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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
**17-20474-CR-WILLIAMS/TORRES**  
Case No.

42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b)(1)(A)

18 U.S.C. § 2

18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), (7)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

MARIA BLANCO,

Defendant.  
\_\_\_\_\_ /**INFORMATION**

The Acting United States Attorney charges that:

**COUNTS 1-5****Receipt of Kickbacks in Connection with a Federal Health Care Program  
(42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b)(1)(A))**

On or about the dates enumerated below as to each count, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**MARIA BLANCO,**

did knowingly and willfully solicit and receive remuneration, including any 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 and in part by a federal health care program, that is, Medicare, as set forth below:

Count	Approximate Date of Kickback	Approximate Kickback Amount
1	05/27/2014	\$1,700

Count	Approximate Date of Kickback	Approximate Kickback Amount
2	07/08/2014	\$1,700
3	07/09/2014	\$1,700
4	08/29/2014	\$1,700
5	09/04/2014	\$1,700

In violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(1)(A), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.


**FORFEITURE**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), (7))**

1. The allegations in this Information are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of certain property in which the defendant, **MARIA BLANCO**, has an interest.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b, as alleged in Counts 1 through 5 of the Information, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7), any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of such offense.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), (7), and the procedures set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as made applicable through Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1).

  
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BENJAMIN G. GREENBERG  
ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

  
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MICHAEL B. NADLER  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

VS.

CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY\*

MARIA BLANCO,

Defendant.

Superseding Case Information:

Court Division: (Select One)

X Miami        Key West  
FTL        WPB        FTP

New Defendant(s) Yes        No         
Number of New Defendants         
Total number of counts       

I do hereby certify that:

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.
2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. Section 3161.
3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) YES  
List language and/or dialect SPANISH
4. This case will take 0 days for the parties to try.
5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:

(Check only one)	(Check only one)
I 0 to 5 days <u>X</u>	Petty <u>      </u>
II 6 to 10 days <u>      </u>	Minor <u>      </u>
III 11 to 20 days <u>      </u>	Misdem. <u>      </u>
IV 21 to 60 days <u>      </u>	Felony <u>X</u>
V 61 days and over <u>      </u>	

6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) NO

If yes: Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach copy of dispositive order)  
Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No) NO

If yes: Magistrate Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Related Miscellaneous numbers: 17-cr-20345, 17-CR-20295

Defendant(s) in federal custody as of \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) in state custody as of \_\_\_\_\_

Rule 20 from the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) NO

7. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 14, 2003? Yes        No x

8. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to September 1, 2007? Yes        No x

  
Michael B. Nadler  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
Florida Bar No./Court No. 0051264

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

**Defendant's Name:** MARIA BLANCO

**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_

Counts #1-5:

Receipt of Kickbacks in Connection with a Federal Health Care Program

Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(1)(A)

**\*Max. Penalty:** Five (5) years' imprisonment as to each count

**\*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, does not include possible fines, restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.**

AO 455 (Rev. 01/09) Waiver of an Indictment

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**WAIVER OF AN INDICTMENT**

I understand that I have been accused of one or more offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. I was advised in open court of my rights and the nature of the proposed charges against me.

After receiving this advice, I waive my right to prosecution by indictment and consent to prosecution by information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Defendant's signature*

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*Signature of defendant's attorney*

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**JASON GREY**  
*Printed name of defendant's attorney*

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*Judge's signature*

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*Judge's printed name and title*