensed to prescribe medications.

21. The defendant EVENS JEAN was a resident of the State of New York until approximately June 2020 and thereafter of the State of Florida, and a licensed nurse practitioner. Beginning in or about June 2019, JEAN was a DATA-waived practitioner. JEAN was employed by or affiliated with AMC between approximately 2019 and 2023.

22. Co-Conspirator-1, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, was a resident of the State of New York and a licensed podiatrist. Co-Conspirator-1 was employed by AMC between approximately 2003 and 2023. Co-Conspirator-1 was convicted in 2016 of conspiracy to distribute oxycodone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841. Although Co-Conspirator-1 remained a licensed medical practitioner after conviction, Co-Conspirator-1 no longer had a license to prescribe controlled substances and was excluded from serving as a provider by the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

23. Provider-1, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, was a licensed medical practitioner who worked at AMC until approximately 2022.

24. MCO-1, an entity the identity of which is known to the Grand Jury, was a Medicaid MCO that insured Medicaid recipients in New York.

25. MCO-2, an entity the identity of which is known to the Grand Jury, was a Medicaid MCO that insured Medicaid recipients in New York.

26. Individual-1, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, was a patient at AMC who was prescribed buprenorphine by the defendant EVENS JEAN.

Individual-1 was insured at various times by MCO-1 and MCO-2.

27. Individual-2, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, was a patient at AMC who was prescribed buprenorphine by the defendant EVENS JEAN.

Individual-1 was insured by MCO-2.

II. The Fraudulent Scheme and Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances

28. Between approximately June 2020 and March 2023, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and EVENS JEAN, together with Co-Conspirator-1 and others, submitted and caused the submission of false and fraudulent claims to health care benefit programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, for health care services that were not provided, not provided as billed, provided by an excluded provider and/or otherwise ineligible for reimbursement. BROWN-ARKAH, JEAN, Co-Conspirator-1 and others also unlawfully prescribed and caused the prescription of controlled substances that were not for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice, including but not limited to buprenorphine, which prescriptions resulted in claims to Medicare and Medicaid.

A. The Buprenorphine Prescriptions

29. Prior to June 2020, the defendant EVENS JEAN worked on the premises of AMC and prescribed buprenorphine, among other things, to patients at AMC. In or about June 2020, JEAN moved to Florida. Around that time, the defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH, JEAN, Co-Conspirator-1 and others agreed that JEAN would continue to prescribe buprenorphine and other medications to AMC's patients by telemedicine while working remotely from Florida. In reality, JEAN unlawfully prescribed buprenorphine and other medications to AMC's patients while rarely, if ever, conducting telemedicine consultations or having other interactions with the patients.

30. Instead, at the defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH's direction, Co-Conspirator-1 met with patients in person at AMC and entered notes of their meetings into AMC's electronic medical records ("EMR") system. Co-Conspirator-1's notes indicated, among other things, that buprenorphine and sometimes other prescription medications and items should be prescribed to the patients even though Co-Conspirator-1 was not lawfully permitted to prescribe them. Co-Conspirator-1 would then contact the defendant EVENS JEAN to inform him that the patients were waiting for prescriptions. After Co-Conspirator-1 alerted JEAN to the need for the prescriptions, JEAN used the EMR system to send prescriptions for buprenorphine and other medications to patients' pharmacies, without conducting any interaction with the patients or validly determining their medical need for the prescriptions.

31. On days when Co-Conspirator-1 did not work at AMC, patients would still come to AMC for prescriptions but would generally not see a medical provider. Instead, other individuals at AMC, including but not limited to the defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH, would notify the defendant EVENS JEAN that patients were waiting for their

prescriptions. JEAN would then issue the requested prescriptions, including for buprenorphine. On some such occasions, BROWN-ARCAH also directed JEAN to increase the amount of buprenorphine prescribed to patients with whom JEAN did not consult. On others, BROWN-ARCAH directed JEAN to change the type of medication previously prescribed.

32. By prescribing buprenorphine to patients without first interacting with the patients and without making an independent assessment of patients' need for buprenorphine, the defendant EVENS JEAN knowingly and intentionally prescribed buprenorphine that was not for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice.

B. The Fraudulent Claims to Medicare and Medicaid

33. The pharmacies to which the defendant EVENS JEAN sent prescriptions for buprenorphine and other items billed Medicare and Medicaid, including but not limited to Medicaid MCOs, for dispensing the prescribed items. In total, between approximately June 2020 and March 2023, these pharmacies billed Medicare and Medicaid approximately \$7,153,495.75, and were paid approximately \$6,675,964.50, for prescription medications and other items prescribed by JEAN, including but not limited to over approximately 850,000 doses of buprenorphine. These claims were false and fraudulent because, among other reasons, they (a) stemmed from services furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded provider, and (b) sought reimbursement for controlled substances prescribed without a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice.

