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18 U.S.C. § 1349

18 U.S.C. § 1347

18 U.S.C. § 371

18 U.S.C. § 2

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(7)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, JORGE SANCHEZ, ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ-MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO, RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, MARIO SAUL LAY, and ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET,

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times material to this Indictment:

The Medicare Program

- 1. The Medicare Program ("Medicare") was a federally funded program that provided free or below-cost health care benefits to certain individuals, primarily the elderly, blind, and disabled. The benefits available under Medicare were governed by federal statutes and regulations. The United States Department of Health and Human Services ("CMS"), oversaw and administered Medicare. Individuals who received benefits under Medicare were commonly referred to as Medicare "beneficiaries."
- 2. Medicare programs covering different types of benefits were separated into different program "parts." Part D of Medicare subsidized the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries in the United States. It was enacted a part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and went into effect on January 1, 2006.
- 3. In order to receive Part D benefits, a beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare drug plan. Medicare drug plans were operated by private companies approved by Medicare. Those companies were often referred to as drug plan "sponsors." A beneficiary in a Medicare drug plan could fill a prescription at a pharmacy and use his or her plan to pay for some or all of the prescription.
- 4. A pharmacy could participate in Part D by entering a retail network agreement with one or more Pharmacy Benefit Managers ("PBMs"). Each PBM acted on behalf of one or more Medicare drug plans. Through a plan's PBM, a pharmacy could join the plan's network. When a Part D beneficiary presented a prescription to a pharmacy, the pharmacy submitted a claim to the PBM that represented the beneficiary's Medicare drug plan. The PBM determined whether the pharmacy was entitled to payment for each claim and periodically paid the pharmacy for outstanding claims. The drug plan's sponsor reimbursed the PBM for its payments to the pharmacy.

- 5. A pharmacy could also submit claims to a Medicare drug plan to whose network the pharmacy did not belong. Submission of such out-of-network claims was not common and often resulted in smaller payments to the pharmacy by the drug plan sponsor.
- 6. Medicare, through CMS, compensated the Medicare drug plan sponsors. Medicare paid the sponsors a monthly fee for each Medicare beneficiary of the sponsors' plans. Such payments were called capitation fees. The capitation fees were adjusted periodically based on various factors, including the beneficiary's medical condition. In addition, in some cases where a sponsor's expenses for a beneficiary's prescription drugs exceeded that beneficiary's capitation fee. Medicare reimbursed the sponsor for a portion of those additional expenses.
- 7. Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors were "health care benefit program[s]," as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b).

Medicare Drug Plan Sponsors

8. Connecticut General Life Insurance Company ("Connecticut Life"), Medco Containment Life Insurance Company ("Medco"), Silverscript Insurance Company ("Silverscript"), United Healthcare Insurance Co. ("United"), and Wellcare Prescription Insurance, Inc., ("Wellcare") were Medicare drug plan sponsors (collectively, "Medicare drug plan sponsors").

The Defendants and Related Entities

- 9. Sun View Pharmacy, LLC ("Sun View Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about March 6, 2012, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Sun View Pharmacy's principal place of business was 6355 SW 8th Street, Unit 100, Miami, FL, 33144.
- 10. K.A.R. Pharmacy, Inc. ("K.A.R. Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about November 10, 2010, that did business in Miami-Dade County,

purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. K.A.R. Pharmacy's principal place of business was 3855 SW 137th Avenue, Unit #B6, Miami, FL, 33175.

- 11. Lola Pharmacy Corp. ("Lola Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about October 4, 2010, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Lola Pharmacy's principal place of business was 13501 SW 128th Street, Suite 109, Miami, FL, 33186.
- 12. Latin Quarters Drug Store, Inc. ("Latin Quarters") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about August 2, 2013, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Latin Quarters' principal place of business was 425 SW 22nd Avenue, Suite E1, Miami, FL, 33135.
- 13. Lily and Rosy Pharmacy Discount Corp. ("Lily Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about September 3, 2010, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Lily Pharmacy's principal place of business was 4254 W 12th Avenue, Hialeah, FL, 33012.
- 14. Norton Pharmacy, Corp. ("Norton Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about March 17, 2014, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Norton Pharmacy's principal place of business was 2140 W. Flagler Street, Suite 102, Miami, FL, 33135.
- 15. Health Star Pharmacy Discount & Supply, Corp. ("Health Star Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about January 12, 2011, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Health Star Pharmacy's principal place of business was 11264 SW 137th Avenue, Miami, FL, 33186.
 - 16. Ultra Medical Services, Inc. ("Ultra Medical") was a Florida corporation,

