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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**INDICTMENT FOR FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO AN AGENCY OF THE
UNITED STATES AND FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF A COAST GUARD LICENSE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO.

18-054

v.

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SECTION:

SECT. G MAG. 5

JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO

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VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1001
18 U.S.C. § 2197

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1
(False Statement)

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The United States Coast Guard (hereinafter "USCG") is an agency of the executive branch of the Government of the United States of America.

2. **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO** was a licensed merchant mariner and the holder of Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141, issued by the USCG, which entitled him to work as a master on various motor or towing vessels.

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3. On or about February 4, 2015, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO** entered into a settlement agreement with the USCG under USCG Administrative Law Judge Court Docket No. 2015-0011 wherein he voluntarily surrendered his Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO** was prohibited from performing any function that required a Coast Guard-issued credential or endorsement, which included the piloting of motor or towing vessels.

4. In connection with the settlement agreement, on or about February 4, 2015, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO** submitted a Lost Credential Affidavit (USCG form CG-5800H) to the USCG in which he stated that his Merchant Mariner Credentials had been destroyed.

B. THE OFFENSE:

1. On or about February 4, 2015, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and elsewhere, the defendant, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO**, did knowingly and willfully make a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter within the jurisdiction of the USCG, an agency of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, by submitting a Lost Credential Affidavit (USCG form CG-5800H) to the USCG in which he stated that his Merchant Mariner Credentials had been destroyed, when, in truth and in fact, and as the defendant then and there knew, his Merchant Mariner Credentials had not been destroyed.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

COUNT 2
(Unlawful Use of a Coast Guard License)

Beginning on or about March 17, 2015, and continuing until on or about April 15, 2016, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO**, did knowingly use and exhibit USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141, without being

lawfully entitled thereto, in that the defendant used and exhibited United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentials while employed by a company in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, knowing that said credentials had been suspended by order of a USCG Administrative Law Judge on February 5, 2015.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2197.

COUNT 3
(Unlawful Use of a Coast Guard License)

Beginning on or about September 11, 2015, and continuing until on or about September 14, 2015, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO**, did knowingly use and exhibit USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141, without being lawfully entitled thereto, in that the defendant used and exhibited USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials while employed by a company in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, knowing that said credentials had been suspended by order of a USCG Administrative Law Judge on February 5, 2015.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2197.

COUNT 4
(Unlawful Use of a Coast Guard License)

Beginning on or about October 8, 2015, and continuing until on or about December 26, 2015, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO**, did knowingly use and exhibit USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141, without being lawfully entitled thereto, in that the defendant used and exhibited USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials while employed by a company in LaPlace, Louisiana, knowing that said credentials had been suspended by order of a USCG Administrative Law Judge on February 5, 2015.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2197.

COUNT 5

(Unlawful Use of a Coast Guard License)

Beginning on or about May 1, 2017, and continuing until on or about June 1, 2017, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JEFFREY MICHAEL DESALVO**, did knowingly use and exhibit USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials No. 000220141, without being lawfully entitled thereto, in that the defendant used and exhibited USCG Merchant Mariner Credentials while employed by a company in Harvey, Louisiana, knowing that said credentials had been suspended by order of a USCG Administrative Law Judge on February 5, 2017.

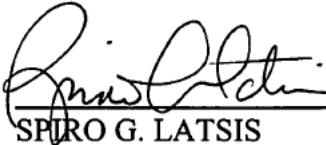
All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2197.

A TRUE BILL:



FOREPERSON

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A true bill
for person

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