34. It was further part of the scheme that, under the direction of the defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARCAH, AMC staff would bill Medicare and Medicaid for office-based services that were ineligible for reimbursement. In particular, after patients visited AMC and received buprenorphine prescriptions from the defendant EVENS JEAN, AMC staff

typically drafted false and fraudulent medical notes memorializing the purported services and submitted claims for office visits and addiction-related counseling to the patients' insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid. The claims were typically billed under the name of Provider-1, even though Provider-1 had not met with the patients. In reality, the patients had either met with Co-Conspirator-1, whose services could not legally be billed to Medicare and Medicaid, or, on some occasions, no medical professional at all. The claims were therefore false and fraudulent.

35. In or about and between February 2022 and May 2022, Individual-1 was repeatedly prescribed buprenorphine by the defendant EVENS JEAN despite never meeting or speaking with JEAN. In total, Individual-1 received buprenorphine prescribed by JEAN approximately four times. On each occasion, Individual-1's insurers, MCO-1 and MCO-2, were billed for multiple false and fraudulent claims, including office visits and counseling, as well as the buprenorphine itself. For example:

(a) On or about February 16, 2022, Individual-1 met with Co-Conspirator-1 for approximately eight minutes and was subsequently prescribed buprenorphine by JEAN. Individual-1 did not meet with any other practitioner at AMC. AMC, however, submitted two false and fraudulent claims to MCO-1 under the name of Provider-1 for Individual-1's February 16, 2022 visit: (i) an established patient office visit of 20 to 29 minutes; and (ii) a 15-minute preventive medicine counseling session. JEAN also caused Individual-1's pharmacy to submit a false and fraudulent claim to MCO-1 for dispensing the buprenorphine.

(b) On or about March 23, 2022, Individual-1 went to AMC and told Co-Conspirator-1 and the defendant JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH, in sum and substance, that Individual-1 would not stay for an appointment that day. Co-Conspirator-1 replied, in sum

and substance, that a buprenorphine prescription would be sent to Individual-1's pharmacy. Individual-1 was subsequently prescribed buprenorphine by JEAN. AMC submitted two false and fraudulent claims to MCO-1 under the name of Provider-1 for Individual-1's March 23, 2022 visit: (i) an established patient office visit of 20 to 29 minutes; and (ii) a 15-minute preventive medicine counseling session. JEAN also caused Individual-1's pharmacy to submit a false and fraudulent claim to MCO-1 for dispensing the buprenorphine.

(c) On or about April 20, 2022, Individual-1 met with BROWN-ARKAH and was subsequently prescribed buprenorphine by JEAN. AMC submitted two false and fraudulent claims to MCO-2 under the name of Provider-1 for Individual-1's April 20, 2022 visit: (i) an established patient office visit of 20 to 29 minutes; and (ii) a 15-minute preventive medicine counseling session. JEAN also caused Individual-1's pharmacy to submit a false and fraudulent claim to MCO-2 for dispensing the buprenorphine.

36. On or about May 26, 2022, Individual-2 met with Co-Conspirator-1 at AMC. Individual-2 subsequently received buprenorphine prescribed by the defendant EVENS JEAN despite having never met or spoken with JEAN. JEAN also caused Individual-2's pharmacy to submit a false and fraudulent claim to MCO-2 for dispensing the buprenorphine.

III. The False Statements

37. On or about March 12, 2024, the defendant EVENS JEAN attended a meeting at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York ("USAO-EDNY") in Brooklyn, New York with representatives from the United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Fraud Section, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General ("HHS-OIG") and the DEA. In that meeting, JEAN made multiple false statements regarding his prescribing of buprenorphine. Among other false

statements, JEAN stated, in sum and substance, that he spoke to each patient every time he issued a buprenorphine prescription to them.

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud)

38. The allegations in paragraphs one through 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

39. In or about and between June 2020 and March 2023, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and EVENS JEAN, together with others, did knowingly and willfully conspire to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud one or more health care benefit programs, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), to wit: Medicare and Medicaid, and to obtain, by means of one or more materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Medicare and Medicaid, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items and services, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1349 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNTS TWO THROUGH NINE
(Health Care Fraud)

40. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

41. In or about and between June 2020 and March 2023, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and EVENS JEAN, together with others, did knowingly and willfully execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud one or more health care benefit programs, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), to

wit: Medicare and Medicaid, and to obtain, by means of one or more materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Medicare and Medicaid, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items and services.

