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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**BILL OF INFORMATION
FOR BANK FRAUD AND NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

FELONY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOSHUA HOCKLESS

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CRIMINAL NO.

20-00141

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SECTION:

SECT. R MAG. 5

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VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1344

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. United Services Automobile Association Federal Savings Bank (USAA) was a financial institution with accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

2. The defendant, **JOSHUA HOCKLESS**, resided in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

B. THE SCHEME:

Beginning in or about October 2013 and continuing until in or about July 2014, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **JOSHUA HOCKLESS**

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(**HOCKLESS**), unlawfully, willfully and knowingly executed a scheme and artifice to defraud USAA and to obtain approximately \$87,489.34 in monies, funds, credits, assets, securities and other property owned by and under the custody and control of USAA by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

C. THE EXECUTION OF THE SCHEME:

HOCKLESS executed the scheme and artifice as set forth above by taking advantage of USAA's policy of honoring checks and cash transfers before the funds cleared the issuing bank. To that end, **HOCKLESS** opened, and caused to be opened, accounts at third-party banks. **HOCKLESS** used these accounts to make online transfers of cash to USAA even though the third-party bank accounts contained insufficient funds to cover the transfers. **HOCKLESS** then withdrew or caused these funds to be withdrawn from USAA before the fund transfers cleared the issuing bank.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Count 1 in this Bill of Information are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States.

2. As a result of the offense alleged in Count 1, the defendant, **JOSHUA HOCKLESS**, shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation.

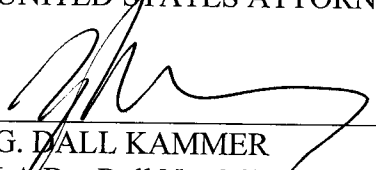
3. If any of the above-described property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

the United States shall seek a money judgment and, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), forfeiture of any substitute property of the defendant up to the value of said property.

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