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10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CR 13. 373 MJP
11	Plaintiff,
12) INDICTMENT
13	JAMES CONTRERAS,
14	Defendant.
15	- Defendant.
16	The Grand Jury charges:
17	INTRODUCTION
18	At all times relevant to this indictment:
19	1. Defendant JAMES CONTRERAS (hereafter "CONTRERAS") was employed as a Special
20	Agent by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (hereafter "ATF"), an agency of the
21	executive branch of the government of the United States.
22	2. CONTRERAS held the positions of Group Supervisor and Sub-Cashier of the Agent Cashier
23	Fund. The Agent Cashier fund is a cash fund maintained at each ATF Division Office that is used for
24	investigative expenses such as purchasing evidence or making subsistence payments to confidential
25	informants working with the ATF.
26	3. In his position as Group Supervisor / Sub-Cashier, CONTRERAS was responsible for
27	reviewing and approving requests by Special Agents under his supervision to use money from the Agent

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY 450 Golden Gate Ave., 11th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 436-7200 Cashier fund for authorized purposes; disbursing the requested funds to the requesting Special Agent; reviewing and signing the required forms pertaining to the use of money from the Agent Cashier fund; submitting the required forms for review and approval to the Agent Cashier; accounting for the money in the Agent Cashier fund for which he was responsible; and preparing monthly reports certifying the proper use of the funds and requesting replenishment of the expended funds from ATF Headquarters.

- 4. When a Special Agent under CONTRERAS's supervision wanted to request money from the Agent Cashier fund, he or she was required to fill out an ATF 3251.3 form entitled "Request for Advance of Funds for Investigative Purposes" (hereafter the "Request for Advance of Funds"). The Special Agent was required to sign the form at three different stages: when he or she requested the funds; when he or she received the money from CONTRERAS; and when returning any excess money or stating that all the money received was expended. In his position as Group Supervisor / Sub-Cashier, CONTRERAS was required to review the Request for Advance of Funds and sign the document at three different stages: when he approved the use of the funds for the stated purpose; when he gave the money to the requesting Special Agent; and when the requesting agent returned any excess money or stated that all the money received was expended.
- 5. When the Special Agent transferred the money from the Agent Cashier fund, he or she was required to fill out an ATF 3251.1 form entitled "Payment Receipt for Investigative Purposes and/or Information" (hereafter "Payment Receipt"), obtain the signature of the person receiving the money, enter his or her name and title, and enter the name and title of the person who witnessed the payment.
- 6. Once the money from the Agent Cashier fund was spent or transferred, the Special Agent was required to fill out and sign an ATF 3251.2A form entitled "Report of Expenditures for Investigative Purposes" (hereafter "Report of Expenditure"). The Special Agent was required to provide a detailed explanation of how the money was used and identify the investigation for which the money was used. CONTRERAS was required to sign the Request of Expenditures signifying review and approval of the explanation and use of the money from the Agent Cashier fund.
 - 7. For each expenditure of money from the Agent Cashier fund, CONTRERAS was required to

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submit the Request for Advance of Funds, Payment Receipt (if money transferred by agent), and Report of Expenditures to the ATF Division Office for review and approval. In connection with each expenditure, CONTRERAS was also required to assign a Sub-Voucher number and make an entry for the expenditure in the Sub-Voucher Log.

- 8. Once a month, CONTERAS signed an ATF Form 1129 entitled "Cashier Reimbursement Voucher and/Accountability Report," (hereafter "Cashier Reimbursement Voucher"), to which he attached the Sub-Voucher Log showing each expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund for the month. In signing the Cashier Reimbursement Voucher, CONTRERAS certified that each disbursement claimed was "correct and proper." CONTRERAS submitted the Sub-Voucher Log and Cashier Reimbursement Voucher to the Division Office for review and approval. The ATF Division Office in Seattle used the information on the Sub-Voucher Log and Cashier Reimbursement Voucher to request that ATF Headquarters replenish the money in the Division's Agent Cashier fund. In response to the request for replenishment and relying on the information provided by the Seattle Division Office, ATF Headquarters transferred ATF funds to the Seattle Division's Agent Cashier fund.

 COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) False Statements)
- 9. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 10. Beginning on or about March 12, 2010, and continuing through on or about March 31, 2010, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0009:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent WP on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated March 12, 2010, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 290, and submitted the

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materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the

executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation

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number 787046-10-0010:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated August 28, 2010, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$600 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 289, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on June 27, 2010, Special Agent DC signed the form and paid \$600 to ATF confidential informant JW, also known as informant 289, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DC did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JW.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Report of Expenditure form dated August 28, 2010 reporting that \$600 was paid to ATF confidential informant 289 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC and Special Agent DC did not make the purported payment to informant 289.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated August 3, 2010 (for the period August 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010), accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the August 28, 2010 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported August 28, 2010 subsistence payment to informant 289 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

<u>COUNT THREE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 13. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 14. Beginning on or about November 9, 2010, and continuing through on or about November 29, 2010, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

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did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787046-10-0010:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent MS on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated November 9, 2010, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$500 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 289, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent MS.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on November 9, 2010, Special Agent MS signed the form and paid \$500 to ATF confidential informant JW, also known as informant 289, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent MS did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JW.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent MS on a Report of Expenditure form dated November 10, 2010, reporting that \$500 was paid to ATF confidential informant 289 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent MS and Special Agent MS did not make the purported payment to informant 289.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated November 29, 2010, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the November 9, 2010 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported November 9, 2010 subsistence payment to informant 289 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.
 - All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

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<u>COUNT FOUR</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 15. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 16. Beginning on or about December 17, 2010, and continuing through on or about January 2, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0023:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent AL on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated December 17, 2010, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$400 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 282, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent AL.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on December 17, 2010, Special Agent AL signed the form and paid \$400 to ATF confidential informant MG, also known as informant 282, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent AL did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant MG.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent AL on a Report of Expenditure form dated December 17, 2010, reporting that \$400 was paid to ATF confidential informant 282 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent AL and Special Agent AL did not make the purported payment to informant 282.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated January 2, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the December 17, 2010 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement

from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported December 17, 2010 subsistence payment to informant 282 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

<u>COUNT FIVE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 17. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
 - 18. On or about March 31, 2010, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant, JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0032:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated March 31, 2010, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 294, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on March 31, 2010, Special Agent DC paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant RO, also known as informant 294, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DC did not make the purported payment to confidential informant RO.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Report of Expenditure form dated March 31, 2010 reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 294 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC and Special Agent DC did not make the purported payment to informant 294.

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d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 31, 2010, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the March 31, 2010 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported March 31, 2010 subsistence payment to informant 294 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT SIX: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 19. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 20. Beginning on or about February 23, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0032:

- a. CONTRERAS signed what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated February 23, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 286, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on February 23, 2011, Special Agent DC signed the form and paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant VD, also known as informant 297, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DC did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to either confidential informant 286 or 297.

	c.	CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a
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informant 286	or ?	297 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document
contained the	als	ified signature of Special Agent DC and Special Agent DC did not make the purported
payment to eit	her	informant 286 or 297.

- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the February 23, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported February 23, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 286 or 297 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.
 - All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).
- COUNT SEVEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) False Statements)
- 21. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 22. Beginning on or about April 30, 2011, and continuing through on or about May 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0032:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated April 30, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$700 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 301, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.

b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on April 30, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$700 to ATF confidential informant BD, also known as informant 301, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant 301.

c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated April 30, 2011, reporting that \$700 was paid to ATF confidential informant 301 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 301.

d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated May 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the April 30, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported April 30, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 301 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

<u>COUNT EIGHT</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 23. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 24. Beginning on or about May 20, 2011, and continuing through on or about June 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0032:

