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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
9	FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10	June 2017 Grand Jury		
11	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	SA CR NO. 18-57-CJC	
12	Plaintiff,	<u>I N D I C T M E N T</u>	
13	v.	[18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1346: Mail	
14	TIFFANY ROGERS, Fraud Involving Deprivation of Honest Services; 18 U.S.C.		
15 16	Defendant.	<pre>§§ 1343, 1346: Wire Fraud Involving Deprivation of Honest Services; 18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3):</pre>	
17		Use of an Interstate Facility in Aid of Unlawful Activity; 18	
18		U.S.C. § 2: Aiding and Abetting and Causing an Act to be Done; 18	
19		U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c): Criminal Forfeiture]	
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21	The Grand Jury charges:		
22	COUNT ONE		
23	[18 U.S.C. § 371]		
24	A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS		
25	At all times relevant to this Indictment:		
26	1. Healthsmart Pacific Inc.	, doing business as Pacific	
27	Hospital of Long Beach ("Pacific Hospital"), was a hospital located		
28	in Long Beach, California, special	izing in surgeries, particularly	

spinal and orthopedic surgeries. From at least in or around 1997 to 1 October 2013, Pacific Hospital was owned and/or operated by Michael 2 D. Drobot ("Drobot"). Along with Drobot, unindicted co-conspirator 3 ("UCC") A owned and/or operated Pacific Hospital from in or around 2005 to in or around October 2010. 5

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Defendant TIFFANY ROGERS ("defendant ROGERS") was an 2. 6 orthopedic surgeon who practiced medicine with a medical group 7 located in Torrance, California, specializing in orthopedic spinal 8 9 surgery.

UCC-B "marketed" and provided implantable medical devices, 10 з. hardware, and instrumentation for spinal surgeries ("spinal 11 hardware") to defendant ROGERS. Based on his relationship with Paul 12 Randall ("Randall") -- a "marketer" who did business with Pacific 13 Hospital and various other entities and individuals -- UCC-B 14facilitated defendant ROGERS' relationship with Pacific Hospital. 15

International Implants LLC ("I2") was a limited liability 4. 16 company, controlled by Drobot and headquartered in Newport Beach, 17 California, that purchased surgical devices, hardware, and 18 instrumentation from original manufacturers and sold them to 19 hospitals, particularly Pacific Hospital. 20

Pacific Specialty Physician Management, Inc. ("PSPM") was a 5. corporation, owned and controlled by Drobot and others and headquartered in Newport Beach, California, that provided administrative and management services for physicians' offices.

James Canedo ("Canedo") was Pacific Hospital's Chief 6. 25 Financial Officer ("CFO"). UCC-C was Pacific Hospital's controller, 26 who would issue payment to vendors and other payees at the direction 27 of Drobot, Canedo, and others. 28

# California Workers' Compensation System ("CWCS")

The California Workers' Compensation System ("CWCS") was a 7. system created by California law to provide insurance covering treatment of injury or illness suffered by individuals in the course of their employment. Under the CWCS, employers were required to purchase workers' compensation insurance policies from insurance carriers to cover their employees. When an employee suffered a covered injury or illness and received medical services, the medical service provider submitted a claim for payment to the relevant insurance carrier, which then paid the claim. Claims were submitted to and paid by insurance carriers either by mail or electronically. The CWCS was governed by various California laws and regulations.

The California State Compensation Insurance Fund ("SCIF") 8. was a non-profit insurance carrier, created by the California Legislature, that provided workers' compensation insurance to employees in California, including serving as the "insurer of last resort" under the CWCS system for employers without any other 18 coverage.

#### Health Care Programs

SCIF and other workers' compensation insurance carriers, 9. 20 personal injury insurers, and other public and private plans and contracts, were "health care benefit programs" (as defined in 18 22 U.S.C. § 24(b)), that affected commerce. 23

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# Relevant California Laws Pertaining to Bribery and Kickbacks

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California law, including the California Business and 10. 25 Professions Code and the California Insurance Code, prohibited the 26 offering, delivering, soliciting, or receiving of anything of value 27 in return for referring a patient for medical services. 28

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1 11. California Business & Professions Code Section 650
 2 prohibited the offer, delivery, receipt, or acceptance by certain
 3 licensees -- specifically including physicians -- of any commission
 4 or other consideration, whether in the form of money or otherwise, as
 5 compensation or inducement for referring patients, clients, or
 6 customers to any person.