incorporated on or about February 2, 1999, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. Ultra Medical's principal place of business was 17601 NW 78th Avenue, Suite 102, Miami, FL 33015.

- 17. O.M.G. Pharmacy Discount, Inc.. ("O.M.G. Pharmacy") was a Florida corporation, incorporated on or about January 20, 2012, that did business in Miami-Dade County, purportedly providing prescription drugs to Medicare beneficiaries. O.M.G. Pharmacy's principal place of business was 7305 NW 36th Street Miami, FL, 33166.
 - 18. Defendant **ANTONIO HEVIA** was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 19. Defendant **PEDRO TORRES** was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
- 20. Ricardo Filgueiras, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was an owner and shareholder of Health Star Pharmacy, and became the President of Health Star Pharmacy in 2012.
- 21. Defendant **SUIVEN NUNEZ**, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was an owner of Lola Pharmacy, and became the President and Registered Agent of Lola Pharmacy on or about January 5, 2011.
- 22. Defendant **CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ**, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was an owner of Latin Quarters Pharmacy, and became the President of Latin Quarters Pharmacy on or about March 5, 2014.
- 23. Defendant MARIO SAUL LAY, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was an owner of Ultra Medical, and became the President, Director, and Registered Agent of Ultra Medical on about July 21, 2005.
- 24. Defendant **ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET**, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was an owner of Lily Pharmacy, and became the President, Director and Registered Agent of Lily Pharmacy on or about December 20, 2011.

- 25. Defendant JORGE SANCHEZ was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
- 26. Defendant ALAIN RAUL GARCIA was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
- 27. Defendant **ERICK RIOS** was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
- 28. Defendant **ALINA MONTERO** (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO") was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 29. Defendant NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 30. Defendant **DORA ROBAINA** was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 31. Defendant YANIO RODRIGUEZ-MACAYA was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 32. Defendant SUYIN VALDES was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 33. Defendant MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 34. Defendant RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
 - 35. Defendant SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO was a resident of Miami-Dade County.
- 36. Defendant RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ was a resident of Miami-Dade County.

COUNT 1 Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud and Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1349)

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 36 of the General Allegations section of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. From at least as early as in or around January of 2011, and continuing through in or around September of 2014, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, JORGE SANCHEZ,

ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO, RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, MARIO SAUL LAY, and ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET,

did willfully, that is, with the intent to further the objects of the conspiracy, and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States of America, that is:

- a. to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud a health care benefit program affecting commerce, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), that is, Medicare And Medicare drug plan sponsors, and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said health care benefit programs, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347; and
- b. to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing the pretenses, representations, and promises were false and fraudulent when made, and for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, did

knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

Purpose of the Conspiracy

3. It was a purpose of the conspiracy for the defendants and their co-conspirators to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things: (a) submitting and causing the submission of false and fraudulent claims to health care benefit programs; (b) concealing the submission of false and fraudulent claims to health care benefit programs, and the receipt and transfer of fraud proceeds; and (c) diverting the fraud proceeds for their personal use and benefit, the use and benefit of others, and to further the fraud.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

The manner and means by which the defendants and their co-conspirators sought to accomplish the objects and purpose of the conspiracy included, among other things, the following:

- 4. **ANTONIO HEVIA**, and **PEDRO TORRES**, recruited individuals to be the owners of pharmacies that were controlled by **HEVIA** and **TORRES**.
- 5. ANTONIO HEVIA and PEDRO TORRES recruited, among others, Ricardo Filgueiras to be the owner of Health Star Pharmacy, SUIVEN NUNEZ to be the owner of Lola Pharmacy, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ to be the owner of Latin Quarters, MARIO SAUL LAY to be the owner of Ultra Medical, and ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET to be the owner of Lily Pharmacy.
- 6. **ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES,** and others, offered and paid kickbacks and bribes to patient recruiters in return for referring beneficiaries to Health Star Pharmacy, K.A.R. Pharmacy, Latin Quarters, Lily Pharmacy, Lola Pharmacy, Norton Pharmacy, O.M.G.

Pharmacy, Sun View Pharmacy, and Ultra Medical (collectively, the "Pharmacies"), to serve as patients.

- 7. JORGE SANCHEZ, ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ-MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO, RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, and CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, and others, (collectively, the "Patient Recruiters"), solicited and received kickbacks and bribes in return for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients at the pharmacies.
- 8. **ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES,** and the Patient Recruiters directed the staff at the Pharmacies to bill for prescription medications that were not medically necessary and not provided to Medicare beneficiaries.
- 9. **ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES**, and others obtained fraudulent prescriptions for prescription drugs from various medical clinics, in exchange for kickbacks, in order to submit false and fraudulent claims to Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors.
- 10. **ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES**, and their co-conspirators obtained Medicare beneficiary information in order to submit false and fraudulent claims for prescription drugs purportedly provided to Medicare beneficiaries by the Pharmacies.
- 11. **ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES**, and their co-conspirators submitted and caused the submission of claims, via interstate wires, that falsely and fraudulently represented that various health care benefits, primarily prescription drugs, were medically necessary and provided by the Pharmacies to Medicare beneficiaries, when, in fact, they were not provided and not medically necessary.

- 12. As a result of such false and fraudulent prescription drug claims, Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors, through their PBMs, made overpayments funded by the Medicare Part D program to the Pharmacies in the approximate amount of \$16.7 million.
- 13. The defendants and their co-conspirators used the proceeds from the false and fraudulent Medicare Part D claims for their own use and the use of others, and to further the fraud.

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

COUNTS 2-9 Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1347)

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 19, 22 and 23 of the General Allegations section of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. From in or around January of 2011, and continuing through in or around September of 2014, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, and MARIO SAUL LAY,

in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, did knowingly and willfully execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud a health care benefit program affecting commerce, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), that is, Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors, and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, these health care benefit programs.

Purpose of the Scheme and Artifice

3. It was a purpose of the scheme and artifice for the defendants and their accomplices to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things: (a) submitting and causing the submission of false and fraudulent prescription drug claims to health care benefit programs; (b) concealing the submission of false and fraudulent prescription drug claims to healthcare benefit programs, and the receipt and transfer of fraud proceeds; and (c) diverting fraud proceeds for their personal use and benefit, the use and benefit of others, and to further the fraud.

The Scheme and Artifice

4. The allegations contained in paragraphs 4, 5, and 8 through 13 of the Manner and Means section of Count 1 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein as a description of the scheme and artifice.

Acts in Execution or Attempted Execution of the Scheme and Artifice

5. On or about the dates set forth as to each count below, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, did knowingly and willfully execute, and attempt to execute, the above-described scheme and artifice to defraud a health care benefit program affecting commerce, as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), that is, Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors, and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said health care benefit programs, in that the defendants submitted and caused the submission of false and fraudulent claims seeking the identified dollar amounts, representing that the pharmacies listed below provided pharmaceutical items and services to Medicare beneficiaries pursuant to physicians' orders and prescriptions:

