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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Cr. No.: 00-0572

13)
14 v.)

VIOLATION:
Title 15, United States Code,
Section 1 -- Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade
(Bid Rigging)

15 GEORGE A. VON GLAHN,)

16 Defendant)
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19 **INFORMATION**

20 The United States of America, acting through its attorneys, charges:

21 **I.**

22 **THE DEFENDANT**

23 1. GEORGE A. VON GLAHN is made a defendant on the charge stated below.

24 2. At all relevant times, defendant GEORGE A. VON GLAHN was the owner
25 of Grey Wolf Books, a bookstore dealing in new and used books, located in San Leandro, California.

26 3. Various corporations and individuals not made defendants in this Information
27 participated as co-conspirators in the offense charged and performed acts and made statements in
28 furtherance of it.

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1 understanding and agreement that they would not then bid against each other on those lots that had
2 been allocated to each participant in the conspiracy. As a result, VON GLAHN and his co-
3 conspirators were able to purchase certain book lots at prices lower than would have resulted from a
4 fully competitive auction, thereby depriving the United States Postal Service of the full value of the
5 auctioned merchandise.

6 IV.

7 TRADE AND COMMERCE

8 8. The auctions conducted by the San Francisco District attracted numerous out-of-state
9 bidders and involved books mailed to and from addresses in states other than the State of California.
10 In addition, the books were mailed by publishers, book clubs, and others that were located outside the
11 State of California. As a result of these activities, the auctions and the books sold at those auctions
12 were in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of, and substantially affected, interstate commerce.

13 9. The business activities of VON GLAHN and his co-conspirators that are the subject of
14 this Information were within the flow of, and substantially affected, interstate trade and commerce.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

10. The combination and conspiracy charged in this Information was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California, within the five years preceding the filing of this Information. ALL IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 15, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1.

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