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Count One: 18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2)(B) - Cyberstalking

- Maximum Penalties:

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- o Imprisonment: 5 years
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  - o Supervised Release: 3 years
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- Maximum Penalties:
  - o Imprisonment: 20 years
  - o Fine: \$250,000
  - o Supervised Release: 3 years
  - Special Assessment: \$100
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Count Four: 18 U.S.C. § 1512(d) - Witness Tampering by Harassment

- Maximum Penalties:
  - o Imprisonment: 3 years
  - o Fine: \$250,000
  - o Supervised Release: 1 year
  - Special Assessment: \$100
  - o Restitution
  - o Forfeiture

Count Five: 18 U.S.C. § 1510 - Obstruction of Criminal Investigation by Bribery

- Maximum Penalties:
  - Imprisonment: 5 years
  - o Fine: \$250,000
  - o Supervised Release: 3 years
  - o Special Assessment: \$100
  - o Restitution
  - o Forfeiture

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# United States District Court

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD

# CR-24-0268 HSG

DEFENDANT(S).

# INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2)(B) (Cyberstalking) 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(2) and (b)(3) (Witness Tampering by Intimidation, Threats, Corrupt Persuasion, Misleading Conduct) 18 U.S.C. § 1512(d) (Witness Tampering by Harassment; 18 U.S.C. § 1510(a) (Obstruction of a Criminal Investigation by Bribery) 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) & 28 U.S.C. § 2461 (Criminal Forfeiture)

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21		INDICTMENT	
22	The Grand Jury charges:		
23	,	Introductory Allegations	
24	At all times relevant to this Indic		
25	1. From 2007 through 2019	, defendant PAUL RAYMOND F	LOOD ("FLOOD") was
26	employed as a Special Agent with the F		
27	in the Northern District of California.		
28	2. In or around early Octob	er 2018, FLOOD met an individua	l referred herein to as Victim-
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1 ("V-1"). At the time, V-1 was a first-year law student who resided in the Northern District of
 California. V-1 was interested in a future career as an FBI agent and asked her brother (herein referred
 to as "B-1") if he knew anyone who could provide her more information on the matter. B-1 referred V-1
 to FLOOD, whom B-1 knew due to B-1's prior contacts with law enforcement.

3. At first, FLOOD responded professionally to V-1's request for advice on joining the FBI. Within a few weeks of meeting her, however, FLOOD began to make unwelcome romantic advances toward V-1. When V-1 tried to decline and ignore FLOOD's advances, FLOOD began engaging in a harassing and intimidating course of conduct toward V-1, as further described below. FLOOD's course of conduct escalated during varying periods over the next year and continued even after V-1 reported FLOOD to law enforcement in June 2019.

#### Cyberstalking

4. Beginning in or around October 2018 and continuing until at least in or about October
2019, in the Northern District of California, FLOOD, with the intent to harass, intimidate, and place
under surveillance with intent to harass and intimidate, V-1, used the mail, an interactive computer
service, an electronic communication service, an electronic communication system of interstate
commerce, and other facilities of interstate and foreign commerce, to engage in a course of conduct,
described further below, that caused, attempted to cause, and would reasonably be expected to cause
substantial emotional distress to V-1.

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Flood's course of conduct included, amongst other acts, the following:

a. In mid-October 2018, FLOOD told V-1 that he wanted to give her a diamond ring
for her upcoming birthday. After V-1 repeatedly declined FLOOD's offer, and then stopped responding
to him, FLOOD ordered B-1 to deliver the gift to his sister. Upon receiving the ring, V-1 immediately
messaged FLOOD to tell him she did not want it. FLOOD told V-1 to keep it or sell it, but when V-1
did not respond again, FLOOD continued to text and call her from multiple numbers on a repeated basis.

b. V-1 tried ignoring FLOOD's texts and calls, blocked his numbers, and begged
him on several occasions to stop and to leave her and her family alone. Despite her efforts, FLOOD
persisted in repeatedly calling and texting V-1 using different numbers and messaging applications for
periods of time over the course of the next year. Whenever V-1 blocked FLOOD's number, he would

create new numbers to contact her. Between mid-October 2018 through September 2019, FLOOD 2 created and used at least 79 different numbers to contact V-1.

FLOOD also sent repeated communications to B-1, telling B-1 to have his sister 3 C. call or unblock FLOOD. FLOOD often pressured B-1 to intervene by reminding B-1 of FLOOD's 4 5 influence over B-1's pending deportation proceedings and the family's criminal matters. FLOOD's conduct led to multiple arguments between V-1 and B-1 on how to handle the situation. As FLOOD's 6 course of conduct escalated, V-1 wanted to report FLOOD to get him to stop. B-1 strongly objected, 7 fearing FLOOD's power to retaliate against him and other family members. As a result, V-1 agreed not 8 to report FLOOD initially. 9

FLOOD's incessant and unprompted messages to V-1 widely ranged in topic. For 10 d. example, between late October through mid-December 2018, FLOOD sent texts demanding V-1 talk to 11 him, asking her to explain why she had gone silent, accusing her of acting "like such a bitch towards me 12 when I was nothing but nice." informing her the ring he gave her was a family heirloom and telling her 13 to return it if she would not speak to him, apologizing and providing lengthy explanations for his 14 behavior, and fluctuating between professions of love and derogatory insults. 15

FLOOD also sent messages demonstrating that he was surveilling V-1 and her 16 e. family by sharing unsolicited information that he obtained through law enforcement channels about their 17 activities and whereabouts. For example, in October 2018, amidst a string of unanswered messages 18 from FLOOD to V-1. FLOOD asked, "You're in LA? Maybe that's why you won't respond." V-1 had 19 not informed FLOOD of her location at the time. In November 2018, FLOOD provided V-1 unsolicited 20 flight status updates and details regarding V-1's father's international travel, which FLOOD obtained via 21 law enforcement channels. In or around May 2019, during an Oakland Police Department ("OPD") visit 22 pertaining to one of V-1's brothers, FLOOD randomly called V-1 from an unrecognized number and 23 asked her about OPD and V-1's brother. 24

25 f. On several occasions, FLOOD threatened to visit V-1 in person if she did not respond to him, and sometimes followed through. For example: 26

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i. In or around late October 2019, FLOOD sent V-1 several messages that he would come by with flowers or to retrieve the ring he had given her, such as: "Do I need

to ask [B-1] to ask you if it's OK to come by tomorrow," "WTF? I gave you a \$7K ring and didn't ask for anything in return, can you at least say something to me?" and "I'll swing by with flowers in about 30 minutes."

- ii. On May 31, 2019, FLOOD texted V-1, "Please have a conversation and stop blocking me or I'll come to [V-1's family's business], you can get me fired, and I put a bullet in my head."
- iii. On June 2, 2019, FLOOD texted V-1, "I'm going start dropping off white roses at your doorstep every day. Please don't call police," then, "Sorry didn't have all white and had to buy mix." When V-1 responded, "Stay the fuck away from me," he replied "Forever?" When she responded, "You're a fucking maniac! I'm blocking this shit too!," he proceeded to text her from other numbers.
- iv. In early June, FLOOD went to V-1's residence and knocked on her door while she hid inside the home. FLOOD eventually departed, leaving flowers and a diamond ring on her doorstep.

g. In the month between May 22, 2019, until about June 22, 2019, FLOOD used at
least 32 different numbers to contact V-1 while she repeatedly tried to block him. During this period,
FLOOD again used multiple tactics to try to bait V-1 to talk to him, which included claiming that her
brothers were being targeted by law enforcement and sharing law enforcement sensitive information
with V-1 to support his claims. For example:

i. On or about May 30, 2019, FLOOD sent V-1 a series messages via WhatsApp, including: "Fuck. I want to stop your brother but can't say anything," "If I tell you, you tell your brother and they talk about me. I'm fucked but want to help." When V-1 finally asked, "What are you talking about?," FLOOD named one of V-1's brothers, and stated, "Tell him to stop doing anything illegal." After V-1 responded, "Wtf are you talking about," "No one is doing anything illegal," "Get away from us!" and blocked FLOOD, he created new numbers and continued to send V-1 similar texts about her brothers.