12. California Insurance Code Section 750(a) prohibited anyone who engaged in the practice of processing, presenting, or negotiating claims -- including claims under policies of insurance -- from offering, delivering, receiving, or accepting any commission or other consideration, whether in the form of money or otherwise, as compensation or inducement to any person for the referral or procurement of clients, cases, patients, or customers.

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Fiduciary Duties and the Physician-Patient Relationship

13. A "fiduciary" obligation generally existed whenever one 15 person -- a client -- placed special trust and confidence in another 16 -- the fiduciary -- in reliance that the fiduciary would exercise his 17 or her discretion and expertise with the utmost honesty and 18 forthrightness in the interests of the client, such that the client 19 could relax the care and vigilance she or he would ordinarily 20 exercise, and the fiduciary knowingly accepted that special trust and 21 confidence and thereafter undertook to act on behalf of the client 22 based on such reliance. 23

14. Physicians owed a fiduciary duty to their patients,
requiring physicians to act in the best interest of their patients,
and not for their own professional, pecuniary, or personal gain.
Physicians owed a duty of honest services to their patients for
decisions made relating to the medical care of those patients,

including the informed choice of whether to undergo surgery and other
medical procedures, as well as the selection of a provider and
facility for such surgeries and procedures. Patients' right to
honest services from physicians included the right not to have
physician-fiduciaries solicit or accept bribes and kickbacks
connected to the medical care of such patients.

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## OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on an unknown date, but no later than in or about 8 15. June 2012, and continuing through at least in or around April 2013, 9 in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of 10 California, and elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, UCC-B, 11 UCC-C, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury at various 12 times, knowingly combined, conspired, and agreed to commit the 13 following offenses against the United States: Honest services mail 14 fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 15 and 1346; Honest services wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, 16 United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346; and Use of an interstate 17 facility in aid of bribery, in violation of Title 18, United States 18 Code, Section 1952(a). 19

## 20 C. MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

21 16. The objects of the conspiracy were to be carried out, and
22 were carried out, in the following ways, among others:

a. Drobot, Canedo, Randall, and other co-conspirators
working with Pacific Hospital would offer to pay and cause the
payment of kickbacks to defendant ROGERS and other surgeons (the
"Pacific Induced Surgeons"), chiropractors, personal injury
attorneys, marketers, and others (collectively, the "Pacific Kickback
Recipients") in exchange for patient-related referrals to Pacific

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Hospital for spinal surgeries, other types of surgeries, magnetic 1 resonance imaging ("MRI"), toxicology, durable medical equipment, and 2 other services (the "Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services") that 3 would be billed to health care benefit programs or subject to 4 personal injury claims and/or liens. 5

Influenced by the promise of kickbacks, Pacific b. Kickback Recipients, including defendant ROGERS, would cause patients insured by various health care benefit programs, or subject to personal injury claims and/or liens, to have Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services at Pacific Hospital.

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Pacific Hospital and Pacific Induced Surgeons, c. including defendant ROGERS, would submit claims, by mail and electronically, to health care benefit programs and/or personal injury attorneys (collectively, "Potential Claim Payers") for payments related to the Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services. 15

As Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, and other cod. 16 conspirators knew and intended, and as was reasonably foreseeable to 17 them, in using the mails, wire communications, and facilities in 18 interstate commerce to: (i) communicate about patient referrals and 19 underlying kickback arrangements, (ii) submit claims to Potential 20 Claim Payers for the Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services, and 21 (iii) obtain payment from Potential Claim Payers for the Kickback 22 Tainted Surgeries and Services, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, and 23 other co-conspirators would solicit, offer, receive, or pay, and/or 24 cause the solicitation, offering, receipt, and payment of kickbacks 25 that were material to patients and Potential Claim Payers. 26

In soliciting and receiving concealed bribes and 27 e. kickbacks to induce the referral of patients and corresponding 28

ancillary services to Pacific Hospital, defendant ROGERS and other 1 medical professionals would deprive patients of their right to honest services.

