

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
 :
 v. : Crim. No. 23-
 :
 CREED WHITE : 18 U.S.C. § 1343

INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment and any challenges to the statute of limitations, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

Background

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
 - a. American Scrap, LLC was a scrap metal business with a listed business address in Camden, New Jersey.
 - b. Defendant Creed White (“WHITE”) was a resident of Freeland, Maryland. WHITE owned and operated American Scrap, LLC and controlled bank accounts belonging to American Scrap, LLC at Bank-1 (the “American Scrap Bank-1 Account”) and Bank-2 (the “American Scrap Bank-2 Account”).
 - c. Victim Company-1 was located in Garden Grove, California, and was in the business of shipping scrap metal from the United States and elsewhere to international destinations.
 - d. Victim Company-2 was located in Cranford, New Jersey, and was in the business of shipping scrap metal from the United States and elsewhere to international destinations.

e. Victim Company-3 was located in High Point, North Carolina, and was in the business of shipping scrap metal from the United States and elsewhere to international destinations.

f. Victim Company-4 was located in Piscataway, New Jersey, and was in the business of shipping scrap metal from the United States and elsewhere to international destinations.

The Scheme to Defraud

2. Beginning at least as early as in or around 2010 and continuing through in or around September 2020, in Camden County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

CREED WHITE,

did knowingly and intentionally devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud individuals and entities, including Victim Company-1, Victim Company-2, Victim Company-3, and Victim Company-4 (together, the “Victims”), and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, which scheme and artifice was, in substance, as set forth below.

Goal of the Scheme to Defraud

3. The goal of the scheme was for WHITE to enrich himself by: (1) fraudulently obtaining payments for shipments of scrap metal, which WHITE induced by fraudulently purporting to engage in the business of shipping scrap metal; and (2) fraudulently obtaining scrap metal from the Victims and failing to pay the Victims for the scrap metal that was fraudulently obtained.

Manner and Means of the Scheme to Defraud

4. It was part of the scheme to defraud that:

a. In or around the following range of dates, WHITE fraudulently induced each of the Victims to wire him payments based on WHITE's false representations that he had shipped or would soon thereafter ship scrap metal to each of the Victims:

Victim	Date Range	Wire Payments
Victim Company-1	1/10/2017 – 1/26/2017	Eight wire transmissions from Victim Company-1's bank account, which servicing bank was located in California, to the American Scrap Bank-1 Account
Victim Company-1	1/31/2017 – 3/2/2017	Twelve wire transmissions from Victim Company-1's bank account, which servicing bank was located in California, to the American Scrap Bank-2 Account
Victim Company-2	12/30/2016 – 1/3/2017	Two wire transmissions from Victim Company-2's bank account to the American Scrap Bank-1 Account
Victim Company-3	6/24/2016 – 7/20/2016	Five wire transmissions from Victim Company-3's bank account to the American Scrap Bank-2 Account
Victim Company-4	7/6/2016 – 8/10/2016	Five wire transmissions from Victim Company-4's bank account to the American Scrap Bank-2 Account

b. In each instance, instead of shipping the Victims scrap metal, WHITE sent each of the Victims trash, dirt, or debris.

c. In total, WHITE defrauded approximately thirteen Victims over the course of the scheme by fraudulently inducing the Victims to enter into

agreements for which he: (1) received money but did not provide the agreed-upon services; or (2) received scrap metal but did not provide payment as set forth in the agreements. In total, WHITE's scheme defrauded the Victims of approximately \$2,114,987.61.

Execution of the Scheme to Defraud

5. For the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant,

CREED WHITE,

did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, including an interstate wire transmission sent on or about March 2, 2017.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. Upon conviction of the wire fraud offense, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as charged in this Information, the defendant,

CREED WHITE,

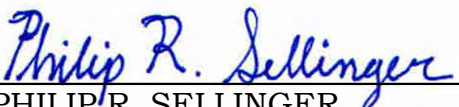
shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all property, real and personal, the defendant obtained that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the said offense.

Substitute Assets Provision

2. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, 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 person;
- (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 subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.


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