

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon.
	:	
v.	:	Crim. No. 23-
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NATHANIEL OBEDOS	:	18 U.S.C. § 1349
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**INFORMATION**

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

**(Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud)**

**Background**

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
  - a. Defendant Nathaniel Obedos (“OBEDOS”) resided in Jersey City and Frenchtown, New Jersey, and owned EagleRock Design, Inc. (“EagleRock”), a construction business located in Union City, New Jersey.
  - b. “Victim Organization” was a condominium association that owned a condominium complex (the “Facility”) in Jersey City, New Jersey and was an EagleRock client.
  - c. “Company-1” was a property management company responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Facility, including maintenance and repair work on the external and internal common areas and condominiums. As part of its responsibilities, Company-1 oversaw the selection and management of third-party vendors who provided construction services at the Facility.

d. “Co-conspirator-1” was employed by Company-1 and acted as the lead onsite property manager for the Facility. His responsibilities included identifying vendors to preform repair work, overseeing and managing that work, and collecting and approving invoices to Victim Organization for that work.

e. “Co-conspirator-2” was a Facility superintendent employed by Company-1 to handle smaller maintenance and repair projects. He worked closely with Co-conspirator-1 to, among other things, select vendors and oversee and manage their maintenance and repair projects at the Facility.

### **The Conspiracy**

2. From in or around November 2018 through in or around October 2020, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant,

**NATHANIEL OBEDOS,**

knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with Co-conspirator-1 and Co-conspirator-2 to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to deprive Victim Organization of money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, did transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

### **Goal of the Conspiracy**

3. The goal of the conspiracy was for OBEDOS and his co-conspirators to enrich themselves by fraudulently causing Victim Organization to pay inflated

prices for OBEDOS and EagleRock's work at the Facility, and for OBEDOS to pay his co-conspirators kickbacks in exchange for them steering that work to him and EagleRock.

**Manner and Means of the Conspiracy**

4. It was part of the conspiracy that:

a. From in or around November 2018 through in or around October 2020, on behalf of Victim Organization, Co-conspirator-1 and Co-conspirator-2 steered approximately \$500,000 in maintenance and construction work at the Facility to OBEDOS and EagleRock.

b. Co-conspirator-1, aided by Co-conspirator-2, falsified invoices from OBEDOS and EagleRock, which were then provided to Victim Organization, which caused Victim Organization to unknowingly pay substantially inflated prices for that work.

c. In exchange for steering that work to OBEDOS and EagleRock, Co-conspirator-1 requested and received kickbacks from OBEDOS in the amounts of Victim Organization's overpayments to OBEDOS and EagleRock.

d. OBEDOS paid some kickbacks to Co-conspirator-1 and Co-conspirator-2 by cash, and he also paid kickbacks to Co-conspirator-1 by checks drawn from EagleRock's bank account in New Jersey, which Co-conspirator-1 deposited into his personal bank account at branches in Delaware and New York.

e. In total, based on the fraudulently inflated invoices, Victim Company paid EagleRock and OBEDOS approximately \$1,006,952 for work that

was actually valued at approximately \$500,000. In turn, OBEDOS used those overpayments to pay over \$460,000 in kickbacks to Co-conspirator-1 and over \$10,700 in kickbacks to Co-conspirator-2. For example:

i. On or about August 29, 2020, OBEDOS provided Co-conspirator-1 with two invoices totaling approximately \$13,500, which reflected the accurate value of work completed at the Facility.

ii. Co-conspirator-1 subsequently altered those invoices by falsely charging Victim Organization approximately \$25,000 for that same work.

iii. On or about September 3, 2020, based on the fraudulently inflated invoices, Victim Organization paid EagleRock approximately \$25,000.

iv. On or about September 8, 2020, at Co-conspirator-1's request, OBEDOS paid Co-conspirator-1 a kickback of approximately \$11,500 by check, which Co-conspirator-1 deposited into his personal bank account and was processed via interstate wire between Delaware and New Jersey.

v. At Co-conspirator-2's request, on or about September 8, 2020, OBEDOS paid Co-conspirator-2 a kickback of approximately \$200 in cash.

f. The conspiracy resulted in actual losses to Victim Organization in excess of \$470,000.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

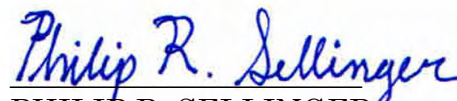
1. Upon conviction of the offense charged in the Information, defendant Nathaniel Obedos shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), all property, real and personal, that defendant obtained that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of such offense, and all property traceable to such property.

**Substitute Assets Provision**

2. 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 which cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of such defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in paragraph 1.

  
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