Count	Defendant(s)	Approx. Date of Submission of Claim	Medicare Claim Number	Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sponsor	Item; Approx. Amount Claimed	Pharmacy
2	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	02/23/2012	12054498679706 39991	Silverscript	Seroquel XR Tab, 300 MG; \$832	Health Star Pharmacy
3	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	02/24/2012	12055378354408 399991	Silverscript	Seroquel XR Tab, 400MG; \$978	Health Star Pharmacy
4	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	02/28/2012	12059505582210 399991	Silverscript	Olanzapine Tab, 20MG; \$897	Health Star Pharmacy
5	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	06/26/13	135775434061 0000001624286	Connecticut Life	Seroquel XR TAB 300MG; \$502.	OMG Pharmacy
6	PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, and MARIO SAUL LAY	10/30/13	90757551765505 71508166207144 008882406487	Medco	Exelon DIS 4.6MG/24; \$ 315	Ultra Medical
7	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	03/18/14	14077388431400 5999	Wellcare	Seroquel XR TAB 200MG; \$ 883.39	Sun View Pharmacy
8	PEDRO TORRES and ANTONIO HEVIA	05/27/14	14147450341310 3998	United	Calcipotrien ACRE 0.005%; \$606	Norton Pharmacy
9	PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, and CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ	07/10/14	1419137 8 148202 5998	Wellcare	Abilify TAB 10MG; \$ 804	Latin Quarters

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1347 and 2.

COUNT 10

Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and Pay and Receive Health Care Kickbacks (18 U.S.C. § 371)

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 36 of the General Allegations section of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. From at least as early as in or around January of 2011, and continuing through in or around September of 2014, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

PEDRO TORRES, ANTONIO HEVIA, JORGE SANCHEZ, ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO. RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, and CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ,

did willfully, that is, with the intent to further the objects of the conspiracy, and knowingly combine, conspire, and agree with each other, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, and to commit certain offenses against the United States, that is:

a. to defraud the United States by impairing, impeding, obstructing, and defeating through deceitful and dishonest means, the lawful government functions of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in its administration and oversight of the Medicare program in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371; and to commit certain offenses

against the United States, that is:

- b. to violate Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(1)(A), by knowingly and willfully soliciting and receiving any remuneration, including kickbacks and bribes, directly and indirectly, overtly and covertly, in cash and in kind, in return for referring an individual to a person for the furnishing and arranging for the furnishing of any item and service for which payment may be made in whole or in part by a Federal health care program, that is, Medicare; and
- c. to violate Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(2)(A), by knowingly and willfully offering and paying any remuneration, including kickbacks and bribes, directly and indirectly, overtly and covertly, in cash and in kind, to a person to induce such person to refer an individual to a person for the furnishing and arranging for the furnishing of any item and service for which payment may be made in whole and in part by a Federal health care program, that is, Medicare.

Purpose of the Conspiracy

3. It was the purpose of the conspiracy for the defendants and their co-conspirators to unlawfully enrich themselves by: (1) offering, paying, soliciting, and receiving kickbacks and bribes in return for referring beneficiaries to the Pharmacies to serve as patients; and (2) submitting, and causing the submission of claims to Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors for prescription drugs purportedly provided to Medicare beneficiaries by the Pharmacies.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

The manner and means by which the defendants and their co-conspirators sought to accomplish the objects and purpose of the conspiracy included, among others, the following:

- 4. **ANTONIO HEVIA**, **PEDRO TORRES**, and others, offered and paid kickbacks and bribes to patient recruiters in return for referring beneficiaries to the Pharmacies to serve as patients.
- 5. JORGE SANCHEZ, ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO, RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, and CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, and others (collectively, the Patient Recruiters"), solicited and received kickbacks and bribes for referring beneficiaries to the Pharmacies to serve as patients.
- 6. RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, and ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET cashed checks and made withdrawals from the corporate bank accounts of the pharmacies that they owned in order to pay the Patient Recruiters.
- 7. **ANTONIA HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES,** the Patient Recruiters, and others used the beneficiary information obtained through the payment of bribes and kickbacks to cause the Pharmacies to submit claims to Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors for prescription drugs.
- 8. Medicare and Medicare drug plan sponsors paid the Pharmacies based upon the claims submitted for prescription drugs purportedly provided to Medicare beneficiaires.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects and purpose, at least one of the co-conspirators committed and caused to be committed, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, at least one of the following overt acts, among others:

