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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, and CORAL HERRERA,

Defendants.

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VIOLATIONS: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846 - Conspiracy To Manufacture, To Distribute, And To Possess With The Intent To Distribute Marijuana; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. § 2 - Manufacture of Marijuana and Aiding and Abetting; 18 U.S.C. § 1361, 2 - Depredation Of Public Lands And Resources And Aiding And Abetting; 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 21 U.S.C. § 853, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) - Forfeiture Allegation

<u>İNDICTMENT</u>

COUNT ONE:

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846 - Conspiracy to Manufacture, to Distribute and/or to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana]

The Grand Jury charges: THAT

SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, and CORAL HERRERA,

defendants herein, beginning at a time unknown, but no later than on or about March 1, 2016, and continuing to on or about July 8, 2016, in the Sequoia National Forest, in the County of Kern, within the State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with persons, unknown to the Grand Jury, to manufacture, to distribute, and/or to possess with the

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intent marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

It is further alleged, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B), that as to SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, and ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, this offense involved 100 or more marijuana plants and/or 100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance.

It is further alleged that, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), that as to CORAL HERRERA that this offense involved 50 or more marijuana plants, a schedule I controlled substance.

COUNT TWO:

[21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2 - Manufacture of Marijuana and Aiding and Abetting]

The Grand Jury further charges: THAT

SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, and CORAL HERRERA,

defendants herein, beginning at a time unknown, but no later than on or about March 1, 2016, and continuing to on or about July 8, 2016, in the Sequoia National Forest, in the County of Kern, within the State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, did knowingly and intentionally manufacture, and/or aid and abet the manufacture of marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

It is further alleged, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B), that as to SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, and ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, this offense involved 100 or more marijuana plants and/or 100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance.

It is further alleged that, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), that as to CORAL HERRERA that this offense involved substance.

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COUNT THREE:

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1361, 2 - Depredation of Public Lands and Resources and Aiding and Abetting]

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, and CORAL HERRERA.

defendants herein, beginning at a time unknown, but no later than on or about March 1, 2016, and continuing to on or about July 8, 2016, in the Sequoia National Forest, in the County of Kern, within the State and Eastern District of California, did will fully and by means of committing one or more the marijuana offenses alleged in Counts One through Three herein, and aid and abet the attempt to injure and commission of a depredation, against property of the United States and of any department or agency thereof, namely land and natural resources in the Sequoia National Forest, within the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service, and the resulting damage was more than \$1,000, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1361 and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 21 U.S.C. § 853, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

The Grand Jury further alleges THAT:

Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts One, Two, and Three of this Indictment, defendants SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, and CORAL HERRERA, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a), any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offense, any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of the offense.

Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count Four of this Indictment, defendants SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO, ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA, ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI, AND CORAL HERRERA, 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, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such violation.

If any property subject to forfeiture, as a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One through 1 2 Four of this Indictment, for which defendants are convicted: 3 cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; a. b. has been transferred or sold, or deposited with, a third party; 4 has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; 5 c. 6 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or 7 has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without e. difficulty, 8 9 /// 10 /// 11 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of defendant, up to the 12 13 value of the property subject to forfeiture. A TRUE BILL. 14 15 /s/ Signature on file w/AUSA 16 **FOREPERSON** 17 18 PHILLIP A. TALBERT 19 20 By KIRK E. SHERRIFF 21 Assistant U.S. Attorney 22 Chief, Fresno Office 23 24 25 26 27

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

PENALTY SLIP

DEFENDANT:

SAIR EDUARDO MALDONADO-SOTO

COUNT ONE:

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VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § § 841(a)(1) and 846; 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)

Conspiracy to Manufacture, to Distribute, and/or to Possess with the Intent to

Distribute Marijuana

PENALTY:

Mandatory Minimum 5 to 40 Years Imprisonment

\$5 Million Fine

\$100 Special Assessment

Mandatory 4 years to Life Supervised Release

COUNT TWO:

VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1); 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B) and 18 U.S.C. § 2

Manufacture of Marijuana and Aiding and Abetting

PENALTY:

Mandatory Minimum 5 to 40 Years Imprisonment

\$5 Million Fine

\$100 Special Assessment.

Mandatory 4 years to Life Supervised Release

COUNT THREE:

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § § 1361, 2

Depredation of Public Lands and Resources and Aiding and Abetting

PENALTY:

Maximum 10 years Imprisonment

\$250,000 Fine

\$100 Special Assessment

Up to 3 years Supervised Release

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:

VIOLATION:

18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 21 U.S.C.§ 853, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)

Criminal Forfeiture

PENALTIES:

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PENALTY SLIP

DEFENDANT:

ABEL TOLEDO-VILLA

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COUNT ONE:

VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § § 841(a)(1) and 846; 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

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PENALTY SLIP

DEFENDANT:

ALFREDO CARDENAS-SUASTEGUI

COUNT ONE:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

PENALTY SLIP

DEFENDANT:

CORAL HERRERA

COUNT ONE:

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VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § § 841(a)(1) and 846; 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)

Conspiracy to Manufacture, to Distribute, and/or to Possess with the Intent to

Distribute Marijuana

PENALTY:

Maximum 20 Years Imprisonment

\$1 Million Fine

\$100 Special Assessment

Mandatory 3 years to Life Supervised Release

COUNT TWO:

VIOLATION: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1); 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 2

Manufacture of Marijuana and Aiding and Abetting

PENALTY:

Maximum 20 Years Imprisonment

\$1 Million Fine

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COUNT THREE:

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § § 1361, 2

Depredation of Public Lands and Resources and Aiding and Abetting

PENALTY:

Maximum 10 Years Imprisonment

\$250,000 Fine

\$100 Special Assessment

Up to 3 years Supervised Release

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:

VIOLATION:

21 U.S.C. § 853(a) – Drug Forfeiture

PENALTIES: