

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern District of Indiana

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MAHDI KHELIFI

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

Case Number: 1:16CR00167-002

USM Number: 15379-028

Ross G. Thomas

Defendant's Attorney

**THE DEFENDANT:**

- ☐ pleaded guilty to count(s)
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.
- ☒ was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offense(s):

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18§1962(d)	Conspiracy to Commit Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	9/30/2015	1
18§§ 1341 and 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud	9/30/2015	2
18§§ 1343 and 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	9/30/2015	3
18§§ 1343 and 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	9/30/2015	4
18§§ 2314 and 2	Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property	11/20/2014	7

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)
- ☐ Count(s) dismissed on the motion of the United States.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

October 30, 2018

Date of Imposition of Sentence:

*William T. Lawrence*

Hon. William T. Lawrence, Judge  
 United States District Court  
 Southern District of Indiana

11/2/18

Date

**A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

**Laura A. Briggs, Clerk**  
 U.S. District Court  
 Southern District of Indiana

By *[Signature]*  
 Deputy Clerk



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### IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of **75 months per count, concurrent.**

☒ The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

**That the defendant be designated to a facility at the lowest possible security level for which he is eligible.**

☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☒ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☒ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

### RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant was delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of **2 years per count, concurrent.**

**MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

1. You must not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.  
☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☒ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the conditions listed below.

**CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

1. You shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer.
2. You shall permit a probation officer to visit you at a reasonable time at home or another place where the officer may legitimately enter by right or consent, and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer.
3. You shall not knowingly leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer.
4. You shall answer truthfully the inquiries by the probation officer, subject to your 5th Amendment privilege.
5. You shall not meet, communicate, or otherwise interact with a person you know to be engaged, or planning to be engaged, in criminal activity. You shall report any contact with persons you know to be convicted felons to your probation officer within 72 hours of the contact.
6. You shall reside at a location approved by the probation officer and shall notify the probation officer at least 72 hours prior to any planned change in place or circumstances of residence or employment (including, but not limited to, changes in who lives there, job positions, job responsibilities). When prior notification is not possible, you shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of the change.
7. You shall not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device or dangerous weapon.
8. You shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested, charged, or questioned by a law enforcement officer.

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9. You shall maintain lawful full time employment, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, vocational training, or other reasons that prevent lawful employment.
10. As directed by the probation officer, you shall notify third parties who may be impacted by the nature of the conduct underlying your current or prior offense(s) of conviction and/or shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and/or confirm your compliance with this requirement.
11. You shall make a good faith effort to follow instructions of the probation officer necessary to ensure compliance with the conditions of supervision.
12. You shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information and shall authorize the release of that information to the U.S. Attorney's Office for use in connection with the collection of any outstanding fines and/or restitution.
13. You shall not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer.
14. You shall submit to the search by the probation officer of your person, vehicle, office/business, residence, and property, including any computer systems and hardware or software systems, electronic devices, telephones, and Internet-enabled devices, including the data contained in any such items, whenever the probation officer has a reasonable suspicion that a violation of a condition of supervision or other unlawful conduct may have occurred or be underway involving you and that the area(s) to be searched may contain evidence of such violation or conduct. Other law enforcement may assist as necessary. You shall submit to the seizure of contraband found by the probation officer. You shall warn other occupants these locations may be subject to searches.
15. You shall surrender as directed to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. If you are released from the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for any reason, you shall report to the nearest U.S. Probation Office within 72 hours of your release.
16. If released from confinement, not deported or removed, or you re-enter the United States, you shall report to the nearest probation office within 72 hours.
17. You shall obtain the proper documentation from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement authorizing you to work in the United States.
18. You shall pay any outstanding location monitoring fees that were accrued while on pretrial supervision.

I understand that I and/or the probation officer may petition the Court to modify these conditions, and the final decision to modify these terms lies with the Court. If I believe these conditions are being enforced unreasonably, I may petition the Court for relief or clarification; however, I must comply with the directions of my probation officer unless or until the Court directs otherwise. Upon a finding of a violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the condition of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in this judgment.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$500.00			\$1,811,679.25

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☒ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
Pelican Auto Finance, LLC	\$467,422.40	\$437,839.68	2
GFC Lending, LLC (d/b/a Go Financial)	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	2
Professional Financial Services, LLC	\$19,356.30	\$19,356.30	2
Santander Consumer USA, Inc.	\$87,698.00	\$87,698.00	2
Coastal Credit, LLC	\$133,000.00	\$132,636.00	2
American Credit Acceptance, LLC	\$20,400.00	\$20,400.00	2
Nicholas Financial	\$50,533.61	\$50,533.61	2
United Auto Credit	\$42,747.85	\$42,747.85	2
Westlake Financial Services	\$22,522.37	\$22,522.37	2
Gateway Financial Solutions	\$3,575.00	\$3,575.00	2
Omni Insurance Company	\$16,604.81	\$16,604.81	2
Sentry Insurance	\$6,720.50	\$6,720.50	2
Progressive Insurance	\$10,600.90	\$10,600.90	2
Allstate Insurance	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	2
MetLife Insurance	\$13,788.31	\$13,788.31	2
American Casualty Insurance	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00	2
Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	2
Edwin Hernandez	\$3,027.00	\$3,027.00	1
Krystopher Davis	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	1
Eric Guess	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00	1
Renae Green-Hart	\$11,428.00	\$11,428.00	1
Mary Mason	\$1,326.00	\$1,326.00	1
Jasmine Clark	\$5,783.71	\$5,783.71	1
LaTonya Hatch	\$7,550.00	\$7,550.00	1
Lorna Pipkin	\$3,968.97	\$4,463.94	1
Phil Whitney	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	1
Juanita Cash	\$6,034.00	\$6,034.00	1
Joshua Lee	\$11,349.00	\$11,349.00	1

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Larry Parris	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	1
William Pittman	\$500.00	\$500.00	1
Avis	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	2
Nextgear Capital	\$385,491.13	\$377,753.63	2
Automotive Finance Corporation	\$317,390.64	\$317,390.64	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,848,868.50</b>	<b>\$1,811,679.25</b>	

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☒ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☒ restitution

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

<sup>2</sup> Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A** ☐ Lump sum payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due immediately, balance due  
☐ not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B** ☒ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☒ F or ☒ G below); or
- C** ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D** ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E** ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F** ☒ If this case involves other defendants, each may be held jointly and severally liable for payment of all or part of the restitution ordered herein and the Court may order such payment in the future. The victims' recovery is limited to the amount of loss, and the defendant's liability for restitution ceases if and when the victims receive full restitution.
- G** ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Any unpaid restitution balance during the term of supervision shall be paid at a rate of not less than 10 % of the defendant's gross monthly income.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☒ Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

**See page 8 and 9 for Joint and Several**

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

**All right to title to \$30,651.02 held in JP Morgan chase checking account number 239890295, and \$4,963.28 held in JP Morgan chase checking account number 611139556. Both accounts in the name of Elite Imports, LLC.**

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### **JOINT AND SEVERAL**

Mahdi Khelifi is joint and severally liable with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, Derrick Perkins, Shawn Williams, and Kevin Killebrew for the following amounts and victims:

\$20,400 to American Credit Acceptance, LLC

\$87,698 to Santander Consumer USA, Inc.

\$50,533.61 to Nicholas Financial

\$125,000 to GFC Lending, LLC (d/b/a/ Go Financial)

\$42,747.85 to United Auto Credit Corporation

\$132,636 to Coastal Credit, LLC

\$19,356.30 to Professional Financial Services, LLC

\$22,522.37 to Westlake Financial Services

\$3,575 to Gateway Financial Solutions

Mahdi Khelifi is jointly and severally liable with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, and Derrick Perkins for the following amounts and victims:

\$377,753.63 to NextGear Capital, LLC

\$317,390.64 to Automotive Finance Corporation

\$12,000 to Allstate Insurance

\$6,720.50 to Sentry Insurance

\$13,788.31 to MetLife Insurance

\$10,600.90 to Progressive Southeastern Insurance Company

\$4,350 to American Casualty Insurance

\$13,000 to Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance

\$13,500 to Avis

\$3,027 to Edwin Hernandez

\$4,000 to Krystopher Davis

\$8,200 to Eric Guess



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\$11,428 to Renae Green-Hart

\$1,326 to Mary Mason

\$5,783.71 to Jasmine Clark

\$7,550 to LaTonya Hatch

\$4,463.94 to Lorna Pipkin

\$4,000 to Phil Whitney

\$6,034 to Juanita Cash

\$11,349 to Joshua Lee

\$16,000 to Larry Parris

\$500 to William Pittman

Restitution is ordered in the amount of \$437,839.68 to Pelican Auto Finance, LLC. Mahdi Khelifi is jointly and severally liable for \$6,899 with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, Derrick Perkins, Shawn Williams, Chelli Brooks, and Kevin Killebrew. He is also jointly and severally liable for \$9,111.15 with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, Derrick Perkins, Shawn Williams, Kevin Killebrew, and Erick Anderson. Finally, he is jointly and severally liable for the remaining \$421,829.53 with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, Derrick Perkins, Shawn Williams, and Kevin Killebrew.

Finally, restitution is ordered in the amount of \$16,604.81 to Omni Insurance Company. Mahdi Khelifi is jointly and severally liable for this amount with Mohamed Noshi Mahmoud, Hamza Dridi, Issa Kayyali, Pamela Tatom, Derrick Perkins, and Chelli Brooks.