

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
**11-80135-CR-COHN/SELTZER**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, 1343, 1346

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES E. MURPHY,

Defendant.

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CRIMINAL INFORMATION

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

1. JAMES E. MURPHY is hereby made a defendant on the charges stated below.

INTRODUCTION

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

2. Ryan International Airlines ("Ryan") is an entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois with its principal place of business in Rockford, Illinois. Ryan provides air passenger and cargo services for corporations, private individuals, professional sports teams, and the United States government. During the period covered by this Information, a significant portion of Ryan's business consisted of transporting personnel and cargo for the United States Department of Defense, United States Department of Homeland Security, and United States Marshals Service on domestic and international flights.

3. During the period covered by this Information, Co-Conspirator 1 ("CC-1") was the Vice President of Ground Operations for Ryan. Among CC-1's responsibilities was contracting with providers of goods and services on behalf of Ryan and approving the invoices that were submitted by those providers to Ryan for payment. CC-1 had a fiduciary duty to act honestly and faithfully in all business dealings with Ryan.

4. Co-Conspirator Company A and Co-Conspirator Company B (collectively "Co-Conspirator Companies A/B") were entities organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and with their principal places of business in Sunrise, Florida. Co-Conspirator Companies A/B were aviation fuel brokerage companies that purchased fuel from suppliers and sold it to individual airlines. Co-Conspirator Companies A/B were owned by Co-Conspirator 2 ("CC-2"). From October 2005 to August 2008, Co-Conspirator Companies A/B and CC-2 were engaged in the business of selling aviation fuel to Ryan for domestic and international flights.

5. From October 2005 to August 2008, Defendant MURPHY worked as a corporate bookkeeper for Co-Conspirator Companies A/B. Among his duties was making payments from the bank account of Co-Conspirator Companies A/B at the direction of CC-2. Defendant MURPHY reported directly to CC-2.

6. In August 2008, Defendant MURPHY left his employment at Co-Conspirator Companies A/B and formed Co-Conspirator Company C, an entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in Davie, Florida. Co-Conspirator Company C was an aviation fuel brokerage company, and Defendant MURPHY was its owner and operator. In August and September 2008, Defendant MURPHY and Co-Conspirator Company C were engaged in the business of selling aviation fuel to Ryan for domestic and international flights.

7. Various individuals not made defendants in this Information participated as co-conspirators in the offenses charged herein and performed acts and made statements in furtherance thereof. Whenever this Information refers to any act, deed, or transaction of any company, it means that the company engaged in the act, deed, or transaction by or through its officers, directors, employees, agents, or other representatives while they were actively engaged in the management, direction, control, or transaction of its business or affairs.

**COUNT ONE - CONSPIRACY**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1349)**

8. Each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1-7 of this Information is hereby realleged as if fully set forth in this Count.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFENSE**

9. Beginning at least as early as October 2005 and continuing thereafter at least through September 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the United

States, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, Defendant JAMES E. MURPHY, Ryan employee CC-1, Co-Conspirator Companies A/B owner CC-2, and other co-conspirators did unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit offenses against the United States, to wit, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346, in violation of 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

10. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that Defendant MURPHY, CC-1, CC-2, and their co-conspirators unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive Ryan of the honest and faithful services of CC-1 by making kickback payments to CC-1 and concealing material information from Ryan, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, and attempting to do so, would and did transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce certain writings, signals, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346.

**THE MANNER AND MEANS BY WHICH THE  
CONSPIRACY WAS CARRIED OUT**

The scheme and artifice was carried out in the following manner and means, among others:

11. In or about October 2005, at the request of CC-1, Defendant MURPHY, CC-2, and others known and unknown to the United States, began making kickback payments to CC-1 in exchange for CC-1 awarding business for fuel supply services

to Co-Conspirator Companies A/B. During the course of the scheme, CC-1 solicited and accepted over \$88,000.00 in kickback payments for fuel supply services that Co-Conspirator Companies A/B provided to Ryan.

12. In or about August 2008, at the request of CC-1, Defendant MURPHY began making kickback payments to CC-1 for awarding business for fuel supply services to Co-Conspirator Company C. During the course of the scheme, CC-1 solicited and accepted over \$42,000.00 in kickback payments for fuel supply services that Co-Conspirator Company C provided to Ryan.

13. In his capacity as an employee of Ryan, CC-1 provided favorable treatment to Defendant MURPHY and CC-2, including continuing to award business to Co-Conspirator Companies A/B and Company C in exchange for kickback payments. Defendant MURPHY, CC-1, and CC-2 foresaw or reasonably should have foreseen that Ryan might suffer an economic harm as a result of their breach of CC-1's fiduciary duty to Ryan.

14. Defendant MURPHY, CC-2, and others known and unknown to the United States took steps to hide, conceal, and cover up their activity and the nature and scope of their dealings with CC-1, including wiring payments to the personal bank account of CC-1 and making secret cash payments.

**OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere:

15. From in or about October 2005 through at least August 2008, Defendant MURPHY issued checks and caused wire transfers totaling more than \$88,000.00 to be made from the bank account of Co-Conspirator Companies A/B to CC-1's personal bank account in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere.

16. From in or about August 2008 through September 2008, Defendant MURPHY issued checks and caused interstate wire transfers totaling more than \$42,000.00 to be made from the bank account of Co-Conspirator Company C to CC-1's personal bank account in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17. The conspiracy charged in Count One of this Criminal Information was formed in part and carried out, in part, in the Southern District of Florida in Broward and Palm Beach Counties within the five years preceding the filing of this Criminal Information.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

**COUNT TWO - WIRE FRAUD**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1346)**

The United States of America further charges:

18. Each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1-17 of this Information is hereby realleged as if fully set forth in this Count.

19. Beginning at least as early as October 2005 and continuing thereafter at least through September 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the United States, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, Defendant

**JAMES E. MURPHY,**

CC-1, CC-2, and others unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive Ryan of the honest and faithful services of CC-1 by making kickback payments to CC-1 and concealing material information from Ryan, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive, and attempting to do so, did transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce, the following writings, signals, and sounds:

20. On or about September 2, 2008, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, Defendant MURPHY caused a wire transfer (#2008090200393473) in the amount of \$7,500.00 to be made from Co-Conspirator Company C's bank account in Davie, Florida to CC-1's personal bank account in Loves Park, Illinois.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

21. The offense charged in Count Two of this Criminal Information was formed in part and carried out, in part, in the Southern District of Florida in

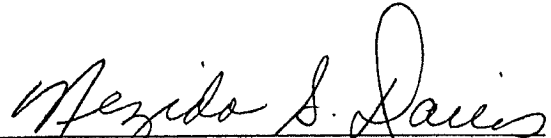
Broward and Palm Beach Counties within the five years preceding the filing of this Criminal Information.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346.

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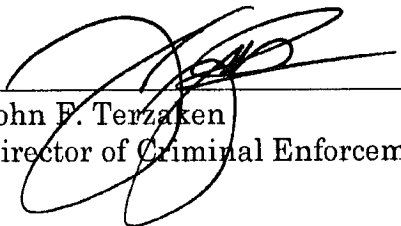
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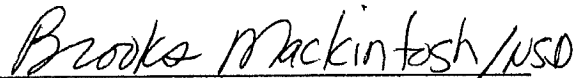
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