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- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent WP on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated May 20, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 301, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent WP.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on May 20, 2011, Special Agent WP signed the form and paid \$200 to ATF confidential informant BD, also known as informant 301, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent WP did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant 301.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent WP on a Report of Expenditure form dated May 20, 2011, reporting that \$200 was paid to ATF confidential informant 301 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent WP and Special Agent WP did not make the purported payment to informant 301.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated June 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the May 20, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported May 20, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 301 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT NINE: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 25. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 26. Beginning on or about June 30, 2011, and continuing through on or about July 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a

materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0032:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated June 30, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a subsistence payment of \$2,500 to ATF confidential informant 301, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on June 30, 2011, Special Agent DC signed the form as a witness to CONTRERAS's purported payment of \$2,500 to ATF confidential informant BD, also known as informant 301, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DC did not sign the form and did not witness CONTRERAS make the purported payment to confidential informant 301.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DC on a Report of Expenditure form dated June 30, 2011, reporting that \$2,500 was paid to ATF confidential informant 301 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DC and Special Agent DC did not witness CONTRERAS make the purported payment to informant 301.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated July 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the June 30, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported June 30, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 301 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

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<u>COUNT TEN</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 27. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 28. Beginning on or about February 12, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-10-0045:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated February 12, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$700 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 282, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on February 12, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$700 to ATF confidential informant MG, also known as informant 282, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant MG.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated February 12, 2011, reporting that \$700 was paid to ATF confidential informant 282 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 282.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the February 12, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement

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from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported February 12, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 282 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT ELEVEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 29. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 30. Beginning on or about February 5, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0019:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated February 5, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$200 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 282, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on February 5, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$200 to ATF confidential informant MG, also known as informant 282, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant MG.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated February 5, 2011, reporting that \$200 was paid to ATF confidential informant 282 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment

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d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the February 5, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported February 5, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 282 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

- <u>COUNT TWELVE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) False Statements)
- 31. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 32. Beginning on or about February 28, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0023:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent WP on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated February 28, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$200 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 297, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent WP.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on February 28, 2011, Special Agent WP signed the form and paid \$200 to ATF confidential informant VD, also known as informant 297, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent WP did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant VD.

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c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent WP on a
Report of Expenditure form dated February 28, 2011, reporting that \$200 was paid to ATF confidential
informant 297 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained
the falsified signature of Special Agent WP and Special Agent WP did not make the purported payment
to informant 207

d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the February 28, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported February 28, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 297 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT THIRTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 33. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 34. Beginning on or about March 23, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 31, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0030:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated March 23, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$1,500 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.

- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on March 23, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$1,500 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated March 23, 2011, reporting that \$1,500 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 298.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 31, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the March 23, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported March 23, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT FOURTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
 - 36. On or about March 31, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant, JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0033:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated March 31, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier

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fund in order to make a \$2,600 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 282, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.

- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on March 31, 2011, Special Agent AL signed the form and paid \$2,600 to ATF confidential informant MG, also known as informant 282, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent AL did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant MG.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated March 31, 2011, reporting that \$2,600 was paid to ATF confidential informant 282 by Special Agent TH, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and neither Special Agent AL nor Special Agent TH made the purported payment to informant 282.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 31, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the March 31, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported March 31, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 282 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

<u>COUNT FIFTEEN</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 37. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 38. On or about April 19, 2011, and continuing through on or about May 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the

executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0034:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated April 19, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$400 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 299, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on April 19, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$400 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated April 19, 2011, reporting that \$400 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 or 299 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to either informant 298 or 299.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated May 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the April 19, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported April 19, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 298 or 299 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT SIXTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 39. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
 - 40. Beginning on or about May 16, 2011, and continuing through on or about June 1, 2011,

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in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0041:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated May 16, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 300, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on May 16, 2011, Special Agent TH paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant JAJ, also known as informant 300, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JAJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated May 16, 2011, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 300 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 300.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated June 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the May 16, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported May 16, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 300 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

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<u>COUNT SEVENTEEN</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 41. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 42. Beginning on or about May 31, 2011, and continuing through on or about June 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0041:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated May 31, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to purchase a pistol from "Red," and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on May 31, 2011, Special Agent TH paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant JAJ, also known as informant 300, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JAJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated May 31, 2011, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 300 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 300.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated June 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the May 31, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported May 31,

