

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of West Virginia

United States of America

v.

Case No.

3:26-mj-00032

HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of July 2, 2021, to August 22, 2022 in the county of Cabell in the
Southern District of West Virginia, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. § 1349

Conspiracy to commit wire fraud

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

From on or about July 2, 2021, to at least on or about August 22, 2022, at or near Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, and within the Southern District of West Virginia and elsewhere defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS, Raymond C. Meadows II, and K.P., conspired to commit wire fraud. The Lifehouse, Inc., ("Lifehouse") was a non-profit, long-term, faith-based substance abuse recovery program headquartered in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia. Lifehouse served as a sober living community and received expense reimbursements through both state and federal government grant programs. Raymond C. Meadows II was the founder and director of Lifehouse. Victim 1 was a California-based drug testing laboratory that provided urine specimen analysis for clinics and treatment centers throughout the United States. In 2018, Victim 1 contracted with Lifehouse through Raymond C. Meadows II to provide drug testing laboratory services relating to Lifehouse's program participants. Victim 2, a third-party staffing agency, hired urine specimen collectors ("collectors") on Victim 1's behalf. The collectors were responsible for collecting, recording, and shipping urine specimens from Lifehouse to Victim 1's laboratory for testing. Defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS was Raymond C. Meadows II's spouse, and in 2018, she was hired to be a collector supervisor at Lifehouse. At the time she was hired, defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS referred to herself as "Helen Crutcher" and did not disclose her relationship to Raymond C. Meadows II. Each week, Victim 2 received signed timesheets for the collectors at Lifehouse. As Lifehouse's director, Raymond C. Meadows II was responsible for reviewing and co-signing each timesheet. Victim 2 forwarded the collectors' timesheets to Victim 1 for review and payment. Once approved, Victim 1 issued payment to Victim 2, which then issued payments to the collectors by direct deposit after withholding appropriate state and federal payroll taxes. Victim 2 received a fee from Victim 1 for performing payroll administrative functions. No collector working for Victim 1 at Lifehouse, including defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS, accumulated paid time off or sick leave. Days absent from work were not compensable. K.P. was also a collector hired by Victim 1 to work at Lifehouse. From at least July 2, 2021, through August 22, 2022, defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS and Raymond C. Meadows II instructed K.P. to sign their names on fraudulent collector timesheets and submit them to Victim 2 for payment, which K.P. did through defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS's personal email account. Defendant HELEN CRUTCHER MEADOWS is accused of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

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Scott A. Cruickshank, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone.

Date: 06/22/2026*Judge's signature*City and state: Charleston, West Virginia

Dwane L. Tinsley, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title