UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MAURICE OWENS, a/k/a "Mo Nice," SHAKA EGGLESTON, a/k/a "Shak," TROY SMITH, a/k/a "Castro," ROBERT MORGANFIELD, a/k/a "MJ," HOUSTON BROWN, a/k/a "Euro," WALTER HERRING a/k/a "Noodles," JASON LOWE, a/k/a "Boogie," and JAMES TYRONE HAYES, a/k/a "Country"

Defendants.

SEALED INDICTMENT

26 Cr.

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COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics)

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From in or about 2025 through in or about October 2026, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MAURICE OWENS, a/k/a "Mo Nice," SHAKA EGGLESTON, a/k/a "Shak," TROY SMITH, a/k/a "Castro," ROBERT MORGANFIELD, a/k/a "MJ," HOUSTON BROWN, a/k/a "Euro," WALTER HERRING a/k/a "Noodles," JASON LOWE, a/k/a "Boogie," and JAMES TYRONE HAYES, a/k/a "Country," the defendants, and others known and unknown, knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to violate the controlled-substance laws of the United States.

2. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that MAURICE OWENS, a/k/a "Mo Nice," SHAKA EGGLESTON, a/k/a "Shak," TROY SMITH, a/k/a "Castro," ROBERT MORGANFIELD, a/k/a "MJ," HOUSTON BROWN, a/k/a "Euro," WALTER HERRING a/k/a "Noodles," JASON LOWE, a/k/a "Boogie," and JAMES TYRONE HAYES, a/k/a "Country," the

defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

3. The controlled substance involved in the offense was 280 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A).

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

4. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, MAURICE OWENS, a/k/a "Mo Nice," SHAKA EGGLESTON, a/k/a "Shak," TROY SMITH, a/k/a "Castro," ROBERT MORGANFIELD, a/k/a "MJ," HOUSTON BROWN, a/k/a "Euro," WALTER HERRING a/k/a "Noodles," JASON LOWE, a/k/a "Boogie," and JAMES TYRONE HAYES, a/k/a "Country," the defendants, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said offense and any and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, said offense, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense.

Substitute Assets Provision

5. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, 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 or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;

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;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.)

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