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Using the mails and other facilities in interstate f. commerce, Drobot, Canedo, and others would communicate about and pay, and cause the payment of, kickbacks and bribes to Pacific Kickback Recipients, including defendant ROGERS, who caused the referral of, 7 and/or performed, Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services at Pacific 8 Hospital. 9

Potential Claim Payers would pay Pacific Hospital and 10 g. Pacific Induced Surgeons, including defendant ROGERS, for the 11 Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services by mail and electronically. 12

To conceal and disguise the kickback payments from h. 13 Potential Claim Payers, patients, and law enforcement, Drobot, 14 Canedo, and other co-conspirators, through Pacific Hospital, would 15 enter into arrangements with Pacific Kickback Recipients, including 16 defendant ROGERS. In many cases, these arrangements would be reduced 17 to written contracts, including, among others, lease and rental 18 agreements, option agreements, collection agreements, management 19 agreements, marketing agreements, and pharmacy agreements. 20

The written contracts would not specify that one i. 21 purpose for the agreements would be to induce Pacific Kickback 22 Recipients to refer Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services to 23 Pacific Hospital. Additionally, the value or consideration discussed 24 as part of these arrangements would, in fact, generally not be 25 provided or desired; rather, the compensation would be paid, entirely 26 or in part, depending on the arrangement, to cause Pacific Kickback 27 Recipients to refer Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services to 28

Pacific Hospital. Relatedly, the written contracts would generally allow for remuneration to Pacific Kickback Recipients far in excess of any reasonable fair market value assessment of legitimate services or things of value purportedly contracted for -- to the extent calculated without regard to the value of the Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services.

j. Defendant ROGERS would receive remuneration in
exchange for performing Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services at
Pacific Hospital. The illegal kickback and bribe payments would be
provided to defendant ROGERS under the guise of a bogus "Outsourced
Collection Agreement."

k. Drobot, Canedo, and others would maintain, review,
and/or communicate about records of the number of Kickback Tainted
Surgeries and Services performed at Pacific Hospital due to referrals
from defendant ROGERS and other Pacific Kickback Recipients, as well
as the amounts owed and paid to defendant ROGERS and other Pacific
Kickback Recipients for such referrals.

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### EFFECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Had Potential Claim Payers and patients known the true 17. 19 facts regarding the payment of kickbacks and bribes for the referral 20 of Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services performed at Pacific 21 Hospital: (a) the Potential Claim Payers would have subjected the 22 claims to additional review, would not have paid the claims, and/or 23 would have paid a lesser amount on the claims; and (b) patients would 24 have more closely scrutinized a surgery or hospital service 25 recommendation, would have sought second opinions from physicians who 26 did not have a financial conflict of interest, would not have had the 27

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surgery or service performed, and/or would have insisted on a
 different hospital facility.

Between in or about October 2012 and April 2013, 18. 3 defendant ROGERS referred and/or performed Kickback Tainted Surgeries 4 and Services at Pacific Hospital. In connection with these Kickback 5 Tainted Surgeries and Services, Pacific Hospital billed Potential 6 Claim Payers approximately \$1.5 million, and was paid approximately 7 \$550,000. Drobot, Canedo, and UCC-C, through Pacific Hospital, paid 8 and caused to be paid to defendant ROGERS at least approximately 9 \$35,000 in connection with her Kickback Tainted Surgeries and 10 Services. 11

12 E. OVERT ACTS

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13 19. On or about the following dates, in furtherance of the 14 conspiracy and to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy, Drobot, 15 defendant ROGERS, Canedo, UCC-A, UCC-B, UCC-C, and other co-16 conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed, 17 willfully caused others to commit, and aided and abetted the 18 commission of the following overt acts, among others, within the 19 Central District of California and elsewhere:

20 <u>Overt Act No. 1:</u> On or about June 21, 2012, Drobot, defendant 21 ROGERS, Randall, UCC-B, and another individual met to discuss 22 potential financial arrangements to induce defendant ROGERS to 23 perform Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services at Pacific Hospital.

24 <u>Overt Act No. 2:</u> On or about July 14, 2012, defendant ROGERS 25 emailed Drobot referencing their June 21, 2012 meeting and wrote, in 26 part:

I would like to find a time where we can get together to continue discussions. I will give my hospital privilege packet

to [individual connected to Pacific Hospital] shortly. Hopefully the process can be expedited.

<u>Overt Act No. 3:</u> As part of the same email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about July 26, 2012, Drobot and defendant ROGERS confirmed a dinner meeting for Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Fleming's Steakhouse.