42. On or about the dates specified below, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and EVENS JEAN, together with others, did submit and cause to be submitted the following false and fraudulent claims to MCO-1 and MCO-2, in an attempt to execute, and in execution of, the scheme described above:

Count	Approx. Date	Description
TWO	February 16, 2022	Claim for buprenorphine submitted and billed to MCO-1 in the approximate amount of \$506.55 in connection with Individual-1
THREE	March 23, 2022	Claim for buprenorphine submitted and billed to MCO-1 in the approximate amount of \$252.36 in connection with Individual-1
FOUR	April 20, 2022	Claim for buprenorphine submitted and billed to MCO-2 in the approximate amount of \$196.19 in connection with Individual-1
FIVE	June 8, 2022	Claim for buprenorphine submitted and billed to MCO-2 in the approximate amount of \$93.35 in connection with Individual-2
SIX	March 23, 2022	Claim for office visit submitted and billed to MCO-1 in the approximate amount of \$275.00 in connection with Individual-1

Count	Approx. Date	Description
SEVEN	March 23, 2022	Claim for counseling services submitted and billed to MCO-1 in the approximate amount of \$100.00 in connection with Individual-1
EIGHT	April 20, 2022	Claim for office visit submitted and billed to MCO-2 in the approximate amount of \$275.00 in connection with Individual-1
NINE	April 20, 2022	Claim for counseling services submitted and billed to MCO-2 in the approximate amount of \$100.00 in connection with Individual-1

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1347, 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TEN

(Conspiracy to Distribute Buprenorphine)

43. The allegations in paragraphs one through 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

44. In or about and between June 2020 and March 2023, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARKAH and EVENS JEAN, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and dispense controlled substances through prescriptions that were not issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting within the usual course of professional practice, to wit: buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(b)(1)(E); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3551 et seq.)

COUNTS ELEVEN THROUGH THIRTEEN
(Distribution of Buprenorphine)

45. The allegations in paragraphs one through 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

46. On or about the dates specified below, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSEPH TONY BROWN-ARCAH and EVENS JEAN, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally distribute and dispense controlled substances through prescriptions that were not issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting within the usual course of professional practice, to wit: buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance, as set forth below:

Count	Approx. Date	Description
ELEVEN	February 16, 2022	Buprenorphine prescription issued to Individual-1
TWELVE	March 23, 2022	Buprenorphine prescription issued to Individual-1
THIRTEEN	April 20, 2022	Buprenorphine prescription issued to Individual-1

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(E); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOURTEEN
(Material False Statements)

47. The allegations in paragraphs one through 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

48. On or about March 12, 2024, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant EVENS JEAN, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, to wit: the HHS-OIG and DEA, did knowingly and willfully make one or more materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations, to

wit: that JEAN personally spoke to each patient every time JEAN issued a buprenorphine prescription to them, when in fact, as JEAN then and there well knew and believed, JEAN did not personally speak to each patient to whom JEAN issued a buprenorphine prescription.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and 3551 et seq.)

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS ONE THROUGH NINE

49. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendants that, upon their conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts One through Nine, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7), which requires any person convicted of a federal health care offense to forfeit property, real or personal, that constitutes, or is derived directly or indirectly from, gross proceeds traceable to the commission of such offenses.

50. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- (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 which cannot be

divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), to seek forfeiture of any

other property of the defendants up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(7) and 982(b)(1); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

**CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS TEN THROUGH THIRTEEN**

51. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendants that, upon their conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts Ten through Thirteen, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a), which requires any person convicted of such offenses to forfeit: (a) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such offenses; and (b) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses.

52. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- (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 which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a) and 853(p))

/ A TRUE BILL

s/

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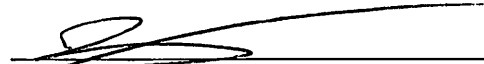
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1. Title of Case: United States v. Joseph Tony Brown-Arkah et al.
2. Related Magistrate Docket Number(s): n/a
3. Arrest Date: n/a
4. Nature of offense(s): ☒ Felony
☐ Misdemeanor
5. Related Cases - Title and Docket No(s). (Pursuant to Rule 50.3.2 of the Local E.D.N.Y. Division of Business Rules): U.S. v. Stephen Owusu, 24-cr-255 (under seal)
6. Projected Length of Trial: Less than 6 weeks ☒
More than 6 weeks ☐
7. County in which crime was allegedly committed: Kings
(Pursuant to Rule 50.1(d) of the Local E.D.N.Y. Division of Business Rules)
8. Was any aspect of the investigation, inquiry and prosecution giving rise to the case pending or initiated before March 10, 2012.¹ ☐ Yes ☒ No
9. Has this indictment/information been ordered sealed? ☒ Yes ☐ No
10. Have arrest warrants been ordered? ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. Is there a capital count included in the indictment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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¹ Judge Brodie will not accept cases that were initiated before March 10, 2012.