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US DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2023 APR 18 NO. 3:23-CR-0048-L DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

MAGGIE CHAU (01) TOMMY CHAU (02) ERIK ESCOBAR (03) JUSTIN BLESSING (04) WILMER AVIGAEL UMANA-REYES (05) EDELMIRO CORONADO LOPEZ, JR. (06) ASA THORNE (07) JONATHAN WIGAND (08) ERIK MENCHACA SANDOVAL (09) CHRISTINA STROMQUIST (10) CHRISTINE BORDELON (11)

(Supersedes Indictment returned on February 7, 2023)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

FERNANDO TOVAR (12)

JAMIE REYNA (13)

Count One

Conspiracy to Commit Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (18 U.S.C. § 2314))

Beginning on or about a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but at least as early as April 2022, and continuing through on or about November 2, 2022, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, and elsewhere, defendants Erik Escobar, Justin Blessing, Wilmer Avigael Umana-Reyes, Edelmiro Coronado Lopez, Jr., Asa Thorne, Jonathan Wigand, Erik Menchaca Sandoval, Christina Stromquist, Christine Bordelon, Fernando Tovar, and Jaime Reyna did knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully combine, conspire, consider, and agree with each other, Maggie Chau,

Tommy Chau, and other persons both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to unlawfully transport, transmit, and transfer in interstate and foreign commerce from Texas to New York and elsewhere, stolen goods, wares, and merchandise, that is, catalytic converters, having an aggregate value of \$5,000 or more, knowing the same to have been stolen, converted, and taken by fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 371.

Count Two Interstate Transport of Stolen Goods (Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2134)

Beginning on or about a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but at least as early as April 2022 and continuing through on or about November 12, 2022, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, and elsewhere, the defendants Maggie Chau, Tommy Chau, Erik Escobar, Justin Blessing, Wilmer Avigael Umana-Reyes, Edelmiro Coronado Lopez, Jr., Asa Thorne, Jonathan Wigand, Erik Menchaca Sandoval, Christina Stromquist, Christine Bordelon, Fernando Tovar, and Jaime Reyna, along with others known and unknown, aiding and abetting one another, transported and caused to be transported in interstate commerce from Texas to New York and elsewhere, stolen goods, wares, and merchandise, that is, catalytic converters, having an aggregate value of \$5,000 or more, knowing the same to have been stolen.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 2314.

Notice of Forfeiture
(18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(c) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

Upon conviction of the charged offenses, Maggie Chau, Tommy Chau, Erik Escobar, Justin Blessing, Wilmer Avigael Umana-Reyes, Edelmiro Coronado Lopez, Jr., Asa Thorne, Jonathan Wigand, Erik Menchaca Sandoval, Christina Stromquist, Christine Bordelon, Fernando Tovar, and Jaime Reyna, shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from, whether directly or indirectly, proceeds traceable to the respective offenses, including a money judgment in the amount of U.S. currency constituting the proceeds traceable to the offenses

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b), if any of the above property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty, it is the intent of the United States of America to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above described property subject to forfeiture.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 371 (18 U.S.C. § 2314)

Conspiracy to Commit Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

(Count 1)

18 U.S.C. § 2134 Interstate Transport of Stolen Goods (Count 2)

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(c) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) Notice of Forfeiture

2 Counts

A true bill rendered	Maga	7
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Filed in open court this 18th day of April, 2023.

MAGGIE CHAU (01) - No Warrant Needed

TOMMY CHAU (02) - No Warrant Needed

ERIK ESCOBAR (03) – In Federal Custody Since 01/18/2023

JUSTIN BLESSING (04) - In State Custody with Federal Hold

WILMER AVIGAEL UMANA-REYES (05) – In Federal Custody Since 01/20/2023

EDELMIRO CORONADO LOPEZ, JR. (06) – In Federal Custody Since 12/29/2022

ASA THORNE (07) - In State Custody with Federal Hold

JONATHAN WIGAND (08) - In State Custody with Federal Hold

ERIK MENCHACA SANDOVAL (09) - Warrant to be Issued

CHRISTINA STROMQUIST (10) - Warrant to be Issued

CHRISTINE BORDELON (11) - Warrant to be Issued

FERNANDO TOVAR (12) – Warrant to be Issued, In State Custody

JAMIE REYNA (13) – Warrant to be Issued

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Criminal Case Pending: 3:23-CR-0048-L