

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Crim. No. 21-110

TANNER ROUGHTON

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ORDER

On March 26, 2021, Tanner Roughton was charged in an information with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, and tax evasion. (Doc. No. 1); 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1349; 26 U.S.C. § 7201. The Government requests approval for alternative notice to the large number of crime victims in this case. (Doc. No. 21.) I will grant the Motion.

Victims have a right to “reasonable, accurate, and timely notice” of public court proceedings. 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(2). When “the number of crime victims makes it impracticable to accord all of the crime victims” such notice, however, I may “fashion a reasonable procedure” to effectuate notification. 18 U.S.C. § 3771(d)(2). Because these charges stem from a scheme to defraud investors of two cryptocurrencies that were traded on the cryptocurrency exchange Poloniex, there are thousands of potential victims. It would thus be impractical for the Government to identify all the direct and proximate victims. I will thus grant the Government’s request for alternative notice.

The Government proposes that it notify victims by: (1) using the Justice Department's website for large cases (<http://justice.gov/largecases>) to direct victims to a case-specific website where all required notices will be posted; (2) issuing a press release informing individuals who believe they may be victims to access the Justice Department website for more information; and (3) providing notification at the corrections stage through the Bureau of Prisons' website.

(www.bop.gov). Because these are “reasonable procedures” to give effect to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3771, I will grant the Government’s Motion.

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AND NOW, this 22nd day of March, 2022, upon consideration of Government’s unopposed Motion for Alternative Victim Notification (Doc. No. 21) it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Motion for Alternative Victim Notification (Doc. No. 21) is **GRANTED**;
2. The Government is authorized to comply with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(2) by providing notice of the court proceedings by using the Justice Department’s website large cases website to direct victims to a case-specific website, issuing a press release, and using the Bureau of Prisons’ website to provide notification at the corrections stage.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Paul S. Diamond
Paul S. Diamond, J.