ii. On June 6, 2019, FLOOD texted V-1, "Look. You need to see something. You

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know that I would help your family because of you. I'm really worried about your brothers using my name if they get into trouble or telling anyone else," then texted, "people are gunning for them." In response, V-1 told FLOOD he was lying and blocked him. FLOOD then texted her with a new number and shared the name of an individual who FLOOD claimed was "gonna save himself and fuck up your brothers." When V-1 blocked FLOOD again, he used another number to send her a screenshot of a law enforcement email to support his claims, and told her, "If you want to see rest, you can" and "Meet somewhere and you can see." FLOOD continued this pattern until June 11, 2019, by which point he had sent V-1 multiple screenshots of documents containing confidential and sensitive information pertaining to law enforcement targets.

6. On or about June 21, 2019, V-1 finally reported FLOOD's conduct to both federal and local law enforcement. Shortly thereafter, FLOOD was suspended from duty with FBI, and the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (DOJ-OIG) opened a law enforcement investigation into FLOOD's criminal conduct. A federal grand jury in the Northern District of California also opened an investigation. By early July 2019, FLOOD was aware of the pending investigations against him.

18 7. Immediately following V-1's report, FLOOD continued to text and call V-1, again
19 creating new numbers to contact her every time she blocked him. For example, between June 23 and
20 July 1, 2019, FLOOD used at least 16 different numbers to contact V-1.

8. In his communications beginning on or around June 21, 2019, FLOOD employed various
means to pressure, harass, intimidate, and persuade V-1 to help him by not providing statements or
testimony in the investigations against him. This included: blaming and guilting V-1 for ruining his life
and career by reporting him; threatening to commit suicide if V-1 did not help him; offering V-1 various
bribes to help him; and similarly pressuring B-1 to persuade V-1 to help FLOOD. As a result, V-1
experienced significant guilt from FLOOD, B-1, and other family members regarding her decision to
report FLOOD and its potential consequences to her family.

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9. FLOOD also claimed to V-1 that, because of the sensitive information he had shared with

V-1 in his messages to her, DOJ-OIG would hold her liable as his co-conspirator if she testified or
 cooperated with their investigation. FLOOD told V-1 that the best way to avoid further trouble was for
 them to marry so that V-1 could invoke the spousal privilege if she was called to testify against him.

10. By early July 2019, FLOOD was able to persuade V-1 to help him obstruct the pending
investigations against him. Consequently, V-1 evaded multiple attempts by DOJ-OIG investigators to
contact her for an interview and to serve her with a federal grand jury subpoena in July 2019. For
example, on July 10, 2019, when two DOJ-OIG agents attempted to serve V-1 with a grand jury
subpoena outside V-1's residence, V-1 ran away from the agents and fled in her vehicle. V-1 also hired
an attorney to represent her in the DOJ-OIG investigation, and FLOOD agreed to reimburse V-1 for the
attorney's fees,

11 11. By mid-July 2019, FLOOD also persuaded V-1 to agree to his plan of entering a sham
12 marriage so that V-1 could avoid testifying against him in future proceedings. As part of the scheme,
13 FLOOD told V-1 he would buy her an engagement ring, and they should shop for the ring together in a
14 store with security cameras so there would be video evidence to make their marriage look legitimate.
15 On or about July 17, 2019, FLOOD took V-1 to a jewelry store in San Francisco, where he bought her
16 an engagement ring that cost approximately \$17,000. On July 18, 2019, V-1 left the country on a family
17 vacation for the next three months.

18 12. During V-1's overseas trip, FLOOD continued to contact V-1 to ensure she was still
19 willing to help him with the DOJ-OIG investigation. FLOOD's conduct included asking her regularly if
20 she had heard any updates from her attorney regarding the investigation, as well as sending V-1 money
21 transfers as part of their agreement for her to help him.