- 1. On or about January 5, 2011, ANTONIO HEVIA and PEDRO TORRES recruited SUIVEN NUNEZ to be an owner of Lola Pharmacy,
- 2. In or around February of 2012, ALINA MONTERO ('a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO") referred a Medicare beneficiary to Lily Pharmacy for the purpose of being paid a kickback.
- 3. On or about November 20, 2012, **ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET** made a withdrawal of \$9,000 from the corporate account of Lily Pharmacy to obtain cash to pay kickbacks.
- 4. On or about May 7, 2013, RAMON HERNANDEZ received check number 1330 in the amount of \$9,000 from O.M.G. Pharmacy as his kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 5. On or about May 29, 2013, **SUIVEN NUNEZ** received check #1271 in the amount of \$3,900 from O.M.G. Pharmacy as his kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 6. On or about August 14, 2013, YANIO RODRIGUEZ received check #1573 in the amount of \$8,450 from O.M.G. Pharmacy as his kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 7. On or about December 18, 2013, **RAFAEL FRANCO** received check number 0158 in the amount of \$5,900 from K.A.R. Pharmacy as his kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 8. On or about January 24, 2014, **SUYIN VALDES** received check #0211 in the amount of \$6,495 from K.A.R. Pharmacy as her kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.

- 9. On or about February 4, 2014, **SONIA RODRIGUEZ** received check number 1442 in the amount of \$3,630 from Ultra Medical as her kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 10. On or about March 5, 2014, **ANTONIO HEVIA** and **PEDRO TORRES** recruited **CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ** to be an owner of Latin Quarters.
- 11. In or around April of 2014, **NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS** referred a Medicare beneficiary to K.A.R. Pharmacy in exchange for a kickback payment.
- 12. In or around June of 2014, **MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ** referred a Medicare beneficiary to Sun View Pharmacy in exchange for a kickback payment.
- 13. In or around June of 2014, **ALAIN RAUL GARCIA** referred a Medicare beneficiary to Latin Quarters in exchange for a kickback payment.
- 14. In or around June of 2014, **JORGE SANCHEZ** referred a Medicare beneficiary to Latin Quarters in exchange for a kickback payment.
- 15. In or around June of 2014, ANTONIO HEVIA and PEDRO TORRES paid JORGE SANCHEZ a kickback in exchange for referring a Medicare beneficiary to Latin Quarters.
- 16. On or about June 27, 2014, **CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ** received check #180 in the amount of \$2,000 from Sun View Pharmacy as his kickback payment for referring Medicare beneficiaries to serve as patients.
- 17. In or around August of 2014, **ERICK RIOS** referred a Medicare beneficiary to Sun View Pharmacy in exchange for a kickback payment.
- 18. In or around August of 2014, **ANTONIO HEVIA** and **PEDRO TORRES** paid **ERICK RIOS** a cash kickback for referring Medicare beneficiaries to Sun View Pharmacy.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

FORFEITURE (18 U.S.C. § 982 (a)(7))

- 1. The allegations contained in this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which each of the defendants, ANTONIO HEVIA, PEDRO TORRES, JORGE SANCHEZ, ALAIN RAUL GARCIA, ERICK RIOS, ALINA MONTERO (a/k/a "ALINA PACHECO"), NORMA JOSEFA CONTRERAS, DORA ROBAINA, YANIO RODRIGUEZ-MACAYA, SUYIN VALDES, MISLEIDYS BERMUDEZ, RAFAEL DE JESUS FRANCO, SONIA RODRIGUEZ ESPOSITO, RAMON ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, SUIVEN NUNEZ, CARLOS M. HERNANDEZ, MARIO SAUL LAY, and ARIEL NUNEZ FINALET, has an interest.
- 2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347, a conspiracy to commit such violation, or a conspiracy to violate Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b), as alleged in this Indictment, each defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7).
- 3. Upon conviction of a conspiracy to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as alleged in this Indictment, each defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).

- 4. The property subject to forfeiture includes a money judgment in the amount of \$12,504,077.00 in United States currency, which sum represents the value of the gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses alleged in this Indictment.
- 5. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of any of the defendants:
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States of America to seek forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(7) and 981(a)(1)(C), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and the procedures set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

A TRUE BILL FOREPERSON

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AMES V. HAYES

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