

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon.
	:	
v.	:	Crim. No. 19-_____
	:	
BRIANA BURFORD	:	18 U.S.C. § 1343

INFORMATION

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

BACKGROUND

1. At various times relevant to this Information:
 - a. Defendant BRIANA BURFORD (“BURFORD”) was a resident of New Jersey.
 - b. “Carding Sites” were websites that engaged in the trafficking of stolen or otherwise illegally obtained credit card, bank account, and other personal identification information. Carding websites also trafficked in services and tools that one could use to engage in fraudulent activity.

THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

2. From at least as early as in or about August 2018 through in or about May 2019, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

BRIANA BURFORD,

did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud individuals and entities, and to obtain money and property, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

GOAL OF THE SCHEME

3. The goal of the scheme and artifice to defraud was for defendant BURFORD to enrich herself by illegally obtaining individuals' personal identification information, victimizing their bank and credit card accounts, and using those accounts to make fraudulent purchases.

MANNER AND MEANS OF THE SCHEME

4. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant BURFORD made purchases of personal identification information from online carding sites using a Bitcoin ATM located in New Jersey.

5. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant BURFORD and others used this information to compromise bank and credit card accounts.

6. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant BURFORD made fraudulent purchases using the compromised bank and credit card accounts. In total, more than \$300,000 of fraudulent purchases were made using the compromised accounts without the authorization of the account holders.

WIRE COMMUNICATION

7. On or about October 15, 2018, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

BRIANA BURFORD

knowingly transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, namely, a wire communication from a Bitcoin ATM in New Jersey.

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

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. The allegations contained in this Information are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

2. Upon conviction of the offense charged in this Information, defendant BURFORD shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense, and all property traceable to such property.

3. If by any act or omission of defendant BURFORD any of the property subject to forfeiture herein:

- 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 subdivided without difficulty,

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

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


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