1 2 3 4 5	Case 2:05-cr-00180-LRS Do James A. McDevitt United States Attorney Eastern District of Washington George J.C. Jacobs, III Assistant United States Attorney Post Office Box 1494 Spokane, WA 99210-1494 Telephone: (509) 353-2767	ocument 1	Filed 10/05/2005 U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON OCT 0 5 2005 JAMES R. LARSEN, CLERK SPOKANE, WASHINGTON SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	UNITED STATES D EASTERN DISTRICT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, HEIDI KAE LORHAN, ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and KENNETH WADE PEARSON, Defendants.	OF WASHI	INDICTMENT 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1341 and 1343 Conspiracy To Commit Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud (Count 1) 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(h) Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments (Count 2) 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) 982(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) Criminal Forfeiture (Count 3)
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	The Grand Jury Charges: <u>GENERAL ALL</u> At all material times to this Indictment, 1. Defendants DIXIE ELLEN R. RANDOCK, SR. resided at 3127 East Rive together owned and operated several interr businesses, owned by defendants DIXIE E KARL RANDOCK, SR., used the names " INDICTMENT - 1 P51003GJ GJA.wpd	ANDOCK ar er Glen, Colt net businesse LLEN RANI	bert, Washington. They s. These internet DOCK and STEVEN

University," and "James Monroe University" and they were diploma mills in that
 these "universities" had no legitimate faculty members, offered no legitimate
 academic curriculum or services, required no course or class work, and were not
 recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, resided at 14308 East 22d
 Avenue, Veradale (also known as Spokane Valley), Washington, and was
 employed by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
 RANDOCK, SR.

9 3. Defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY resided at 8015 East Baldwin,
10 Spokane, Washington, and was employed by defendants DIXIE ELLEN
11 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.

Defendant ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM resided in Spokane,
 Washington, and was employed by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
 STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.

5. Defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON resided in Spokane,
 Washington, and was the President of Northwest Business Stamp, Inc. in Spokane,
 Washington. Northwest Business Stamp, Inc. was engaged in the business of
 making seals, pre-inked and rubber stamps, name tags, and interior engraved
 signs.

Defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK resided in Peoria, Arizona and
 was employed by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
 RANDOCK, SR.

7. Defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON, resided in Spokane,
Washington, and was employed by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.

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COUNT 1

(Conspiracy To Commit Wire/Mail Fraud)

8 8. Paragraphs 1 through 7 of the General Allegations section of this INDICTMENT - 2

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Indictment are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

THE CONSPIRACY AND ITS OBJECTS

From a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but beginning at least by on 3 9. or about August 4, 1999, and continuing thereafter up to and including August 11, 4 2005, within the Eastern District of Washington and elsewhere, defendants DIXIE 5 ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., RICHARD JOHN 6 NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, HEIDI KAE 7 LORHAN, ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and KENNETH WADE 8 PEARSON did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, agree with each other, 9 and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense 10 against the United States, to wit: mail fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States 11 Code, Section 1341; and wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, 12 Section 1343. 13

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THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD

At a date unknown, but beginning at least by on or about August 4, 15 10. 1999, and continuing thereafter up to and including August 11, 2005, in the 16 Eastern District of Washington and elsewhere, defendants DIXIE ELLEN 17 RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, 18 BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, HEIDI KAE LORHAN, 19 ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and KENNETH WADE PEARSON did 20knowingly and willfully devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to 21 defraud and to obtain money and property by means of material false and 22 23 fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises; and for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice to defraud the defendants used, or caused others 24 to use, the United States Postal Service, commercial interstate carriers, and wire 25 26 communications in interstate and foreign commerce. The object of the scheme and artifice to defraud was to obtain money from consumers worldwide by selling 27 those consumers fraudulent academic diplomas, degrees, and records that the 28

INDICTMENT - 3 P51003GJ GJA.wpd consumers did not earn through actual course work and that were issued by
 business entities that lacked any accreditation. That scheme and artifice is set
 forth more fully below.

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MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendants 5 11. DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., RICHARD 6 JOHN NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, HEIDI 7 KAE LORHAN, ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and KENNETH WADE 8 PEARSON, for a fee, manufactured, transmitted, and sold fraudulent academic 9 products, including, but not limited to, fraudulent high school "diplomas" and 10 college "degrees," fraudulent academic transcripts, and dean's lists over the 11 12 internet to thousands of consumers throughout the United States, and foreign countries through various diploma mills, including, but not limited to, "Saint 13 Regis University," "James Monroe University," "Robertstown University," 14 "Trinity Christian School," and others. The businesses were engaged in the 15 internet sale of fraudulent academic products to consumers throughout the world. 16 Through these businesses, the defendants sold worthless academic products. As 17 part of their service, the defendants would manufacture transcripts for consumers 18 representing that the consumer had taken college-level and graduate-level classes 19 and achieved grade point averages which had never occurred. The defendants sold 20such products to consumers without requiring the consumer to complete any 21 course work or pass any legitimate testing. 22

12. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that,
depending on the type of "degree" a consumer wanted to purchase, defendants
DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., RICHARD
JOHN NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, HEIDI
KAE LORHAN, and ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, through one or more of
the websites registered either in the name of defendants DIXIE ELLEN

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charged consumers fees ranging from \$399.00 to in excess of \$2,454.00 per
"degree" and accompanying documents.

13. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. led consumers, potential consumers, and others throughout the world to believe that "St. Regis University," James Monroe University," and Robertstown University" were legitimate academic institutions of higher learning which had been officially accredited by the Ministry of Education in Liberia. Consumers were led to believe that these "universities" had a legitimate campus in Monrovia, Liberia, when in truth and fact, they had no such campus.

14. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.,
 RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN
 HENSLEY, HEIDI KAE LORHAN, and ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM
 used fictitious names, titles, and academic pedigrees when communicating with
 consumers and employers who were attempting to determine the legitimacy of a
 degree.

15. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
 falsely advertised "Robertstown University" on the internet with a web page that
 had a photograph of Blenheim Castle, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and
 the ancestral home of the Duke of Marlborough, in order to mislead consumers
 into believing that the building depicted in the photograph was part of the
 "Robertstown University" campus, of which there was none.

16. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.,
BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, HEIDI KAE LORHAN,
INDICTMENT - 5 P51003GJ GJA.wpd AMY LEANN HENSLEY, ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and KENNETH WADE PEARSON operated a web of diploma mills and affiliated services whereby foreign consumers could obtain advanced degrees without ever attending classes and then use those misleading credentials to obtain H1B Visas in order to gain entry into, and employment in, the United States of America.

17. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
owned and operated several "verification" fronts: including, but not limited to, the
"Official Transcript Verification Center," "Official Transcript Archive Center,"
and "Academic Credential Assessment Corporation." These businesses were
created so that the defendants could falsely represent to any employer who sought
verification of a degree which had been purchased that the degree was legitimate.

13 18. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendants
14 DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. caused to be
15 fabricated a website entitled <u>www.liberianembassy.com</u> which, to internet
16 consumers, falsely posed as the legitimate and official government website of the
17 Liberian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.,
 BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, HEIDI KAE LORHAN,
 AMY LEANN HENSLEY, and ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM would solicit
 consumers to take a one-hundred-and-twenty-five (125) question test online and
 would sell consumers a high school "diploma" even if the consumer only
 answered twenty-five percent of the questions correctly.

25 20. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that, in order
26 to induce consumers into buying one or more of their false and fraudulent
27 academic products, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
28 RANDOCK, SR. solicited consumers through mass-marketing, including the use

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of "spam" e-mail, the creation of websites on the internet, and advertising in a
 national newspaper and magazines.

It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that, in order 3 21. to further the diploma mill fraud scheme in other countries throughout the world, 4 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. 5 would partner with individuals in other countries; give those individuals advanced 6 "degrees" from one or more of their diploma mill businesses in exchange for 7 allowing those individuals to work as "degree examiners" to "evaluate" and 8 "process" "degrees:" and then share in the profits generated by consumers from 9 that country. 10

22. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that 11 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., 12 BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, HEIDI KAE LORHAN, 13 AMY LEANN HENSLEY, and ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM created and 14 advertised a fictitious "faculty" on one or more of the diploma mill business web 15 pages in order to dupe consumers and employers throughout the world into 16 believing they operated a legitimate institution of higher learning and the degrees 17 they sold were legitimate. 18

19 23. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
 20 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
 21 used mail forwarding boxes in Washington, D.C., and Wilmington, Delaware, in
 22 order to facilitate the interstate shipment of fraudulent academic products sold by
 23 the diploma mills.

24 24. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant
25 HEIDI KAE LORHAN, who did not have a high school diploma but who was
26 listed as having a PhD degree on one or more of the diploma mill websites, and
27 defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY "evaluated" consumers in order to determine
28 what type of fraudulent academic credential would be sold to the consumer;

INDICTMENT - 7 P51003GJ GJA.wpd backdated fraudulent academic credentials; communicated with consumers via e mail; e-mailed to other employees of the diploma mill businesses "templates" in
 order for a fraudulent academic credential to be printed; and prepared fraudulent
 "transcripts" for consumers by searching the internet and "cutting and pasting"
 course descriptions.

6 25. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant 7 ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM printed fraudulent education documents, using one or more ink stamps to affix "official-looking" signatures to fraudulent 8 9 education documents, affixed "official-looking" seals to fraudulent documents, used a "squisher" or embossing tool to create "official-looking" seals for 10 11 fraudulent documents, communicated with consumers via the internet and by mail, and falsely confirmed via telephone to employers, and potential employers, the 12 13 validity of the consumers' fraudulent degrees.

14 26. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant
15 BLAKE ALAN CARLSON manufactured and sold signature stamps and seals for
16 one or more of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
17 RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill businesses, and even though he had never
18 graduated from college, acted as an "advisor" to consumers who purchased
19 fraudulent academic products from the diploma mill businesses.

20 27. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant
21 BLAKE ALLAN CARLSON allowed himself to be listed as the "Provost" and
22 "Chief Academic Officer" of "Saint Regis University" and the "Dean of Studies"
23 and "Chief Provost" of "Robertstown University," as a "tenured professor" at
24 "Saint Regis University," and as being the "President" and "Chief Provost" of
25 "James Monroe University."

26 28. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant
27 RICHARD JOHN NOVAK worked as a "consultant" to "process" fraudulent
28 academic documents sold to foreign consumers by one or more of the diploma mill

INDICTMENT - 8 P51003GJ GJA.wpd businesses owned by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
 RANDOCK, SR., and to travel to Washington, D.C., to obtain "authentication"
 documents, "transcript attestations," and "apostilles" for the false academic
 products which had been sold to consumers.

It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant 5 29. RICHARD JOHN NOVAK was falsely represented to the public as being 6 "Professor Dr. Richard Novak, PhD (International Business) and Doctor of 7 Education (Educational Administration and Psychology);" as being the "Registrar 8 and Past Chief Provost" who designed and developed the psychology curriculum 9 for all Saint Regis University branch campuses and sponsor universities; as being 10 the past president of the Educational Administration Department at "Blackstone 11 University," and past professor for the MBA program at "Nation State." 12

30. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
received in excess of \$1.0 million in connection with their worldwide sale of false
and fraudulent academic products to consumers over the internet.

It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
 paid defendants BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, HEIDI
 KAE LORHAN, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, and ROBERTA LYNN
 MARKISHTUM "commissions" and/or a salary for their participation in the sale
 of false and fraudulent academic products to consumers and related services.

32. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant
KENNETH WADE PEARSON was responsible for handling the technology
aspects of the diploma mill businesses owned by defendants DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. Defendant KENNETH
WADE PEARSON's primary diploma mill business duties included, among other
things: acting as the "web master" of, and hosting from his residence, multiple

INDICTMENT - 9 P51003GJ GJA.wpd diploma mill web sites for defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN
 KARL RANDOCK, SR.; registering numerous domain names, with the majority
 being diploma mill and diploma mill-related sites, at the direction of defendant
 DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK; and registering an imposter web domain by the name
 of www.liberianembassy.com at defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK's
 direction.

7 It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that, in order 33. to receive payment for the worldwide sales of fraudulent academic products, 8 9 defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. opened accounts with PayPal; WorldPay; Cardservice International; American 10 11 West Bank, located in Chewelah, Washington; Wells Fargo Bank, located in Las 12 Vegas, Nevada; US Bank; the Bank of Fairfield located in Fairfield, Washington; 13 Banc Caribe located in Roseau, Dominica; and Loyal Bank Limited, located in Kingstown, St. Vincent, West Indies. In order to receive payment for the 14 15 worldwide sales of fraudulent academic products, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. also received Western Union 16 17 and other checks from consumers.

It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that, in order
 to ship fraudulent academic products which had been sold to consumers
 throughout the world, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL
 RANDOCK, SR., HEIDI KAE LORHAN, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, ROBERTA
 MARKISHTUM, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, and RICHARD JOHN NOVAK
 used DHL, Federal Express, and the United States Postal Service.

35. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
created the "Academic Credential Assessment Corporation," also known as
ACAC, for the purpose of self-"accrediting" defendants DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mills and to dupe
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consumers and employers into believing that the academic products defendants 1 DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., HEIDI KAE 2 LORHAN, AMY LEANN HENSLEY, ROBERTA MARKISHTUM, BLAKE 3 ALAN CARLSON, and RICHARD JOHN NOVAK were selling were legitimate. 4 Through ACAC, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL 5 RANDOCK, SR. advertised on the internet that, for a fee of \$110, ACAC would 6 provide a consumer with an "H 1B Visa Credential Evaluation (based on related 7 experience)" because "INS requires evidence that candidates for H 1B visas hold 8 an equivalent of at least a U.S. Bachelor's Degree. Additionally, Green Card 9 Lottery Winners must show at least an Equivalent of U.S. High School Diploma 10 and/or two years minimum experience as a skilled worker." The ACAC website 11 further advertised on the internet that "Individuals who plan to seek licensure or 12 certification to practice in a particular state in the United States (e.g., teacher, 13 engineer, physical therapist), will usually need to have their educational 14 credentials evaluated. Prospective employers often require an evaluation [of] an 15 individual's foreign degree attesting the equivalency to an appropriate U.S. 16 education." The ACAC website also created the appearance that it was a 17 legitimate credential evaluator by containing images of a diploma and individuals 18 wearing academic gowns and mortar boards with tassels. 19

36. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
owned and operated "Advanced Educational Institute Trust," also known as AEIT.
AEIT's business addresses were listed as 14525 Newport Highway, Mead,
Washington, and 601 East Seltice Way, B8, Post Falls, Idaho. AEIT billed
consumers for the sale of fraudulent academic products. "Saint Regis University"
was a subsidiary of AEIT.

37. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.

INDICTMENT - 11 P51003GJ GJA.wpd owned "A+ Institute." Its business addresses were listed as 14525 North Newport
 Highway, Mead, Washington, and 601 East Seltice Way, Suite 8-B, Post Falls,
 Idaho. During the scheme, "A+ Institute" entered into an agreement with
 MarketTrends Productions located in California for Markettrends Productions to
 host fifty-five domain names, including <u>www.liberiaembassy.com</u>,
 <u>www.university-services.net</u>, <u>www.saintregisuniversity.ac</u>,
 www.robertstownuniversity.ac, and <u>www.imuniversity.ac</u>.

OVERT ACTS

38. The allegations contained in paragraphs 11 through 37 are realleged
and incorporated herein by reference. In furtherance of the agreement and to
accomplish the objects of the conspiracy, one or more of the defendants performed
the following overt acts in the Eastern District of Washington and elsewhere.

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39. At a date unknown but at least by on or about February 17, 2001,
defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK purchased a web hosting plan from
MarkeTrends Productions, Loomis, California, to facilitate the sale of fraudulent
academic products to consumers.

40. At a date unknown, but at least while one or more of the diploma
mills was using space at the office building located at 14525 Newport Highway,
Mead, Washington, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK instructed defendant
AMY LEANN HENSLEY to forge the signature of defendant BLAKE ALAN
CARLSON and to have a rubber stamp made in order to affix defendant BLAKE
ALAN CARLSON's forged signature on fraudulent academic documents sold to
consumers.

41. On or about November 1, 2001, defendant DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK sent an e-mail to a mail forwarding service in Washington, D.C., used
by defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.
in connection with their diploma mill businesses, inquiring how often incoming

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42. In or about 2001, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. paid defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY
approximately \$15,390 in commissions in connection with the sale of fraudulent
academic products to consumers.

43. In or about 2002, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. paid defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY
approximately \$17,808 in commissions in connection with the sale of fraudulent
academic products to consumers.

44. At a date unknown, but at least by in or about 2002, defendant DIXIE
ELLEN RANDOCK contacted defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK and offered
him a position to process false and fraudulent academic documents sold to
consumers by one or more of her diploma mills.

On or about April 28, 2003, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK 45. 14 sent an e-mail via the internet to defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY requesting 15 defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY to send by facsimile the following 16 instructions, among others, to defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK in Monrovia, 17 Liberia: "You can offer money to back date or whatever to get accreditation for 18 James Monroe and Robertstown. I'd like to have a physical location for all three 19 but with slightly different addresses. We need three phone numbers for them and 20 someone to answer to damn phones and say we are fully accredited. I'd like to 21 hire about 10-20 Liberian professors at \$50-\$100 per month each - they must be 22 real and available by phone or e-mail. The first time they do not say the right 23 thing their money gets cut off permanently. I don't even care if the Ed Minister 24 does nothing but the Higher Education guy makes something up and accredits us 25 and verifies it by phone. Just something saying 'accreditation.' I think it will work 26 for our purposes if we can get him to do that." 27

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46. In or about May 2003, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK

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 "Saint Regis University" representing that defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON,
 who had no college degree, was the "Provost" of "Saint Regis University" and was
 located at "73 Carey Street, West Wing S&G Building, 1000, Monrovia 10
 Liberia, West Africa."

6 47. In or about May 2003, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK
7 submitted an application for AACRAO Institutional Membership on behalf of
8 "Saint Regis University" representing that defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK
9 was the "Registrar" of "Saint Regis University" and was located at "73 Carey
10 Street, West Wing S&G Building, 1000, Monrovia 10 Liberia, West Africa."

48. In or about 2003, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. paid defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY
approximately \$46,431 in commissions in connection with the sale of fraudulent
academic products to consumers.

49. On or about April 15, 2003, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK
instructed defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY via e-mail on how commissions
for the sale of fraudulent academic products were to be apportioned.

50. At a date unknown but at least by on or about June 19, 2003,
defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, who was not an employee of the Liberian
Government or the Liberian Embassy in Washington, D.C., set up an e-mail
account entitled <u>"gov@liberiaembassy.com."</u>

51. On or about June 19, 2003, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK
sent defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON an e-mail regarding moving the
contents of the imposter Liberian Embassy website that defendants DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. had been operating at
<u>www.liberiaembassy.com</u> to <u>www.liberianembassy.com.</u>

52. In or about 2004, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. paid defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY

INDICTMENT - 14 P51003GJ GJA.wpd approximately \$11,097 in commissions in connection with the sale of fraudulent
 academic products to consumers.

53. On or about October 2, 2004, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK
sent an e-mail to defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK instructing defendants
RICHARD JOHN NOVAK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. to set up a new
diploma mill without any "history."

On or about April 6, 2005, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, 7 54. using the false identity "Jallah," with an e-mail address of info@university-8 services.net, sent an e-mail to a Special Agent with the United States Secret 9 Service, Department of Homeland Security, who was acting in an undercover 10 capacity using the name Greg Roberts, and posing as the President of Randolph 11 Addison Davis Technical University, with the undercover e-mail address of 12 greginthe desert@hotmail.com., offering to give Greg Roberts advice to "deal with 13 and overcome the many limitations of laws regarding higher education 14 regulations." 15

On or about April 11, 2005, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, 16 55. using the false identity "Jallah," with an e-mail address of info@university-17 services.net, sent an e-mail to Greg Roberts regarding "partnership/affiliation/buy-18 out/services," recommending him to work with her "International Liaison," 19 defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, advising him to "operate offshore," 20 representing that she specializes in the establishment of legally authorized 21 institutes of higher learning, and asserting that she can assist him in the opening of 22 an offshore corporate bank account and a registered office in Delaware with mail 23 forwarding services for a fee of \$35,000, and offering a "deeply discounted 24 Apostille and U.S. and Foreign Embassy Seal service." 25

56. On or about May 2, 2005, defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK,
using the false identity "Jallah," with an e-mail address of <u>info@university-</u>
services.net, sent an e-mail to Greg Roberts regarding "partnership/affiliation/buy-

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 NOVAK in Arizona.

3 Steven Karl Randock, Sr.

On or about December 30, 2000, defendant STEVEN KARL 57. 4 RANDOCK, SR., using the fictitious identity "Fr. Stephen Frendock," sent a 5 "sample transcript" to a consumer via the internet and an e-mail advising the 6 consumer that defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL 7 RANDOCK, SR.'s degree verification front, the "Official Record Verification 8 Center," would falsely verify to any company, state, county or city agency who 9 inquired that any degree that one of their diploma mills had sold to the consumer 10 was legitimate. 11

58. On or about January 2, 2001, defendant STEVEN KARL
RANDOCK, SR., using the fictitious identity "Fr. Stephen Frendock," sent an email to a consumer regarding "Degree Evaluation Results" and the sale of a
backdated "Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice" and a backdated
"Masters in Public Administration Degree," which the consumer had purchased
from one of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL
RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mills.

S9. At a date unknown but at least by on or about February 17, 2001,
 defendant STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. purchased a web hosting plan from
 MarkeTrends Productions, Loomis, California, in order to facilitate the sale of
 fraudulent academic products to consumers.

60. On or about February 11, 2002, defendant STEVEN KARL
RANDOCK, SR. sent a letter, account opening applications, and other documents
via Registered Mail from Colbert, Washington, to Banc Caribe in Roseau,
Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies, requesting that funds from the
WorldPay merchant account held in the name of "Saint Regis University (AEIT
Graduate School Peer Degree Program)" be directly deposited into a checking

INDICTMENT - 16 P51003GJ GJA.wpd account held in the name of "Saint Regis University (AEIT Peer Degree
 Program)" at Banc Caribe.

61. On or about May 15, 2002, defendant STEVEN KARL RANDOCK,
SR., acting as an "Administrator" on behalf of "Saint Regis University," purchased
advertising from USA Today.

6 62. On or about June 19, 2003, defendant STEVEN KARL RANDOCK,
7 SR., using his VISA credit card, paid \$161.95 to register an imposter website
8 called <u>www.Liberianembassy.com</u> with an e-mail address of

9 gov@liberianembassy.com.

10 63. On or about October 2, 2003, defendant STEVEN KARL
11 RANDOCK, SR., acting on behalf of the "Official Transcript Verification Center"
12 and "Saint Regis Educational Services," rented a mail forwarding box in
13 Wilmington, Delaware.

64. On or about October 2, 2003, defendant STEVEN KARL
RANDOCK, SR., acting on behalf of the "Official Transcript Verification Center"
and "Saint Regis Educational Services," requested PakMail to forward weekly via
Federal Express any mail received at the mail box he rented in Wilmington,
Delaware, to himself at "14525 Newport Highway, Mead, Washington."

65. On or about August 18, 2004, defendant STEVE KARL RANDOCK,
 SR., rented office space located at the Post Falls Professional Center, 601 East
 Seltice Way, Post Falls, Idaho, in order to move some of defendants DIXIE
 ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill
 operations to that location.

66. On or about June 16, 2005, defendant STEVEN KARL RANDOCK,
SR., executed a resolution that the name "Saint Regis University (AEIT Peer
Degree Program) Graduate Schools, Inc." was changed to the name "AEIT, Inc."

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Heidi Kae Lorhan

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2 67. On or about January 13, 2003, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN
3 instructed defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY to "run" a payment of \$250 for a
4 PhD for an individual not named in this Indictment because he is "referring a
5 bunch of people."

6 68. At a date unknown, but at least by February 28, 2005, defendant
7 HEIDI KAE LORHAN used the fictitious identity "Advisor James" when
8 communicating with consumers throughout the world.

Jeffrey Rowley Transaction

On or about February 28, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, 69. 10 using the fictitious identity "Advisor James" from "James Monroe University," 11 with an e-mail address of "counselor0@advancedu.org", sent an e-mail from 12 "University-Services<forward1@university-services.net>" to a Special Agent with 13 the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, who was 14 acting in an undercover capacity as a high school dropout using the name Jeffrey 15 Rowley, and who was using the undercover e-mail address 16 rowleygolf@yahoo.com, thanking Jeffrey Rowley for his interest in the "Degrees 17 By Exam Program," and advising him that in order to test "for qualification for a 18 19 High School Diploma and/or Associate of Arts Degree" to "proceed to www.university-services.net/james_sru/high_school/test.html" or to test "for 20 21 qualification for a Bachelor Degree" to "proceed to your exam at www.advancedu.org/test site degrees by exam 01.htm." 22

70. On or February 28, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN caused
an e-mail from info@gradsonline.org to be sent to Jeffrey Rowley notifying him
that he had successfully registered at E-Grads, providing him with a password,
instructing him to take an exam, notifying him that he will be taken to PayPal to
pay his graduation fee and that he will be a graduate the moment he has passed the
exam and paid the graduation fee, and notifying him that his "diploma and

INDICTMENT - 18 P51003GJ GJA.wpd 1 transcripts may be printed out, or saved for later use, or e-mailed to whomever."

71. On or about March 1, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Jeffrey Rowley referring him to
"Breyer State U," and two other universities that would accept the "Monroe
University Diploma and AA degree" sold to him.

On or about March 16, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, 7 72. using the fictitious identity "James" and fictitious title "Admissions Assistant," 8 sent an e-mail from "University-Services<forward1@university-services.net>" to 9 Jeffrey Rowley at the e-mail address rowleygolf@yahoo.com, notifying Jeffrey 10 Rowley that "James Monroe University's Office of Admissions" had approved 11 him for a "Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts" degree and a "Bachelor of Arts in 12 Business Administration" degree; that "all academic requirements have been met 13 and there are no further courses to take;" that Jeffrey Rowley was "in the top 14 percentage of applicants;" that "James Monroe University" accepts payment for a 15 "graduation fee" by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, PayPal, bank wire 16 transfer, and check; and that he could pay online at www.university-17 services.net/jamesmonroe/fp ja.html. 18

73. On or about April 1, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Jeffrey Rowley at the e-mail
address <u>rowleygolf@yahoo.com</u>, attaching proofs of the fraudulent academic
products he purchased.

74. On or about April 2, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Jeffrey Rowley at the e-mail
address <u>rowleygolf@yahoo.com</u>, notifying Jeffrey Rowley that the fraudulent
academic products he purchased would be printed and shipped to him.
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Anthony Gwynn Transaction

75. On or about March 3, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN sent an e-mail from <u>"University-Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, who was acting in an undercover capacity using the name Anthony Aaron Gwynn and who was using the undercover e-mail address <u>Agonthebeach@hotmail.com</u>, to send documents by facsimile to 202-318-0568 within three business days.

On or about March 10, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, 76. 10 using the fictitious identity "James" and fictitious title "Admissions Assistant," 11 sent an e-mail from "University-Services<forward1@university-services.net>" to 12 Anthony Gwynn at the e-mail address Agonthebeach@hotmail.com, notifying 13 Anthony Gwynn that: "James Monroe University's Office of Admissions" had 14 approved him for "degrees" in "Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration" and 15 "Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Administration;" "James 16 Monroe University takes pride in its graduates;" Anthony Gwynn was "in the top 17 percentage of applicants;" "James Monroe University" accepts payment for 18 "graduation fees" by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, PayPal, bank wire 19 transfer, and check; and he could pay online at www.university-20 services.net/jamesmonroe/fp ja.html.

77. On or about March 10, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN,
using the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Anthony Gwynn at the e-mail
address <u>Agonthebeach@hotmail.com</u>, thanking Anthony Gwynn for his payment
of \$2,454 in graduation fees.

27 78. On or about March 10, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN,
28 using the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>

INDICTMENT - 20 P51003GJ GJA.wpd <u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Anthony Gwynn at the e-mail
 address <u>Agonthebeach@hotmail.com</u>, attaching "proofs" of the "degree" and
 "Dean's List" he purchased from "James Monroe University" and notifying him
 that "seals, signatures, borders and backgrounds will appear on your original
 documents."

6 79. On or about March 21, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN,
7 using the fictitious identity "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
8 <u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>>" to Anthony Gwynn at the e-mail
9 address <u>Agonthebeach@hotmail.com</u>, notifying Anthony Gwynn that the
10 academic products he purchased would be printed and shipped.

Mohammed Syed Transaction

12 80. On or about April 19, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN sent an e-mail from "University-Services<forward1@university-services.net> to a Special 13 Agent with the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, 14 who was acting in an undercover capacity using the name Mohammed Syed, and 15 16 posing as a retired Syrian military officer who wanted to quickly acquire college degrees so he could find employment and obtain an H1-B Visa to remain in the 17 United States, and using the undercover e-mail address 18 19 "msayedholland@juno.com", to send documents by facsimile to 202-318-0568. On or about April 21, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using 81. 20 the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from "University-21 Services<forward1@university-services.net> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail 22 address "msayedholland@juno.com", notifying Mohammed Syed that his 23 documentation was being reviewed for verification and authenticity, which would 24 take approximately forty-eight (48) hours. 25 On or about May 13, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using 26 82. the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from "University-27 28 Services<forward1@university-services.net> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail

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address <u>"msayedholland@juno.com"</u>, requesting Mohammed Syed to specify
 what "James Monroe University" "degree" he wanted.

83. On or about May 14, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail
address <u>"msayedholland@juno.com"</u>, notifying Mohammed Syed that "James
Monroe University" could grant "degrees" in environmental engineering and
chemistry.

9 84. On or about May 17, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
10 the fictitious identity "James Hunter" of the "Admissions" Office of "James
11 Monroe University," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>

Services<forward1@university-services.net> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail 12 address "msayedholland@juno.com", notifying Mohammed Syed that "James 13 Monroe University's Office of Admissions" had approved him for the following 14 "degrees:" "Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering;" "Bachelor of 15 Science in Chemistry;" "Master of Science in Environmental Engineering;" and 16 "Master of Science in Chemistry;" that "James Monroe University takes pride in 17 its graduates;" that Mohammed Syed was "in the top percentage of applicants;" 18 that "James Monroe University" accepts payment for "graduation fees" by Visa, 19 20 Mastercard, American Express, PayPal, bank wire transfer, and check; and that he could pay online at www.university-services.net/jamesmonroe/fp ja.html or by 21 telephone. 22

85. On or about May 19, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
<u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail
address <u>"msayedholland@juno.com"</u>, requesting Mohammed Syed to resubmit his
payment for his fraudulent "James Monroe University" academic documents at
<u>www.university-services.net/jamesmonroe/fp_ja.html.</u>

INDICTMENT - 22 P51003GJ GJA.wpd 86. On or about May 22, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
 the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
 <u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail
 address <u>"msayedholland@juno.com"</u>, attaching "proofs" of the fraudulent
 "degrees" he purchased from "James Monroe University" and notifying him that
 "seals, signatures, borders and backgrounds will appear on your original
 documents."

8 87. On or about May 23, 2005, defendant HEIDI KAE LORHAN, using
9 the fictitious identity of "James," sent an e-mail from <u>"University-</u>
10 <u>Services<forward1@university-services.net</u>> to Mohammed Syed at the e-mail
11 address <u>"msayedholland@juno.com"</u>, notifying Mohammed Syed that the
12 academic products he purchased would be printed and shipped.

13 Amy Leann Hensley

14 88. At a date unknown, but beginning at least in or about 2001, defendant
15 AMY LEANN HENSLEY used the fictitious identity "Advisor Tim" when
16 communicating over the internet with consumers about fraudulent academic
17 products.

18 89. At a date unknown, but at least by on or about January 12, 2001,
19 defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY fabricated an identity and falsely represented
20 herself as being "Elizabeth A. Worthington" to consumers and companies that
21 wanted a verification of an employee's or potential employee's educational
22 achievements.

90 On or about January 12, 2001, defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY,
using the false identity "Elizabeth A. Worthington" of the "Evaluation and
Endorsement Center, P.O. Box 3043, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816, 1-800-3755033 Graduate Records," sent several false documents (including a certification of
graduation) via facsimile transmission overseas to a degree consumer's employer's
Personnel Office.

INDICTMENT - 23 P51003GJ GJA.wpd 91. At a date unknown, but at least by on or about January 12, 2001,
 defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY stamped or signed several fraudulent
 academic documents under the fabricated name of "Elizabeth A. Worthington,"
 including a transcript for an individual who purchased a Bachelor of Science in
 Medical Engineering "degree" from one of defendants DIXIE ELLEN
 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill businesses.

92. On or about June 15, 2004, defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY sent
an e-mail to a consumer in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, instructing the consumer to pay
AEIT \$1,670 in fees via Western Union for a fraudulent "degree."

At a date unknown, but at least by on or about March 10, 2005, 10 93. 11 defendant AMY LEANN HENSLEY, using the rubber stamp which contained the 12 forged signature of defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, affixed defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON'S signature as the "Chief Provost" of "James Monroe 13 University" to a "Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration Degree," which had 14 15 been sold to a United States Department of Homeland Security, Secret Service Special Agent, who was acting in an undercover capacity using the name Anthony 16 Aaron Gwynn. 17

94. At a date unknown, but at least by on or about April 28, 2005, and in
order to continue to work for the diploma mill from her house, defendant AMY
LEANN HENSLEY removed one of the computers from one of the diploma mill
operations centers located at 601 East Seltice Way, Suite 8B, Post Falls, Idaho, to
her residence located in Spokane, Washington.

23 Roberta Lynn Markishtum

95. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
MARKISHTUM, printed from the basement of a building located at 14525 North
Newport Highway, Mead, Washington, numerous false and fraudulent academic
products which had been sold to consumers by defendants DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mills.

INDICTMENT - 24 P51003GJ GJA.wpd 96. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
 MARKISHTUM answered telephone inquiries regarding defendants DIXIE
 ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill
 businesses, received payments from consumers who had purchased fraudulent
 academic products, and processed credit card payments.

6 97. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
7 MARKISHTUM, at defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK's instructions, would
8 falsely represent to diploma mill consumers that she was physically located in
9 Delaware or Washington, D.C., when, in truth and fact, she was located in Post
10 Falls, Idaho, or Mead, Washington.

98. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
 MARKISHTUM, at defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK's instructions, falsely
 represented to consumers that defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
 STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s "schools" were located in West Africa, when
 in truth and fact, they were located in the States of Washington and Idaho.

99. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
MARKISHTUM would manufacture false and fraudulent transcripts for
consumers who had paid fees to defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill businesses.

20 100. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
21 MARKISHTUM was instructed by defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK to mail
22 fraudulent academic products to consumers the cheapest way possible.

101. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
MARKISHTUM communicated with consumers via the internet using the e-mail
address <u>"printer@university-services.net."</u>

26 102. On or about August 30, 2004, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
27 MARKISHTUM, using the e-mail address <u>"printer@university-services.net,"</u>
28 notifed a consumer that she had received payment for the fabricated transcript and

INDICTMENT - 25 P51003GJ GJA.wpd 1 the fabricated transcript would be mailed to the consumer.

103. On or about September 2, 2004, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
MARKISHTUM, using the e-mail address <u>"printer@university-services.net,"</u>
communicated to a consumer that she would send the documents regarding his
"degrees" via overnight delivery.

104. On or about September 2, 2004, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
MARKISHTUM, using the e-mail address <u>"printer@university-services.net,"</u>
communicated to a consumer notifying the consumer that the fraudulent PhD
apostille he had purchased had been shipped to the consumer via DHL.

10 105. On or about September 10, 2004, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
11 MARKISHTUM, using the e-mail address <u>"printer@university-services.net,"</u>
12 communicated to a consumer regarding the shipment of fraudulent academic
13 products to the consumer in India.

14 106. On or about September 15, 2004, defendant ROBERTA LYNN
15 MARKISHTUM, using the e-mail address <u>"printer@university-services.net,"</u>
16 communicated with defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, who was using the e17 mail address <u>"forwardinfo@university-services.net,"</u> regarding a fraudulent
18 "diploma" a consumer in New Jersey had purchased from one of defendants
19 DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill
20 businesses.

107. On or about May 3, 2005, defendant ROBERTA LYNN 21 MARKISHTUM, using an Idaho telephone number, falsely identified herself as 22 being "Jennifer Greene" of "OTAC" in Delaware to a Special Agent, United States 23 Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, who was acting in an 24 undercover capacity, using the name Bob Winthrop. The undercover agent posed 25 26 as an employee of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) who was attempting to verify the academic credentials of Jeffrey Rowley, who had applied 27 as a baggage screener for TSA. Defendant ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM 28

INDICTMENT - 26 P51003GJ GJA.wpd represented that Jeffrey Rowley had been a student of "James Monroe University,"
 and had obtained an Associate of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in
 Pre-law from "James Monroe University."

108. On or about May 19, 2005, defendant ROBERTA LYNN 4 5 MARKISHTUM falsely identified herself as being "Jennifer Greene" of "OTAC" to a Special Agent, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland 6 7 Security, who was acting in an undercover capacity, using the name Bob 8 Winthrop, and posing as an employee of the Transportation Security Administration, and falsely represented that "James Monroe University" was fully 9 10 accredited, was equivalent in accreditation to the University of Phoenix, and that "James Monroe University" required full course work for each class and degree 11 12 program.

13 Richard John Novak

14 109. At a date unknown, but at least by in or about 2002, defendant
15 RICHARD JOHN NOVAK made numerous trips to Washington, D.C., in order to
16 process and obtain "apostilles" for false and fraudulent "degrees" sold to
17 consumers by one or more of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and
18 STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mills.

19 110. In or about 2002, at the request of defendants DIXIE ELLEN
20 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., defendant RICHARD JOHN
21 NOVAK traveled to Monrovia, Liberia, in order to open a small office in Liberia,
22 hire a person who could answer the telephone, saying "Saint Regis" or "James
23 Monroe" and to create the appearance to consumers that "Saint Regis University"
24 and "James Monroe University" were legitimate Liberian institutions of higher
25 learning.

26 111. At a date unknown, but in or about 2002, defendant RICHARD
27 JOHN NOVAK provided "signature samples" to defendants DIXIE ELLEN
28 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. in order for his signature to be
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affixed to fraudulent academic products sold to consumers.

112. On or about July 22, 2002, defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK
traveled to Washington, D.C., on behalf of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK
and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR., in order to obtain apostilled and notarized
documents for consumers who had purchased fraudulent academic products.

6 113. At a date unknown, but at least by in or about 2003, defendant
7 RICHARD JOHN NOVAK made several trips to Liberia and met with individuals
8 not named in this Indictment regarding one or more of defendants DIXIE ELLEN
9 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mills.

114. On or about January 14, 2003, defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK
 traveled to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of obtaining "apostilles" for
 fraudulent academic products sold to consumers by defendants DIXIE ELLEN
 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.

115. On or about May 17, 2005, defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, 14 using the e-mail address <u>"degrees@university-services.net,"</u> communicated with a 15 Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland 16 Security, who was acting in an undercover capacity using the name Greg Roberts, 17 and who was posing as a businessman interested in affiliating with, or purchasing 18 19 one of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK's diploma mill businesses, via the internet that defendants DIXIE ELLEN 20 RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. were interested in selling 21 'Robertstown University." 22

116. Beginning in or about 2002, and continuing until in or about 2005,
defendant RICHARD JOHN NOVAK received approximately \$40,000 from
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. for
his services to the diploma mill businesses.

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1 Blake Alan Carlson

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117. Beginning in or about 2001, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON
manufactured numerous false and fraudulent rubber stamps and seals for
defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. to
use on fraudulent documents sold to consumers by their diploma mill businesses.

6 118. At a date unknown, but at least by in or about 2002, defendant
7 BLAKE ALAN CARLSON purchased a laptop computer so he could
8 communicate with potential consumers throughout the world about selling them
9 false and fraudulent academic products.

10 119. In or about 2002, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON was
 instructed by defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK to send out a form letter to
 potential consumers of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN
 KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill products.

14 120. On or about October 26, 2003, defendant BLAKE ALAN
15 CARLSON, using the e-mail address <u>"admin@degreetoday.com,"</u> instructed
16 another individual not named in this Indictment to set up a special bank account in
17 order for "Saint Regis University" to receive payment for fraudulent degrees it was
18 going to sell.

19 121. On or about June 10, 2004, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON,
20 using the e-mail address <u>"admin@degreetoday.com,"</u> notified an individual that
21 "World Chapel Ministries" was the "theological division" of "Saint Regis
22 University."

122. On or about August 30, 2004, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON
e-mailed defendant ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, instructing her to print
backdated academic documents purchased by a consumer; to charge the
consumer's credit card fifty-percent of the normal fee; and to print a false Liberian
accreditation document on the back of the consumer's transcript.

123. On or about July 28, 2005, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON INDICTMENT - 29 P51003GJ GJA.wpd communicated with a consumer who had previously purchased a Bachelor and
 Masters "degree" from Saint Regis University about sending the consumer's
 potential employer documents which would falsely represent that the consumer's
 degree was from a legitimate university.

124. On or about August 1, 2005, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON 5 forwarded an e-mail he had received from a consumer who had purchased 6 fraudulent academic products from "Saint Regis University" to defendants DIXIE 7 ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. regarding the 8 consumer's request that, in order to qualify for a job that pays \$15,000 more than 9 what she was currently earning, defendants BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, DIXIE 10 ELLEN RANDOCK, and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. send by United 11 12 States mail, facsimile transmission, and e-mail an accreditation verification to the 13 Human Resources Department of the consumer's potential employer.

14 125. On or about August 3, 2005, defendant BLAKE ALAN CARLSON,
15 using the e-mail address <u>"blake@spokanedance.com,"</u> forwarded an e-mail that he
16 had received from <u>info@university-services.net</u> notifying the consumer that she
17 will be charged \$300 for such an accreditation report.

18 Kenneth Wade Pearson

19 126. Beginning in or about 2002, and continuing to on or about August 11,
 2005, defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON hosted several of defendants
 21 DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill
 22 and related websites from computers located at his residence in Spokane,
 23 Washington.

127. In or about 2002, at the instruction of defendant DIXIE ELLEN
RANDOCK, defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON sent "spam" e-mail to
potential consumers of defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN
KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill products.

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128. In or about 2002, defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON printed "archived transcripts" at the request of defendant DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK.

129. Beginning in or about 2002, defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON forwarded e-mail messages in connection with defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.'s diploma mill businesses.

130. In or about 2003, at the instruction of defendant DIXIE ELLEN 8 RANDOCK, defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON registered a web domain 9 by the name of www.liberianembassy.com.

131. At a date unknown, but at least by on or about August 11, 2005, 11 12 defendant KENNETH WADE PEARSON built a computer system for defendant 13 RICHARD JOHN NOVAK to use in connection with the sale of fraudulent 14 degrees.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 1341, and 15 1343. 16

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COUNT 2

(Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments)

The Allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 131 are realleged 19 132. and incorporated herein by reference. 20

21 That beginning on a date unknown but at least during 2002, until on 133. 22 or about November 16, 2004, in the Eastern District of Washington, defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK and STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR. did willfully 23 and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and with 24 25 other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit the 26 following offenses against the United States, to wit: laundering monetary instruments with the intent to promote the scheme and artifice to defraud by 27 selling fraudulent academic products, to disguise the nature, the location, the 28

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source, the ownership and the control of the proceeds of the scheme and artifice to 1 defraud, and to transport, transmit, transfer, attempt to transport, transmit, and 2 3 transfer the proceeds of the scheme and artifice to defraud, from a place in the United States to or through a place outside the United States, from a place outside 4 the United States to a place outside the United States, and to a place in the United 5 States from or through a place outside the United States, with the intent to promote 6 the scheme and artifice to defraud, knowing that the monetary instruments 7 involved in the transportation represented the proceeds from the scheme and 8 9 artifice to defraud by wire and mail fraud and knowing that such transportation, transmission, transfer, and attempted transportation, transmission, and transfer was 10 designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, 11 12 ownership, and the control of the proceeds of the scheme and artifice to defraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), (B)(I), and 13 1957(a) and Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(2)(A) and (B)(i); all in 14 violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1956(h). In furtherance of said 15 conspiracy, one or more of the defendants conducted the following transactions: 16

17	Item	Date	Amount Deposited	Description
18	1	7/23/02	\$52,777.33	Wire Transfer
19	2	8/2/02	\$50,000.00	Transfer from Checking to Savings
20	3	8/30/02	\$12,846.92	Wire Transfer
21	4	9/13/02	\$17,760.14	Wire Transfer
22	5	9/20/02	\$ 8,010.94	Wire Transfer
23	6	9/24/02	\$50,000.00	Wire Transfer
24	7	9/27/02	\$ 9,870.99	Wire Transfer
25	8	10/11/02	\$12,506.16	Wire Transfer
26	9	11/08/02	\$ 9,601.17	Wire Transfer
27 28	10	12/02/02	\$11,682.79	Wire Transfer

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1 2 3 4	11 12	12/20/02 12/27/02	\$10,235.06 \$10,570.16		Wire Transfer Wire Transfer
	13	1/2/03	\$100,000.00		Transfer from Checking to Savings
5	14	1/10/03	\$13,102.10		Wire Transfer
	15	1/16/03	\$10,012.00		Wire Transfer
6 7	16	1/17/03	\$14,649.87		Wire Transfer
8	17	1/24/03	\$11,094.85		Wire Transfer
	18	11/13/03	\$194,638.88		Wire Transfer
9	19	11/28/03	\$12,495.92		Wire Transfer
10	20	3/22/04	\$30,300.00		Cashier's Check
11	21	3/22/04	\$30,300.00		Cashier's Check
12	22	3/22/04	\$32,300.00		Check
13	22	5/4/04	\$15,000.00		Wire Transfer
14	23	5/21/04	\$20,250.00		Check
15	24	5/21/04	\$20,250.00		Check Deposit
16	25	7/6/04	\$31,119.56		Wire Transfer
17	26	7/12/04	\$30,000.00		Cashier's Check
18	25	7/13/04	\$30,000.00		Check
19 20	26	8/10/04	\$18,000.00		Check Deposit
20	27	10/4/04	\$20,000.00		Wire Transfer
21	28	11/10/04	\$60,000.00		Check
22	29	11/10/04	\$60,000.00		Cashier's Check
23	30	11/16/04	<u>\$17,500.00</u>		Wire Transfer
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1	Count 3				
2	(Criminal Forfeiture)				
3	Forfeiture Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981				
4	134. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 1 of this Indictment,				
5	defendants DIXIE ELLEN RANDOCK, STEVEN KARL RANDOCK, SR.,				
6	RICHARD JOHN NOVAK, BLAKE ALAN CARLSON, AMY LEANN				
7	HENSLEY, HEIDI KAE LORHAN, ROBERTA LYNN MARKISHTUM, and				
8	KENNETH PEARSON each shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18,				
9	United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code,				
10	Section 2461(c), any property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained				
11	directly or indirectly as a result of the conspiracy including, but not limited to, the				
12	following:				
13	REAL PROPERTY				
14	135. All that lot or parcel of land, together with its buildings,				
15	135. All that lot or parcel of land, together with its buildings, appurtenances, improvements, fixtures, attachments and easements, located at 3127 East River Glen Drive, Colbert, Washington, (title to said real property is vested in Dixie E. Randock, as Trustee of the Children's Future Revocable Trust, a trust), and Parcel Number 37033.9138 located in Spokane County, Washington, (title to said real property is vested in Steven Randock and Dixie E. Randock, bushand and wife) more particularly described as:				
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17	husband and wife), more particularly described as:				
18	3127 East River Glen Drive, Colbert, Washington:				
19	That portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 43 East, W.M. described as				
20	follows:				
21	Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 3; thence				
22	North 00°04'10" East 73 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00°04'10" East 587				
23	feet along the section line; thence South 89°52'45" East 1,422.87 feet; thence South 00°04'10" West 22.81 feet to the centerline of the Little Snekene Biver: thence South				
24	the centerline of the Little Spokane River; thence South 79°12' West 140 feet; thence South 50°50' West 530 feet; thence South 18°54'06" West 181.74 feet; thence				
25	South 00°26'24" West 30 feet; thence North 89°52'45"				
26	West 816.01 feet to the True Point of Beginning; Except County Rd;				
27	Also Except the West 400 Feet Thereof.				
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Together with all appurtenances, fixtures, attachments, and improvements thereto and thereupon.

SUBJECT to any easements, rights of way, reservations and/or exceptions of record.

Parcel Number 37033.9138, located in Spokane County, Washington:

> The West 440 feet of that portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3; Township 27 North, Range 43 East, W.M., described as follows;

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 3; thence North 00°04'10" East 73 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00°04'10" East 587 feet along the section line; thence South 89°52'45" East 1,422.87 feet; thence South 00°04'10" West 22.81 feet to the centerline of the Little Spokane River; thence South 79°12' West 140 feet; thence South 50°50' West 530 feet; thence South 18°54'06" West 181.74 feet; thence South 00°26'24" West 30 feet; thence North 89°52'45" West 816.01 feet to the True Point of Beginning; Except County Rd;

Together with all appurtenances, fixtures, attachments, and improvements thereto and thereupon.

SUBJECT to any easements, rights of way, reservations and/or exceptions of record.

CURRENCY

\$10,320.00 United States currency seized on or about August 11, 2005, from Steven Randock and Dixie Randock.

<u>CONVEYANCE</u>

2001 Jaguar XK8, VIN: SAJDA42CX1NA13599.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

\$43,600.00 United States currency discovered and seized on or about August 11, 2005, from safe deposit box #155, located at American West Bank, rented by Lawrence ("Larry") Randock and/or Steven K. Randock, Sr.

FUNDS SEIZED FROM BANK ACCOUNTS

1) Funds in the amount of \$2,042.54 United States currency, held in the name of AEIT, Inc., and/or

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1	Steven Randock and Dixie Randock, seized from Wells Fargo Bank Account Number XXX-XXX2052 on or				
2	about August 11, 2005; and,				
3	2) Funds in the amount of \$555.43 United States currency, held in the name of AEIT and/or Steven				
4 5	Randock and Dixie Randock, seized from Bank of Fairfield Account Number XXXX8759 on or about August 11, 2005.				
6	BANK ACCOUNT(S)				
7	1) \$280,000.00 United States funds or other				
8	monetary instruments credited to Banc Caribe Account Number CK-XX0941, held in the name of Saint Regise University (AEIT Peer Degree Program) Graduate				
9	School, and/or Steven Randock and Dixie Randock;				
10	2) \$150,000.00 United States funds or other monetary instruments credited to Banc Caribe Account				
11	Number SV-XX0084, held in the name of Saint Regise University (AEIT Peer Degree Program) Graduate				
12	School, and/or Steven Randock and Dixie Randock; and,				
13	3) \$50,000.00 United States funds or other monetary instruments credited to Loyal Bank, Limited				
14	Account Number XXXXXXX2405, held in the names of Steven K Randock and Dixie Randock.				
15	If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or				
16 17	omission of the defendant(s):				
18	(a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;				
19	(b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;(c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;				
20	(d) has been substantially diminished in value; or				
21	(e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;				
22	it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code,				
23	Section 853(p) as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 981 and				
24	Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, to seek forfeiture of any other property				
25	of said defendant(s) up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.				
26	Forfeiture Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1)				
27	Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), each defendant				
28	who is convicted of one or more of the offenses set forth in Count 2 shall forfeit to				
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1 the United States the following property:

All right, title, and interest in any and all property involved in each 2 a) 3 offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956, or conspiracy to commit such offense, for which the defendant is convicted, and all property 4 traceable to such property, including the following: 1) all money or other property 5 that was the subject of each transaction, transportation, transmission or transfer in 6 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956; 2) all commissions, fees 7 and other property constituting proceeds obtained as a result of those violations; 8 and 3) all property used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of those violations.

b) A sum of money equal to the total amount of money involved in each
offense, or conspiracy to commit such offense, for which the defendant is
convicted. If more than one defendant is convicted of an offense, the defendants
so convicted are jointly and severally liable for the amount involved in such
offense; and,

c) Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b), each defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the value of the amount described in paragraphs a and b, if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in paragraphs a and b, or any portion thereof, cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred, sold to or deposited with a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty. All in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2.

The property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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3) \$50,000.00 United States funds or other monetary

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instruments credited to Loyal Bank, Limited Account Number XXXXXX2405, held in the names of Steven K Randock and Dixie Randock. All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1). DATED this 4 day of October, 2005. A TRUE BILL Foreperson በ James A. McDevitt United States Attorney 7 13 Geør cobs. Ш Assistant United States Attorney **INDICTMENT - 40** P51003GJ GJA.wpd