13. At times when V-1 stopped responding, however, FLOOD would resume his pattern of sending V-1 repeated and harassing texts, which included threats to commit suicide if she did not talk to him or agree to help him. For example, on or about July 27, 2019, FLOOD sent V-1 a series of texts threatening suicide, such as: "You killed me. Pray to fucking Allah you don't call in my death when you return nobody will find me for months," "You ruined my life and killed me. At least your mother never killed anyone," "Keep blocking me. I'll just make new numbers all day. Watch me kill myself. Probably fun for you," and "I'm dead because of you." FLOOD also sent V-1 a photograph of himself holding a

gun to his head and the message, "video chat now if you want to see a former FBI agent and nonbeliever commit suicide," V-1 immediately notified one of her brothers back home, who contacted local 2 law enforcement for help. 3

FLOOD also engaged in insulting language and defamatory accusations toward and about 14. V-1, particularly when she was not responsive or seemed no longer willing to help him. For example, on or about July 27, 2019, FLOOD texted B-1, claiming that V-1 had sex with FLOOD and another person, knowing that the claim was false and particularly slanderous to V-1 due to her strict religious beliefs. When V-1 confronted FLOOD in response, he apologized for the lie. At various times, FLOOD called V-1 derogatory names, such as "bitch," "scammer," "slut," and "evil cunt," and made insulting references to her religion. For instance, in a text on September 10, 2019, Flood wrote, "How would you feel about finding a loving God instead of the Muslim monster of death that asks you to destroy the lives of non believers? Your God turned you into a monster but you can change."

15. In early September 2019, V-1 returned from her overseas trip and initially told FLOOD that she was still willing to proceed with the sham marriage plan. However, when V-1 did not follow through, FLOOD quickly resumed his harassing conduct. On or about September 9, 2019, FLOOD sent a series of escalating messages and expressed his intent to come by her house, despite her repeated warnings that she would "call the cops" if he did. On or about September 10, 2019, FLOOD arrived at V-1's home, refused to leave, and was arrested by local police.

At the time of FLOOD's arrest, V-1 decided that she was no longer willing to put up with 19 16. 20 FLOOD's conduct or help him as she had previously agreed. On or about September 10, 2019, V-1 returned DOJ-OIG's calls and agreed to an interview. Within the next few weeks, V-1 also filed for a 21 state restraining order against FLOOD. 22

23 17. After his arrest and the restraining order, FLOOD continued to contact V-1. For example, the morning after his arrest on September 10, 2019, FLOOD texted V-1, "I'm coming to your 24 house to talk, let me know if it's an issue." Flood also continued to claim to V-1 that she would get in 25 trouble if she talked to DOJ-OIG investigators. In a handwritten letter to V-1 postmarked September 14, 26 2019, FLOOD wrote: "San Leandro PD turned my phone over to DOJ. There were conversations about 27 28 you helping me avoid jail with DOJ. They may threaten you with that if they talk to you."

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1 18. FLOOD's repeated violations of the state restraining order eventually led to another
 2 arrest by state law enforcement on or about October 15, 2019, and subsequent misdemeanor charges in
 3 Alameda County.

4 <u>COUNT ONE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2)(B) – Cyberstalking)

5 19. Paragraphs 1 through 18 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set
6 forth here.

7 20. Beginning in or around October 2018 and continuing until at least in or about October
8 2019, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

with the intent to harass, intimidate, and place under surveillance with intent to harass and intimidate,
another person, namely: Victim-1 ("V-1"), used the mail, an interactive computer service, an electronic
communication service, an electronic communication system of interstate commerce, and other facilities
of interstate and foreign commerce, to engage in a course of conduct that caused, attempted to cause,
and would reasonably be expected to cause substantial emotional distress to a person, namely: V-1.

PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2261A(2)(B).

