

#### TED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

# **FELONY**

# INDICTMENT FOR WIRE FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL NO. 17-139

**VERSUS** 

**SECTION:** 

CT.N MAG 4

JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC a/k/a JILL FREMIN

**VIOLATION:** 

18 U.S.C. § 1343

18 U.S.C. § 1957

The Grand Jury charges that:

#### **COUNT 1**

## **AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:**

- JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC was appointed power of attorney (POA) on October 29, 2008 for her mother, Individual "A," who was terminally ill.
- 2. Under Louisiana law, one who holds a POA for another has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the individual who granted the POA.
- 3. Individual "A" had inherited an account with a substantial balance from her deceased husband. Her husband, the defendant, JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC's father, had

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worked his entire lifetime to save the money in the account. This investment account was managed by Business "A," in Thibodaux, Louisiana in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Business "A" was headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota with branches throughout the United States.

- 4. Individual "A" died on or about January 22, 2014.
- 5. The defendant caused "Business A" to initiate electronic communications to instruct its home office in Minnesota to transfer funds from its corporate accounts in Minnesota to defendant JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC's accounts in Louisiana.

#### B. THE SCHEME:

From on or about August 2, 2010 to on or about August 1, 2013, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC**, knowingly devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Individual "A," her brother and sisters and obtain money and property, to wit: approximately \$369,701.00 of Individual "A's" money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

#### C. MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that Business "A" released Individual "A's" money to defendant, JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC, based on lies and falsehoods. The account managers at Business "A" were led to believe by defendant, JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC, that the monies released to her were for the benefit of her terminally ill mother and other family members, when in truth and in fact defendant, JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC, used the money for personal enrichment, cosmetic surgery and travel, among other things.

### D. <u>THE WIRES:</u>

On or about the dates listed below, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, defendant, **JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC**, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice to defraud described above, caused to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce from Minnesota to Louisiana certain signs, signals and sounds, that is, Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions based on her fraudulent requests, each transmission constituting a separate count:

COUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
1	07/23/2012	\$32,000
2	10/26/2012	\$5,865
3	10/29/2012	\$4,135
4	11/16/2012	\$9,800
5	11/16/2012	\$4,900
6	11/30/2012	\$7,500
7	12/14/2012	\$6,000
8	12/18/2012	\$2,000
9	12/31/2012	\$5,650
10	01/03/2013	\$9,151
11	01/22/2013	\$14,500
12	05/01/2013	\$2,125
13	05/06/2013	1,875

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	14	07/24/2013		\$40,000

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 and 2.

#### E. THE MONEY LAUNDERING:

On or about the dates indicated below, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC**, did knowingly engage and attempt to engage in monetary transactions by, through or to a financial institution, affecting interstate commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, that is the deposit, withdrawal, and transfer of funds in the amounts indicated below, such property having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, that is, wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, involving wire transfers in furtherance of the scheme:

COUNT	DATE TRANSFERRED	TYPE OF TRANSFER
1.5	07/02/0010	
15	07/23/2012	Check
16	01/22/2013	Online Banking Transfer
17	07/24/2013	Check
18	07/24/2013	Online Banking Transfer

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 1957 and 2.

#### **NOTICE OF WIRE FRAUD FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Counts 1 through 14 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to

the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

- 2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 14, defendant, JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343. The government specifically provides notice of its intent to seek a personal money judgment against the defendant in the amount of the fraudulently-obtained proceeds.
- 3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
  - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
  - 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 subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

#### **NOTICE OF MONEY LAUNDERING FORFEITURE**

- 1. The allegations of Counts 15 through 18 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982.
- 2. As a result of the offenses, alleged in Counts 15 through 18, defendant, **JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC**, shall forfeit to the United States all property real or personal, involved in the aforesaid offenses and all property traceable to such property which was involved in the said violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 and 982. The government specifically provides notice of its intent to seek a personal money judgment against the defendant in the amount of the fraudulently-obtained proceeds.
- 3. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
  - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
  - 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 subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1) to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982.

A TRUE BILL:

**FOREPERSON** 

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ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

CARTER K. D. GUICE, JR.

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Assistant United States Attorney

Louisiana Bar Roll No. 16771

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PROCEEDING  Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)  SA Monique Schmit, IRS-CI	Social Security NumberXXX-XX-6580		
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this person/proceeding transferred from another district per (circle one) FRCrP 20, 21 or 40. Show District  this is a reprosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:	Issue: Warrant _✓ Summons  Location Status:  Arrest Date or Date Transferred to Federal Custody  Currently in Federal Custody		
this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant. (Notice of Related Case must still be filed with the Clerk.)  prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate Judge regarding this defendant were	Currently in State Custody  Writ Required  Currently on bond Fugitive  Defense Counsel (if any):  Thomas Damico		
Place of offense Lafourche Parish County	FPD CJA RET'D  Appointed on Target Letter		
This report amends AO 257 previously submitted			
OFFENSE CHARGED - U.S.C. CITATION - STATUTORY MAXIMUM PENALTIES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS			
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**FOR** 

NAME: JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC a/k/a Jill

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