Overt Act No. 4: On or about July 30, 2012, a Pacific Hospital paralegal emailed defendant ROGERS, writing that "[Drobot] requested that I send you the attached agreement. Please execute two copies and return them to me for [Drobot's] counter[-]signature."

Overt Act No. 5: As part of the same email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about September 6, 2012, defendant ROGERS emailed the Pacific Hospital paralegal writing: "Did you have the agreement?"

<u>Overt Act No. 6:</u> As part of the same email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about September 7, 2012, the Pacific Hospital paralegal responded that he had mailed a copy to defendant ROGERS and asked if she received the signed agreement. Defendant ROGERS responded: "Yes, but I signed it & sent it back for signature, I believe."

Overt Act No. 7: As part of the same email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about September 9, 2012, the Pacific Hospital paralegal responded to defendant ROGERS that the signed contract may have been lost in the mail and requested defendant ROGERS mailing address to re-send the agreement.

Overt Act No. 8: As part of the same email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about September 12, 2012, the

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Pacific Hospital paralegal emailed defendant ROGERS a fully executed copy of an "Outsourced Collection Agreement."

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Overt Act No. 9: On an unknown date, defendant ROGERS, individually, and Drobot, through Pacific Hospital, entered into an "Outsourced Collection Agreement," purportedly "effective July 1, 2012," wherein defendant ROGERS contracted to assist Pacific Hospital in collecting certain personal injury and workers' compensation claims and liens that Pacific Hospital would purportedly refer to defendant ROGERS to collect on behalf of the hospital. Under the agreement, Pacific Hospital agreed to pay defendant ROGERS 15% of the amount collected and received by Pacific Hospital on referred claims.

12 <u>Overt Act No. 10:</u> On or about September 18, 2012, an un-13 indicted co-conspirator ("UCC") affiliated with Pacific Hospital 14 emailed another Pacific Hospital employee, with a subject "Dr. 15 Tiffany Rogers' cases," and discussed having "just received two spine 16 fusion cases from our new surgeon's office."

17 <u>Overt Act No. 11:</u> On or about October 1, 2012, defendant 18 ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patient M.B. at Pacific 19 Hospital.

20 <u>Overt Act No. 12:</u> On or about October 8, 2012, defendant 21 ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patient M.M. at Pacific 22 Hospital.

23 <u>Overt Act No. 13:</u> On or about October 20, 2012, defendant 24 ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patient M.A. at Pacific 25 Hospital.

26 <u>Overt Act No. 14:</u> On or about November 19, 2012, defendant 27 ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patient C.C. at Pacific 28 Hospital.

Overt Act No. 15: On or about December 8, 2012, defendant ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patients F.C. and C.H. at Pacific Hospital.

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Overt Act No. 16: On or about December 17, 2012, defendant ROGERS performed a spinal surgery on patients M.S. and S.C. at Pacific Hospital.

Overt Act No. 17: On or about March 12, 2013, defendant ROGERS emailed Drobot, writing, in part: "I am checking to see what the update with the collection agreement is. To date, I have done 8 cases since Oct 1[.]"

11 <u>Overt Act No. 18:</u> As part of the same email chain identified 12 in the preceding Overt Act, on or about March 25, 2013, defendant 13 ROGERS emailed Drobot, writing:

It's Monday, I'm here at Pacific doing two more spine cases. I have two more scheduled for next week. As mentioned prior, I have been doing cases since October. I still have had no contact regarding the collections agreement.

18 <u>Overt Act No. 19:</u> On or about March 25, 2013, defendant ROGERS 19 performed a spinal surgery on patients Ro.C. and Ra.C at Pacific 20 Hospital.

<u>Overt Act No. 20:</u> On or about March 28, 2013, Canedo emailed UCC-C, copying defendant ROGERS, instructing UCC-C to "cut a check to Tiffany Rogers, MD, for \$35,478.21[,]" and requested defendant ROGERS to provide an invoice supporting the payment.

25 <u>Overt Act No. 21:</u> As part of the same email chain identified 26 in the preceding Overt Act, on or about March 28, 2013, defendant 27 ROGERS emailed Canedo inquiring if she still needed to send the 28 requested invoice. Canedo responded:

You should send me an invoice with those accounts on it to show that you actually collected those accounts. That's what your agreement covers.

4 Defendant ROGERS replied:

Ok. I will work on it. Can you let me know what accounts the 35K is for? Also, please re-send the invoice template.

