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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Crim. No. 23-

:

V.

: 18 U.S.C. § 1957(a)

PABLO ESTRADA

### INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

- 1. At various times relevant to this Information:
- a. The defendant, PABLO ESTRADA ("ESTRADA"), resided in Florence, New Jersey and Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Defendant PABLO ESTRADA owned or controlled the New Jersey businesses Vital Solutions LLC and Futura Consulting LLC.
- b. Defendant PABLO ESTRADA maintained business bank accounts at approximately 6 financial institutions in the name of Vital Solutions LLC, including Wells Fargo, and at approximately 5 financial institutions in the name of Futura Consulting LLC.
- c. Defendant PABLO ESTRADA received money from victims, mostly older adults, of various scams, including a lottery scam. A lottery scam is an advance fee fraud which begins with victims receiving an unexpected notification that they have won large sums of money in a lottery but are

required to pay various fees and expenses before their winnings can be released to them.

- d. Victims sent money to defendant PABLO ESTRADA directly, or to defendant PABLO ESTRADA's companies, via cashier's checks sent by mail or by wire transfers to bank accounts controlled by defendant PABLO ESTRADA.
- e. After receiving the money from victims, defendant PABLO ESTRADA wired the money to other bank accounts that he controlled or to other bank accounts that were used for the purpose of laundering the proceeds of the lottery scam or related scams.
- f. On account documents for some of his business bank accounts, PABLO ESTRADA falsely stated that his businesses did not transmit money and falsely stated that the purpose of the businesses were to provide consulting services.
- 2. On or about January 20, 2023, in Burlington County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

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did knowingly engage and attempt to engage in a monetary transaction through a financial institution, affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, specifically by wiring approximately \$154,628.00 from the Vital Solutions LLC bank account at Wells Fargo to a bank account at Signature Bank, such property having

been derived from a specified unlawful activity, namely, mail fraud, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957(a).

### FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. As the result of committing the money laundering offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957(a)(1) alleged in this Information, the defendant,

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shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), all property, real and personal, involved in the money laundering offense, and all property traceable to such property.

## Substitute Assets Provision

- 2. If any of the property described above, 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 of 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 shall be entitled, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b), to forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property.

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