

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :   
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- v. - : SEALED INDICTMENT   
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MARTINS APSKALNS, : S9 16 Cr. 692 (JMF)   
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Defendant. :   
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COUNT ONE

(Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Bank Fraud)

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about January 2016, up to and including the present, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, and bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

2. It was a part and object of the conspiracy that MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly, having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, would and did transmit and cause

to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, and television communication in interstate and foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

3. It was a further part and object of the conspiracy that MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly, would and did execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, such financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

#### Overt Acts

4. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Southern District of New York:

a. On or about January 20, 2016, MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, opened a bank account at a branch of a bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation in Manhattan, New York in the name of a shell company controlled by APSKALNS and his co-conspirators.

b. On or about February 3, 2016, APSKALNS withdrew funds from a bank account at a bank branch located in Manhattan, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

COUNT TWO

(Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering)

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. From at least in or about January 2016, up to and including the present, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, and others known and unknown, intentionally and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

6. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, and others known and unknown, in an offense involving and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, would and did conduct and attempt to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, the wire fraud and bank

fraud conspiracy charged in Count One of this Indictment, knowing that the transaction was designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

7. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(2), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of 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.

8. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count Two of this Indictment, MARTINS APSKALNS, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of 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 ASSET PROVISION

9. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

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 divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the

defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described  
above.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981 and 982; Title 21,  
United States Code, Section 853; and Title 28, United States  
Code, Section 2461.)



FOREPERSON

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