UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	No. 1:26-cr-00310 Judge Thomas M. Durkin Magistrate Judge Daniel P. McLaughlin RANDOM / Cat. 4
v.	)	Violation: Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343
MAKAIO' KEKOA, formerly known as "Lorenzo Hood," "Lorenzo Chryssikos Hood," or "Zo"	)	**UNDER SEAL**

COUNT ONE

The SPECIAL JANUARY 2026 GRAND JURY charges:

1. At times material to this Indictment:

a. Defendant MAKAIO' KEKOA was an individual formerly known as "LORENZO CHRYSSIKOS HOOD" and was a resident of the Northern District of Illinois.

b. Victim A was an individual residing in the Northern District of Illinois.

c. Victim B was an individual residing in the Northern District of Illinois.

d. Victim C was an individual residing in the Northern District of Illinois.

e. Victim D was an individual residing in the Northern District of Illinois.

f. Individual A was an individual residing in the Northern District of Illinois.

2. Beginning in or around 2019, and continuing through in or around February 2022, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

MAKAIO' KEKOA,
formerly known as "Lorenzo Hood,"
"Lorenzo Chryssikos Hood," or "Zo,"

defendant herein, knowingly devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud and to obtain money and property from victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, which scheme is further described below.

3. It was part of the scheme that MAKAIO' KEKOA falsely informed victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, that he had the ability to invest the victim investors' money in short term, high-yield investment opportunities when, in fact, MAKAIO' KEKOA knew that such investment opportunities did not actually exist.

4. It was further part of the scheme that MAKAIO' KEKOA fraudulently solicited victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, to provide funds to MAKAIO' KEKOA for the purpose of MAKAIO' KEKOA investing the victim investors' funds into the short term, high-yield investments that did not actually exist.

5. It was further part of the scheme that, as a result of his false claims of having access to investment opportunities, MAKAIO' KEKOA induced victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, to provide funds to MAKAIO' KEKOA based upon the false belief that MAKAIO' KEKOA would invest the money on behalf of the victim investors.

6. It was further part of the scheme that MAKAIO' KEKOA falsely represented to victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, that MAKAIO' KEKOA, along with various associates, including Individual A, were likewise investing in the same short term, high-yield investments for which he falsely solicited the victim investors' funds.

7. It was further part of the scheme that, upon receiving funds from victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, MAKAIO' KEKOA did not invest the victim investors' money on their behalf and, instead, misappropriated the funds for personal use, including gambling.

8. It was further part of the scheme that, in order to conceal his misappropriation of victim investor funds, MAKAIO' KEKOA falsely represented to the victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, that MAKAIO' KEKOA had invested the victims' money.

9. It was further part of the scheme that, to induce victim investors to make investments or to conceal the scheme from victim investors who had provided MAKAIO' KEKOA with investment funds, MAKAIO' KEKOA created and transmitted lulling text messages from cellular phones that MAKAIO' KEKOA

claimed were from MAKAIO' KEKOA's associates when, in fact, MAKAIO' KEKOA controlled the cellular phones and caused the generation of the text messages. The lulling text messages falsely represented that victim investor funds were being used for the benefit of the victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D.

10. It was further part of the scheme that MAKAIO' KEKOA misrepresented, concealed, and hid, and caused to be misrepresented, concealed, and hidden, the existence, purposes, and acts done in furtherance of the scheme.

11. As a result of the scheme, MAKAIO' KEKOA caused the victim investors, including Victim A, Victim B, Victim C, and Victim D, to incur cumulative losses of at least $180,000.

12. On or about June 21, 2021, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

MAKAIO' KEKOA,
formerly known as "Lorenzo Hood,"
"Lorenzo Chryssikos Hood," or "Zo,"

defendant herein, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme, knowingly caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, and signals, namely, an interstate funds transfer of approximately $50,000 from Victim D to a bank account controlled by the defendant;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

COUNT TWO

THE SPECIAL JANUARY 2026 GRAND JURY further charges:

1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of Count One are incorporated here.

2. On or about August 17, 2021, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

MAKAIO' KEKOA,
formerly known as "Lorenzo Hood,"
"Lorenzo Chryssikos Hood," or "Zo,"

defendant herein, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme, knowingly caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, and signals, namely, an interstate funds transfer of approximately $5,000 from Victim D to a bank account controlled by the defendant;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The SPECIAL JANUARY 2026 GRAND JURY further alleges:

1. Upon conviction of the offenses in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as set forth in this Indictment,

MAKAIO' KEKOA,
formerly known as "Lorenzo Hood,"
"Lorenzo Chryssikos Hood," or "Zo,"

defendant herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, with respect to Counts One and Two, any property which constitutes and is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).

2. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, an amount of money forfeitable through a personal money judgment in the amount of at least approximately $180,000.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture and described above, 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 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,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p);

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(1).

A TRUE BILL:

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FOREPERSON

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY