

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v.

GREGORY MEEKER

Criminal Case No.

18 59 M
In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Bank
Fraud) and 18 U.S.C. § 1028A (Aggravated
Identity Theft)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

Introduction

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

1. Landings Real Estate Group ("Landings") was a private real estate development company headquartered in Newport, Rhode Island. Landings provided development, construction, and property management services to real estate investors.
2. Defendant GREGORY MEEKER ("MEEKER"), a resident of Barrington, Rhode Island, worked as a project manager for Landings from in or about December 2015 until in or about November 2017. As a project manager, MEEKER oversaw the construction and development of real estate projects on behalf of Landings, including hiring subcontractors to work on the projects, supervising the subcontractors' work, submitting the subcontractors' bills or invoices to Landings for payment, and delivering the checks from Landings to the subcontractors for work performed.
3. MEEKER worked on the Newport Beach Club construction project for Landings. As part of the Newport Beach Club project, Landings built several luxury residences in Portsmouth, Rhode Island on behalf of Northern Waterfront Associates.

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4. MEEKER worked on the Long Meadow Landings construction project for Landings. The Long Meadow Landings project involved the construction of an apartment complex in Groton, Connecticut.

5. MEEKER worked on the East Island Reserve construction project for Landings. The East Island Reserve project involved the construction of a hotel in Middletown, Rhode Island.

6. MEEKER maintained bank account number xxxx-xxxx-2631 held in the name of "Gregory Meeker dba G Meeker Construction" at Bank of America, N.A., a financial institution doing business in the State of Rhode Island whose deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC").

7. Landings maintained bank account number xxxx-xxxx-3525 held in the name of Long Meadow Landings at Bank of America.

8. Landings maintained bank account number xxxx-xxxx-8091 held in the name of "East Island Reserve, LLC" at Bank of America.

9. Landings maintained bank account number xx-xxx-3029 held in the name of "Landings Construction Management, LLC" at Savings Institute Bank & Trust ("Savings Bank"), a financial institution doing business in the State of Rhode Island whose deposits were insured by the FDIC.

10. Northern Waterfront Associates maintained bank account number xxxx-4845 held in the name of "Northern Waterfront Associates Operating Account" at

Citizens Bank, a financial institution doing business in the State of Rhode Island whose deposits were insured by the FDIC.

Scheme to Defraud

11. Beginning on a date unknown to the grand jury, but at least by in or about February 2016, and ending in or about November 2017, in the District of Rhode Island, defendant GREGORY MEEKER, did knowingly devise a scheme and artifice to obtain monies, funds, credits, assets, securities and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Bank of America and Savings Institute Bank & Trust, federally insured financial institutions, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises. It was part of the scheme to defraud that:

12. MEEKER caused false and fraudulent invoices to be submitted to Landings, thereby inducing Landings to make checks payable to the subcontractors listed on the false invoices or to MEEKER's company, "GMC Construction."

13. MEEKER submitted a false Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 to Landings to conceal the fact that he was the owner of "GMC Construction." MEEKER used a false name and the social security number of another person on the Form W-9.

14. MEEKER forged the endorsements of subcontractors on checks drawn on Landings accounts at Bank of America and Savings Bank.

15. MEEKER forged the endorsement of the "Inspection Department" on checks made payable to "Town of Portsmouth-Inspection Department" and drawn on a Northern Waterfront Associates account at Citizen Bank.

16. MEEKER deposited the fraudulently acquired checks and checks bearing forged endorsements into his Bank of America account xxxx-xxxx-2631. In total, between in or about February 2016 and in or about November 2017, MEEKER fraudulently acquired approximately \$200,000.

17. MEEKER spent the fraudulently obtained funds on personal expenses and transferred some of the fraudulently acquired funds to his personal bank account.