2011 subsistence payment to informant 300 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT EIGHTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 43. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 44. Beginning on or about June 30, 2011, and continuing through on or about July 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0041:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated June 30, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$2,000 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 300, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on June 30, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form as a witness to CONTRERAS's purported payment of \$2,000 to ATF confidential informant JAJ, also known as informant 300, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not witness CONTRERAS make the purported payment to confidential informant JAJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated June 30, 2011, reporting that \$2,000 was paid to ATF confidential informant 300 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment

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to informant 300.

d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated July 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the June 30, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported June 30, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 300 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT NINETEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 45. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 46. On or about August 19, 2011, and continuing through on or about September 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0051:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated August 19, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$700 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on August 19, 2011, Special Agent DR signed the form and paid \$700 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DR did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.

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c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a
Report of Expenditure form dated August 19, 2011, reporting that \$700 was paid to ATF confidential
informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained
the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported paymen
to informant 298

d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated September 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the August 19, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported August 19, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 47. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 48. Beginning on or about October 5, 2011, and continuing through on or about November 2, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0057:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated on or about October 5, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 300, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.

b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on October 5, 2011,
Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant JAJ, also known as
informant 300, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special
Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JAJ.

- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated October 5, 2011, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 300 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 300.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated November 2, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the October 5, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported October 5, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 300 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 49. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 50. Beginning on or about October 20, 2011, and continuing through on or about November 2, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0057:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a

Request for Advance of Funds form dated October 20, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier
fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 302, and submitted the
form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special
Agent DR.

- b. CONTRERAS submitted a Payment Receipt for supervisory approval knowing that it falsely showed that on October 20, 2011, Special Agent DR paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant KS, also known as informant 303, and that it bore the falsified signature of Special Agent TH as a witness to the payment.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Report of Expenditure form dated November 20, 2011, reporting that on October 20, 2011, \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 302, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to either informant 302 or 303.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated November 2, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the October 20, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported October 20, 2011 subsistence payment to either informant 302 or 303 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-TWO: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 51. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 52. Beginning on or about January 21, 2012 and continuing through on or about January 31, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a

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materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0057:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated January 26, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$600 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on January 26, 2012, Special Agent DR paid \$600 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Report of Expenditure form dated January 26, 2012, reporting that \$600 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to informant 298.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated January 21, 2011 (for the period January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012), accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the January 26, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported January 26, 2012 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2001(a)(1).

<u>COUNT TWENTY-THREE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 53. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 54. Beginning on or about January 21, 2012, and continuing through on or about January 31, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0057:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated January 29, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$200 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 292, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on January 29, 2012, Special Agent DR paid \$200 to ATF confidential informant MG, also known as informant 282, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to confidential informant MG.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Report of Expenditure form dated January 29, 2012, reporting that \$200 was paid to ATF confidential informant 292 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to informant 292 or 282.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated January 21, 2011 (for the period January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012), accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the January 29, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier

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fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported January 29, 2012 subsistence payment to either informant 292 or 282 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-FOUR: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 55. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 56. Beginning on or about August 31, 2011, and continuing through on or about September 1, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-11-0058:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated August 31, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$1,000 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 303, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on August 31, 2011, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$1,000 to ATF confidential informant KS, also known as informant 303, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant KS.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated August 31, 2011, reporting that \$1,000 was paid to ATF confidential informant 303 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained

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the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 303.

d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated September 1, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the August 31, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported August 31, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 303 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-FIVE: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 57. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 58. Beginning on or about November 15, 2011, and continuing through on or about November 30, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0003:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated November 15, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 303, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on November 15, 2011, Special Agent DR signed the form and paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant KS, also known as informant 303, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special

Agent DR did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant KS.

- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Report of Expenditure form dated November 15, 2011, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 303 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to informant 303.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated November 30, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the November 15, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported November 15, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 303 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

<u>COUNT TWENTY-SIX</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 59. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 60. Beginning on or about December 13, 2011, and continuing through on or about December 30, 2011, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0003:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated December 13, 2011, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 303, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special

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- b. CONTRERAS submitted a Payment Receipt for supervisory approval knowing that it falsely showed that on December 13, 2011, Special Agent DR witnessed CONTRERAS pay \$300 to ATF confidential informant KS, also known as informant 303, and that it bore the falsified signature of Special Agent DR as a witness to the payment.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Report of Expenditure form dated December 13, 2011, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 303 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not witness the purported payment to informant 303.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated December 30, 2011, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the December 13, 2011 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported December 13, 2011 subsistence payment to informant 303 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3). <u>COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 61. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 62. Beginning on or about February 16, 2012, and continuing through on or about February 29, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0024:

a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent DR on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated February 16, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$600 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 292, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent DR.

- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on February 16, 2012, Special Agent DR signed the form and paid \$600 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DR did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS submitted a Report of Expenditure form dated February 16, 2012, reporting that \$600 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent DR and Special Agent DR did not make the purported payment to informant 298.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated February 29, 2012, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the February 16, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported February 16, 2012 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

- 63. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 64. Beginning on or about March 29, 2012, and continuing through on or about March 31, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a

materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0025:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated March 29, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on March 29, 2012, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated March 29, 2012, reporting that \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 298.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated March 31, 2012, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the March 29, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported March 29, 2012 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT TWENTY-NINE: (18 U.S.C § 1001(a)(3) – False Statements)

65. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.

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66. Beginning on or about April 4, 2012, and continuing through on or about April 30, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant,

JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0025:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated April 4, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$300 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on April 4, 2012, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$300 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not sign the form and did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated April 4, 2012, reporting that on \$300 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to informant 298.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated April 30, 2012, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the April 4, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported April 4, 2012 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and the forms contained falsified signatures.

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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).

COUNT THIRTY: (18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1) – False Statements)

- 67. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.
 - 68. On or about April 30, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant, JAMES CONTRERAS,

did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, that is, in connection with ATF investigation number 787045-12-0025:

- a. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Request for Advance of Funds form dated April 30, 2012, requesting funds from the Agent Cashier fund in order to make a \$800 subsistence payment to ATF confidential informant 298, and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH.
- b. CONTRERAS signed a Payment Receipt falsely showing that on April 30, 2012, Special Agent TH signed the form and paid \$800 to ATF confidential informant JJ, also known as informant 298, and CONTRERAS submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- c. CONTRERAS wrote what purported to be the signature of Special Agent TH on a Report of Expenditure form dated April 30, 2012, reporting that \$800 was paid to ATF confidential informant 298 and submitted the form for supervisory approval knowing that the document contained the falsified signature of Special Agent TH and Special Agent TH did not make the purported payment to confidential informant JJ.
- d. CONTRERAS signed and submitted for supervisory review a Cash Reimbursement Voucher dated April 30, 2012, accompanied by the Sub-Voucher Log listing the April 30, 2012 expenditure from the Agent Cashier fund described above, and falsely certified that the disbursement

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from the Agent Cashier fund was correct and proper when, in fact, he knew that the purported April 30, 1 2012 subsistence payment to informant 298 was not made as represented on the required ATF forms and 2 3 the forms contained falsified signatures. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3). 4 COUNT THIRTY-ONE: (18 U.S.C § 641 – Embezzlement of Public Money in Excess of \$1,000) 5 6 69. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by 7 reference as if set forth in full herein. 70. Beginning no later than on or about March 12, 2010, and continuing through on or about 8 April 30, 2012, in the Western District of Washington, the defendant, 9 JAMES CONTRERAS, 10 did knowingly embezzle and convert to his own use and that of another, and did without authority 11 12 convey and dispose of, money in excess of \$1,000 belonging to the United States and a department and agency thereof, that is, money in the ATF Agent Cashier fund, and said money had come into the 13 possession and under the care of CONTRERAS by virtue of his employment as a Special Agent with the 14 15 ATF, United States Department of Justice. 16 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. A TRUE BILL: 17 11/21/13 DATED: 18 Signature redacted pursuant to the policy 19 Of the Judicial Conference of the United States 20 21 **FOREPERSON** 22 Chief, Criminal Division 23 For MELINDA HAAG **United States Attorney** 24 Northern District of California 25 26 27 Assistant United States Attorne 28