Overt Act No. 22: As part of the email chain identified in the preceding Overt Act, on or about March 28, 2013, Canedo responded to defendant ROGERS with a list identifying various patients on whom defendant ROGERS performed surgery at Pacific Hospital in October and December 2012, with collections to date corresponding to those patients totaling \$236,521.40. The spreadsheet also identified that fifteen percent of those collections was \$35,478.21.

Overt Act No. 23: On or about March 28, 2013, Pacific Hospital issued a check (#270300) for \$35,478.21 to defendant ROGERS.

Overt Act No. 24: On or about April 2, 2013, Pacific Hospital mailed a claim for the hospital-billing component of patient Ro.C.'s medical care to Blue Shield of California.

Overt Act No. 25: On or about April 4, 2013, defendant ROGERS caused the check issued from Pacific Hospital, in the amount of \$35,478.21, to be deposited into her Bank of America checking account ending in 7570 (the "7570 BoA Acct").

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COUNTS TWO THROUGH FOUR

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1346, 2(b)]

20. Paragraphs 1 through 14 and 16 through 19 of this Indictment, including all subparagraphs, are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

A. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

Beginning on a date unknown, but from no later than in or 7 21. around June 2012, and continuing through at least in or around July 8 2013, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District 9 of California, and elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, UCC-10 B, UCC-C, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury at various 11 times, knowingly and with intent to defraud, devised, participated 12 in, and executed a scheme to defraud patients of their right to 13 honest services of their physicians' performance of duties as 14 treating physicians and medical providers by soliciting, offering, 15 accepting, and paying bribes and kickbacks to induce the referral of 16 Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services to Pacific Hospital. 17

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B. OPERATION OF THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

19 22. The fraudulent scheme operated, in substance, as set forth20 in paragraphs 16 through 19 of this Indictment.

21 C. USE OF THE MAILS

22 23. On or about the following dates, within the Central 23 District of California, and elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, and 24 other co-schemers, for the purpose of executing the above-described 25 scheme to defraud, willfully caused the following items to be placed 26 in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter to be 27 delivered by the Postal Service:

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COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE	MAILING
TWO	4/2/2013	Claim for reimbursement from Pacific Hospital to ILWU in San Francisco, California, seeking \$125,608.10 for the hospital-billing component of medical care provided to patient Ro.C., based on a spinal fusion surgery defendant ROGERS performed at Pacific Hospital on or about March 25, 2013.
THREE	4/11/2013	Claim for reimbursement from Pacific Hospital to Gallagher Basset in Tucson, Arizona and an attorney for patient T.E. in Sanford, California, seeking \$99,326 for the hospital-billing component of medical care provided to patient T.E., based on a spinal cervical fusion surgery defendant ROGERS performed at Pacific Hospital on or about April 1, 2013.
FOUR	6/27/2013	Check (#0102485862) from Gallagher Basset, in the amount of \$28,483.76, to Pacific Hospital for reimbursement of the claim related to the hospital- billing component for patient T.E., who defendant ROGERS performed spinal surgery on at Pacific Hospital on or about April 1, 2013.
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COUNTS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1346]

Paragraphs 1 through 14 and 16 through 19 of this 24. Indictment, including all subparagraphs, are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD Α.

Beginning on a date unknown, but from no later than June 7 25. 2012, and continuing through at least in or around July 2013, in 8 Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of 9 California, and elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, UCC-B, 10 UCC-C, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury at various 11 times, knowingly and with intent to defraud, devised, participated 12 in, and executed a scheme to defraud patients of their right to 13 honest services of their physicians' performance of duties as 14 treating physicians and medical providers by soliciting, offering, 15 accepting, and paying bribes and kickbacks to induce the referral of 16 Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services to Pacific Hospital. 17

OPERATION OF THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD Β.

