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F. #2020R00066 / OCDETF #NY-NYE-870

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I N D I C T M E N T

- against -

JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA,
also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,”
JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA,
ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT,
also known as “English,”
SHERIANN ANN MARIE BRYAN,
also known as “Sheryl” and “Sharon,”
LEON GEORGE HALL,
also known as “Bunny,” and
EDLYSON REUEL ELIAS SOPHIA,
also known as “Primu,”

Cr. No. 21-222 (ARR)
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 982(a)(1), 982(b)(1),
1956(h), 3238, 2 and 3551 et seq.; T.
21, U.S.C., §§ 853(a), 853(p), 959(a),
959(d), 960(a)(3), 960(b)(1)(B)(ii), 963
and 970)

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE
(International Cocaine Distribution Conspiracy)

1. In or about and between January 2017 and April 2021, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,” JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA, ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT, also known as “English,” SHERIANN ANN MARIE BRYAN, also known as “Sheryl” and “Sharon,” LEON GEORGE HALL, also known as “Bunny,” and EDLYSON REUEL ELIAS SOPHIA, also known as “Primu,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire

to distribute a controlled substance, intending, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a) and 960(a)(3). The amount of cocaine involved in the conspiracy attributable to the defendants as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, was five kilograms or more of a substance containing cocaine.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 963, 959(d) and 960(b)(1)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3238 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWO
(Conspiracy to Import Cocaine)

2. In or about and between January 2017 and April 2021, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,” JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA, ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT, also known as “English,” SHERIANN ANN MARIE BRYAN, also known as “Sheryl” and “Sharon,” LEON GEORGE HALL, also known as “Bunny,” and EDLYSON REUEL ELIAS SOPHIA, also known as “Primu,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to import a controlled substance into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952(a) and 960(a)(1). The amount of cocaine involved in the conspiracy attributable to the defendants as a result of their own conduct, and the conduct of

other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to them, was five kilograms or more of a substance containing cocaine.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 963 and 960(b)(1)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3238 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THREE

(International Cocaine Distribution –
Approximately 32 Kilograms of Cocaine)

3. In or about March 2017, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,” JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA and ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT, also known as “English,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, intending, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved five kilograms or more of a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a), 959(d), 960(a)(3) and 960(b)(1)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3238, 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOUR

(International Cocaine Distribution –
Approximately 64 Kilograms of Cocaine)

4. In or about May 2017, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,” JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA, ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT, also known as “English,” SHERIANN ANN MARIE BRYAN, also known as “Sheryl” and “Sharon,” and LEON GEORGE HALL, also known as “Bunny,” together with

others, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, intending, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved five kilograms or more of a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a), 959(d), 960(a)(3) and 960(b)(1)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3238, 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIVE

(International Cocaine Distribution –
Approximately 6 Kilograms of Cocaine)

5. In or about November 2019, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie” and “Benzy,” JOELL CHARLES MARIE BALENTINA, and EDLYSON REUEL ELIAS SOPHIA, also known as “Primu,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, intending, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States from a place outside thereof, which offense involved five kilograms or more of a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a), 959(d), 960(a)(3) and 960(b)(1)(B)(ii); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3238, 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIX

(Money Laundering Conspiracy)

6. In or about and between January 2017 and April 2021, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JO-ANDY CHRISTEPHER MARIE BALENTINA, also known as “Enchi,” “Angie”

and “Benzy,” and ISRAEL OSIAL BARRETT, also known as “English,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire:

(a) to conduct one or more financial transactions in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, to wit: the transfer and delivery of United States currency, which transactions in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit: narcotics trafficking, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 846, 952(a), 959(a), 960(a)(1) and 963 (collectively, the “Specified Unlawful Activity”), knowing that the property involved in the transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, (i) with the intent to promote the carrying on of the Specified Unlawful Activity, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), and (ii) knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership and the control of the proceeds of the Specified Unlawful Activity, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i); and

(b) to transport, transmit and transfer monetary instruments and funds, to wit: United States currency, from a place in the United States to and through one or more places outside the United States, (i) with the intent to promote the carrying on of the Specified Unlawful Activity, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2)(A), and (ii) knowing that such monetary instruments and funds involved in the transportation, transmission and transfer represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and that such transportation, transmission and transfer were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership and the control of the proceeds of the Specified Unlawful Activity, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2)(B)(i).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(h), 3238 and 3551 et seq.)

**CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS
AS TO COUNTS ONE THROUGH FIVE**

7. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendants that, upon their conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts One through Five, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a) and 970, which require any person convicted of such offenses to forfeit: (a) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such offenses; and (b) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses.

8. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (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 divided

without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a), 853(p) and 970))

**CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNT SIX**

9. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendants charged in Count Six that, upon their conviction of such offense, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), which requires any person convicted of such offense to forfeit any property, real or personal, involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property.

10. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any of act or omission of the defendants:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (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 divided

without difficulty;

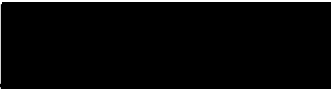
it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), to seek forfeiture of any other

property of the defendants up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(1) and 982(b)(1); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

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INDICTMENT

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