

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Case:2:17-cr-20568
Judge: Cohn, Avern
MJ: Grand, David R.
Filed: 08-28-2017 At 09:37 AM
INFO USA V CHRISTOPHER SORRENTINO (LG)

vs.

D-1 CHRISTOPHER SORRENTINO, VIOLATION: 31 U.S.C. § 5324

Defendant.

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INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges:

COUNT 1

**31 U.S.C. § 5324
Structuring**

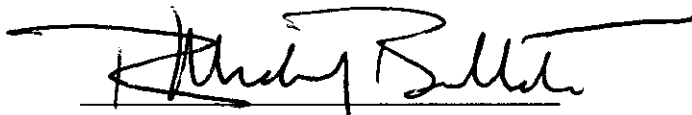
D-1 CHRISTOPHER SORRENTINO

In or about November 2014, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, **CHRISTOPHER SORRENTINO**, did knowingly and willfully, and for the purpose of evading the currency reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations prescribed thereunder, structure transactions with a domestic financial institution. Specifically, defendant, at the direction of an elected official of Macomb Township, Michigan (“the elected

official”), accepted and received a check from Macomb Township for work that defendant did not perform. After depositing the township check into his bank, defendant, at the direction of the elected official, paid a cash kickback to the elected official of approximately \$66,000. Defendant obtained the cash by writing a series of seven checks, each in amounts slightly less than \$10,000. Defendant caused all of the checks to be cashed at his bank, then provided all of the cash to the elected official. The defendant obtained the cash kickback money from his bank in this manner in order to evade its currency transaction reporting requirements so as to conceal the fact that he was obtaining a large sum of cash to pay to the elected official.

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5324.

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Dated: August 28, 2017

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| Companion Case Information | Companion Case Number: 16-20732 |
| This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ : | Judge Assigned: Robert H. Cleland |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | AUSA's Initials: <i>RMB</i> |

Case Title: USA v. D-1 CHRISTOPHER SORRENTINO

County where offense occurred : Macomb

Check One: Felony Misdemeanor Petty

____ Indictment/ Information --- no prior complaint.
 ____ Indictment/ ____ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number: _____]
 ____ Indictment/ ____ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

Superseding Case Information


Superseding to Case No: _____ Judge: _____

- Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
- Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
- Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

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| <u>Defendant name</u> | <u>Charges</u> | <u>Prior Complaint (if applicable)</u> |
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Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

August 28, 2017
Date



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¹ Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.