The fraudulent scheme operated, in substance, as set forth 26. 19 in paragraphs 16 through 19 of this Indictment. 20

21 C.

USE OF INTERSTATE WIRES

27. On or about the following dates, within the Central 22 District of California, and elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, and 23 other co-schemers, for the purpose of executing the above-described 24 scheme to defraud, transmitted and caused the transmission of items 25 by means of wire communication in interstate commerce, as set forth 26 below: 27

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1	COUNT	APPROXIMATE	INTERSTATE WIRE TRANSMISSION
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3 4 5 6 7	FIVE	3/26/2013	Interstate wire through a Yahoo, Inc. server located outside of California, effectuating the transmission of an e- mail exchange involving defendant ROGERS, Drobot, and Canedo, which identified surgeries defendant ROGERS performed at Pacific Hospital in exchange for a kickback and bribe payment.
8 9 10 11 12 13	SIX	4/1/2013	Interstate wire through a Yahoo, Inc. server located outside of California, effectuating the transmission of an e- mail involving defendant ROGERS, Drobot, and Canedo discussing the kickback and bribe amounts defendant ROGERS should expect as a result of her Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services performed at Pacific Hospital. Interstate wire outside of California,
14 15 16 17 18	SEVEN	4/4/2013	Interstate wire outside of california, effectuating a transfer of \$35,478.21 from Pacific Hospital's East West Bank account ending in 0545 in California to the 7570 BoA Acct, representing a kickback and bribe payment to defendant ROGERS for Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services she performed at Pacific Hospital.
19 20 21 22 23 24	EIGHT	7/3/2013	Interstate wire outside of California, effectuating a transfer of \$28,483.76 from Gallagher Basset to Pacific Hospital's East West Bank account ending in 0553 in California, reimbursing a claim related to the hospital bill for patient T.E., who defendant ROGERS performed spinal surgery on at Pacific Hospital on or about April 1, 2013.
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COUNTS NINE AND TEN

[18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3); 18 U.S.C. § 2]

28. Paragraphs 1 through 14, 16 through 19, 23, and 27 of this Indictment, including all subparagraphs, are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

29. On or about the dates set forth below, in Orange and Los 6 Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and 7 elsewhere, Drobot, defendant ROGERS, Canedo, UCC-C, and others, used, 8 aided and abetted the use of, and willfully caused the use of, the 9 mail and facilities in interstate commerce, with the intent to 10 otherwise promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the 11 promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of an unlawful 12 activity, namely, kickbacks and bribes in violation of California 13 Business & Professions Code Section 650 and California Insurance Code 14 Section 750, and thereafter performed, attempted to perform, and 15 aided and abetted and willfully caused the performance of an act to 16 promote, manage, establish, and carry on, and to facilitate the 17 promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of such 18 unlawful activity as follows: 19

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			USE OF MAIL OR FACILITY	ACTS PERFORMED
1	COUNT	DATE	IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE	THEREAFTER
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	NINE	3/28/2013	E-mail exchange between defendant ROGERS, Canedo, and UCC-C, transmitted through a Yahoo, Inc. server located outside of California, discussing the Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services supporting Pacific Hospital's payment of \$35,478.21 to defendant ROGERS.	On or about April 4, 2013, defendant ROGERS caused a check in the amount of \$35,478.21, representing a kickback and bribe payment for Kickback Tainted Surgeries and Services she performed at Pacific Hospital, to be deposited into her 7570 BoA Acct.
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	TEN	4/2/2013	Mailing of the claim/billing identified in Count Two above, seeking \$125,608.10 in reimbursement from ILWU for the hospital-billing component of medical care provided to patient Ro.C., based on a spinal fusion surgery defendant ROGERS performed at Pacific Hospital on or about March 25, 2013.	On or about September 9, 2014, Drobot caused a check in the amount of \$100,486.48 from ILWU-PMA Coastwise Claims Office, for the claim submitted on patient Ro.C., to be deposited in Pacific Hospital's Wells Fargo bank account ending in 5498.
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### FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

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[18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

30. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a), Fed. R. Crim. P., notice is hereby given to defendant ROGERS ("defendant") that the United States will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of defendant's conviction under any of Counts One through Ten of this Indictment.

9 31. Defendant shall forfeit to the United States the following10 property:

a. all right, title, and interest in any and all
property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly
or indirectly, from the proceeds traceable to the commission of any
offense set forth in any of Counts One through Ten of this
Indictment; and

b. a sum of money equal to the total value of theproperty described in subparagraph a.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), 32. 18 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), 19 defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the total value of 20 the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as a result of 21 any act or omission of defendant, the property described in the 22 preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof (a) cannot be located 23 upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to 24 or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the 25 111 26 111 27

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1	jurisdiction of the Court; (d) has been substantially diminished in						
2	value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be						
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