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#### Witness Tampering and Obstruction

17 21. Between on or about June 21, 2019, through in or about October 2019, FLOOD engaged
18 in a course of conduct to intimidate, threaten, corruptly persuade, and engage in misleading conduct
19 toward V-1, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent V-1 from communicating to DOJ-OIG
20 investigators, and to cause V-1 to withhold testimony from an official proceeding, which included, but is
21 not limited to, the following:

a. FLOOD's communications and actions that caused B-1 and V-1 to fear that
FLOOD would retaliate against their family, or commit harm to himself or others, if V-1 did not help
FLOOD in obstructing the pending investigation and proceedings against him;

b. FLOOD's attempts to bribe V-1 into helping him with offers and payments of
money and material things (such as a Corvette, jewelry, and his house);

c. FLOOD's misleading and intimidating claims to V-1 that she would be held
 criminally liable if she cooperated in the investigations against him; and

FLOOD's efforts to persuade V-1 to engage in a deceptive scheme that involved 1 d. entering into a sham marriage and taking steps to make it appear legitimate, so that V-1 could invoke the 2 spousal privilege and withhold testimony at pending and future official proceedings against FLOOD. 3 (18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(2) - Witness Tampering by Intimidation, Threats, Corrupt COUNT TWO: 4 5 Persuasion, and Misleading Conduct) Paragraphs 1 through 18 and 21 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if 22. 6 fully set forth here. 7 8 23. Between on or about June 21, 2019, and continuing through on or about September 14, 2019, in the Northern District of California, the defendant, 9 PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD, 10 did knowingly intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade another person, namely: Victim-1, and 11 attempt to intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade Victim-1, and engage in misleading conduct 12 13 toward Victim-1, with the intent to cause and induce Victim-1 to withhold testimony from an official proceeding, namely: a federal grand jury proceeding in the Northern District of California, 14 15 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(2). (18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) - Witness Tampering by Intimidation, Threats, Corrupt COUNT THREE: 16 17 Persuasion, or Misleading Conduct) Paragraphs 1 through 18 and 21 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if 18 24. fully set forth here. 19 Between on or about June 21, 2019, and continuing through on or about September 14, 20 25. 2019, in the Northern District of California, the defendant, 21 22 PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD, did knowingly intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade another person, namely: Victim-1, and 23 attempt to intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade Victim-1, and engage in misleading conduct 24 25 toward Victim-1, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent Victim-1 from communicating to a law enforcement officer, namely: Special Agents of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Inspector 26 General, information related to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense, 27 28 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

1 <u>COUNT FOUR</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1512(d) – Witness Tampering by Harassment)

2 26. Paragraphs 1 through 18 and 21 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if
3 fully set forth here.

4 27. Between on or about June 21, 2019 through in or about October 2019, in the Northern
5 District of California, the defendant,

#### PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD,

did intentionally harass another person, namely: Victim-1, and did thereby hinder, delay, prevent, and dissuade V-1 from attending and testifying in an official proceeding, namely: a federal grand jury proceeding in the Northern District of California, and attempted to do so,

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(d).

11 <u>COUNT FIVE</u>: (18 U.S.C. § 1510(a) – Obstruction of Criminal Investigation by Bribery)

12 28. Paragraphs 1 through 18 and 21 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if13 fully set forth here.

29. Between on or about July 16, 2019, through on or about September 14, 2019, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

#### PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD,

by means of bribery, did willfully endeavor to obstruct, delay, and prevent another person, namely: Victim-1, from communicating information relating to a violation of criminal statute of the United States to criminal investigators with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1510(a).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 – Criminal Forfeiture)

30. The allegations in paragraphs 1 through 29 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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PAUL RAYMOND FLOOD,

Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts Two through Five, the defendant,

shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and Title

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28, United States Code, Section 2461, any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from
 proceeds traceable to said violations, including but not limited to a sum of money equal to the total
 proceeds from the commission of said offense.

32. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, any of said property; 4 5 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with a third person; 6 7 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; 8 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or e. has been commingled with other property, which cannot be divided without difficulty; 9 the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property, pursuant to Title 21, United States 10 Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), and Title 28, 11 United States Code, Section 2461(c). 12

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

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Does this case involve ONLY charges under 8 U.S.C. § 1325 and/or 1326?	Yes	No 🗸	
Venue (Per Crim. L.R. 18-1):	SF	OAK ✓ SJ	
Is this a potential high-cost case?	Yes	No 🗸	
Is any defendant charged with a death-penalty-eligible crime?	Yes	No 🗸	
Is this a RICO Act gang case?	Yes	No 🗸	
Assigned AUSA (Lead Attorney): Anne C. Hsieh		Date Submitted:	

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