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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS IN CASE:

UNITED STATES v. Ronnie James Colvin iii, et al.
DOCKET: 23CR00247

This information is being provided to you as a potential victim. Identified as a potential victim, please be advised of the following:

The indictment alleges the defendants Ronnie James Colvin, Iii, and Jonathan Ayer, schemed and artifice to defraud was to secure, possess or receive without permission, information pertaining to individuals through theft of mail or receipt of stolen mail matter. For instance, the defendants secured checks, or other identifying information from mailboxes by acquiring stolen mail matter. After acquiring identifying information pertaining to individuals, including but not limited to checks, the defendants would alter the original payee and amount of the check and replace it with names and identities of individuals whose banking account information they had access to. The defendants would pass the: fraudulent checks that were previously acquired through either the possession of stolen mail or receipt of stolen mail matter. The object of the defendants' scheme and artifice to defraud included, but is not limited to, receiving cash.

The following information provided to you is to address the USAO website and alternative means of the notification process for victims. Due to the large number of victims associated with U.S v. Colvin et al., it would be impracticable to accord all notifications via postage. Notifications will be posted via our website; this information is being provided based upon the investigative tools used by the government and having potentially identified you as an investor who may have been associated with the defendant.

As a potential victim involved in this case:

- **If you have had financial loss due to this crime please send your restitution request, along with supporting documents to the United States Attorney's Office, address 1620 Dodge Street, Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102 by November 15, 2024.**
- Victims may utilize the Justice Department's website for large cases <http://justice.gov/largecases/>, where all required notices will be posted for victims to receive notice about their statutory rights and ongoing notifications as envisioned by the Crime Victims' Rights Act.
- Due to the large number of victims in this case, this notice to you (the identified victim) is the only written notice that will be provided at this time as someone that may have been victimized by the illegal activities of the named defendants. All future notifications will be available on the website for large cases, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ne/victimwitness-assistance/information-victims-large-cases>. Please check periodically for updates to the case.

As a reminder, you may opt to receive e-mails containing the case notifications in addition to checking the large case website. This can be done by going online to the VNS Website at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>, use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) and check email as your notification preference and entering your valid email address.



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Re: United States v. Defendant(s) Jonathan Ayer, Ronnie James Colvin, III
Case Number 2023R00052 and Court Docket Number 23-CR-00247

Dear

The enclosed information is provided by the United States Department of Justice Victim Notification System (VNS). As a victim witness professional, my role is to assist you with information and services during the prosecution of this case. I am contacting you because you were identified by law enforcement as a victim or potential victim during the investigation of the above criminal case.

Charges have been filed against defendant(s) Ronnie James Colvin, III, Jonathan Ayer. The lead prosecutor for this case is Lecia Wright. The main charge is categorized as Postal Service Crimes.

Victims of all crimes under federal investigation are entitled to services under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (VRRRA), including notification of court events. For further details, please refer to Title 34 United States Code section 20141 or the VRRRA link posted at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>.

Now that charges have been filed in federal court, victims of the charges filed are, in addition, entitled to the following rights, according to the Crime Victims' Rights Act, Title 18 United States Code section 3771: (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding; (5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; (8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy; (9) The right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement; and (10) The right to be informed of the rights under this section and the services described in section 503(c) of the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20141(c)) and provided contact information for the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombudsman of the Department of Justice.

Please understand that these rights apply only to victims of the counts charged in federal court, and thus you may not be able to exercise all of these rights if the crime of which you are a victim was not charged. In any event, we will continue to provide you with notifications and services unless you tell us not to. We will make our best efforts to ensure you are provided the rights and services to which you are entitled. You may contact the Victim/Witness Coordinator at the office listed above if you have questions about the progress of your case, your rights or the services to which you are entitled, or how you can assert them during the proceedings. If you believe that a Justice Department employee has not provided you with these rights, you may file a

complaint with the Justice Department's Victims' Rights Ombudsman. For more information, go to <http://www.justice.gov/usao/resources/crime-victims-rights-ombudsman>. If you have questions about filing a complaint against an employee, you may contact the Ombudsman by email at usao.VictimOmbudsman@usdoj.gov. Questions concerning this case should be directed to office listed above.

It is important to keep in mind that the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that presumption requires both the Court and our office to take certain steps to ensure that justice is served. While our office cannot act as your attorney or provide you with legal advice, you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to the rights above or other related legal matters.

Additionally, please be aware that most criminal cases are resolved by a plea agreement between the United States Attorney's Office and the defendant. You should also know that it is not unusual for a defendant to seek to negotiate a plea agreement shortly before a trial is scheduled to begin. Plea agreements can be made at any time and as late as the morning of trial, leaving little or no opportunity to provide notice to you of the date and time of the plea hearing. If the court schedules a plea hearing in this case, we will use our best efforts to notify you of available information as soon as practicable. If you want to inform the prosecutor of your views regarding potential plea agreements, or any other aspect of the case, please contact the prosecutor assigned to this case or me.

During the prosecution of a federal criminal case a defendant may be ordered by the Court to remain confined. The United States Marshal Service manages defendants who are ordered by the Court to remain in custody. Custody status of a defendant is subject to change during the course of the criminal proceedings. To receive the timeliest update to your case, please provide and verify your email address, as instructed below.

As of December 8, 2023, Ronnie James Colvin, III is in custody.

Custody of a defendant during a federal criminal case is determined by the Court and is managed by the United States Marshal Service. Custody status of a defendant is subject to change during the course of the criminal proceedings. To receive the timeliest update to your case, please provide and verify your email address, as instructed below.

As of December 20, 2023, Jonathan Ayer is not in the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

Through the Victim Notification System (VNS) we will continue to provide you with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS website at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov> or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program.

For many VNS registrants email will provide the most timely notification. VNS does not currently have an email address for you. You can provide VNS an email address by accessing the VNS Internet Web page using the login information provided below. By entering your email as part of the VNS registration process future notifications will be delivered by email, except in rare circumstances when you might also receive a letter from VNS. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log into VNS on the website. If you are receiving notifications with multiple victim ID/PIN codes please contact the VNS Call Center. In addition, the first time you access the VNS website, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Susan T. Lehr
United States Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MaKayla Heard", with a stylized flourish at the end.

MaKayla Heard
Victim Witness Specialist