Execution of the Scheme and Artifice

18. The following substantive counts constitute independent executions by defendant GREGORY MEEKER of the above described scheme and artifice to obtain monies, funds, credits, assets, securities and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Bank of America and Savings Institute Bank & Trust, federally insured financial institutions, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Fraudulent Endorsement</u>
1	2/3/16	2822	\$2,925	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of L.E. and deposited Check # 2822 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
2	2/29/16	2845	\$9,500	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of T.S.F. and deposited Check #2845 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Fraudulent Endorsement</u>
3	6/6/16	2993	\$650	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of E.C.S. and deposited Check # 2993 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
4	6/13/16	3004	\$10,925	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of R.J.M. and deposited Check # 3004 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
5	6/14/16	3006	\$1,200	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of T.H.I. and deposited Check # 3006 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
6	6/30/16	3042	\$3,705	Savings Bank	Forged endorsement of P.C.C. and deposited Check # 3042 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
7	7/12/16	1291	\$3,500	Bank of America	Forged endorsement of B.P. and deposited Check # 1291 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
8	7/15/16	3065	\$850	Savings Institute	Forged endorsement of A.P.C. and deposited Check # 3065 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Fraudulent Endorsement</u>
9	3/30/17	1049	\$9,582.65	Bank of America	Forged endorsement of T.C.S. and deposited Check # 1049 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
10	5/30/17	1073	\$626.45	Bank of America	Forged endorsement of W.C. and deposited Check # 1073 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
11	9/28/17	1149	\$7,400	Bank of America	Forged endorsement of A.I. and deposited Check # 1149 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631
12	10/20/17	1164	\$10,000	Bank of America	Forged endorsement of D.F. and deposited Check # 1164 into Bank of America Acct. xxxx-xxxx-2631

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344(2).

Count 13

19. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Indictment are realleged in this Count and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

20. On or about May 31, 2016, in the District of Rhode Island, defendant GREGORY MEEKER, during and in relation to the felony offense of bank fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1344(2)), did knowingly transfer, possess and use, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, to wit, the name of L.E., knowing that the means of identification belonged to another actual person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A.

Count 14

21. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Indictment are realleged in this Count and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

22. On or about November 1, 2017, in the District of Rhode Island, defendant GREGORY MEEKER, during and in relation to the felony offense of bank fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1344(2)), did knowingly transfer, possess and use, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, to wit, the name of D.F., knowing that the


means of identification belonged to another actual person, in violation of 18 U.S.C.

§ 1028A.

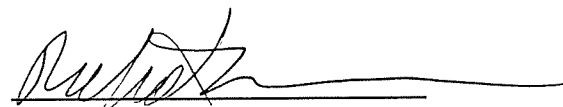
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DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ INDICTMENT ☐ COMPLAINT

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Matter Sealed: ☐ Juvenile ☐ Other than Juvenile

☐ Pre-Indictment Plea ☐ Superseding ☐ Defendant Added
☐ Indictment ☐ Charges/Counts Added
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DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND Divisional Office

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PROCEEDING

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)

☐ person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court
(give name of court)

Federal Bureau of Investigations

☐ this person/proceeding transferred from another district
per (circle one) FRCrP 20, 21 or 40. Show District

☐ this is a reprosecution of charges
previously dismissed which were
dismissed on motion of:

☐ U.S. Atty ☐ Defense

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☐ this prosecution relates to a
pending case involving this same
defendant. (Notice of Related
Case must still be filed with the
Clerk.)

☐ prior proceedings or appearance(s)
before U.S. Magistrate Judge
regarding this defendant were
recorded under

MAG. JUDGE
CASE NO.

Place of
offense RHODE ISLAND County

Issue: ☒ Warrant ☐ Summons

Location Status:

Arrest Date _____ or Date Transferred to Federal Custody _____

☐ Currently in Federal Custody

☐ Currently in State Custody

☐ Writ Required

☐ Currently on bond

☐ Fugitive

Defense Counsel (if any): _____

☐ FPD ☐ CJA ☐ RET'D

☐ Appointed on Target Letter

☐ This report amends AO 257 previously submitted

OFFENSE CHARGED - U.S.C. CITATION - STATUTORY MAXIMUM PENALTIES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

Total # of Counts 14

Set	Title & Section/Offense Level (Petty = 1 / Misdemeanor = 3 / Felony = 4)	Description of Offense Charged	Felony/Misd.
1-12	18 U.S.C. § 1344(2)	Bank Fraud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
Max	Penalty each ct: 30 yrs imprisonment; \$1,000,000 fine; 5 yrs S/R; & \$100 assessment.		<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
13-14	18 U.S.C. § 1028A	Aggravated Identity Theft	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
Max	Penalty each ct: Mand. 2 yrs consecutive imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 1 yr S/R; & \$100 assessment		<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
		Estimated Trial Days: <u>1 week</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor