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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF UTAH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. ALEX RODRIGO VALENZUELA MONJE aka VAL4K aka VAL4K2, Defendant.	INDICTMENT COUNT 1: Trafficking in Unauthorized Access Devices (18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(2)) COUNT 2: Unlawful Transfer of Means of Identification to Facilitate Criminal Conduct (18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(7)) Case: 2:23-cr-00292 Assigned To : Kimball, Dale A. Assign. Date : 8/8/2023

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times material to this Indictment:

INTRODUCTION

1. The term "access device" means any card, code, account number, or other means of account access that can be used, alone or in conjunction with another access device, to obtain money, goods, services, or any other thing of value. A credit card number is an access device.

2. The term "unauthorized access device" means any access device that is lost, stolen, expired, revoked, canceled, or obtained with intent to defraud.

3. The term "carding" refers to various criminal activities associated with stealing financial information and personal identification information belonging to other individuals, including information associated with credit cards, bank cards, debit cards ("payment cards"), or other access devices – and using that information to obtain money, goods, or services without the victims' authorization or consent. The stolen payment card information often includes, among other things, the card type, account holder's name, account number, card verification value or code ("CVV" or "CVC"), and the expiration date of the card.

4. The term "card shop" refers to an online store that sells stolen payment card information.

5. American Express Bank had its corporate headquarters in the District of Utah.

6. Defendant ALEX RODRIGO VALENZUELA MONJE ("VALENZUELA") is a citizen of Chile.

7. VALENZUELA used the aliases "VAL4K" and "VAL4K2" to operate an illegal card shop selling dumps (unauthorized access devices) on Telegram channels.

8. From at least May 2021 to present, VALENZUELA controlled and operated public Telegram channels known as MacacoCC [OFC] and Macacos CC [BACKUP] that advertise partial payment card data.

9. From at least August 2021 to present, VALENZUELA controlled and operated private Telegram channels [VIP] MacacoCC and Macaco [VIP]. The private Telegram channels are subscription based and a user pays a monthly fee to access the channel and view

the credit card dumps. In the private channels, VALENZUELA would post dumps of thousands of payment cards details.

10. The public and private channels are known collectively as MacacoCC Collective and Novato Carding. MacacoCC Collective posted payment card data for virtually all major U.S. payment cards, including credit cards under the American Express brand.

11. VALENZUELA knew that the access devices he posted were unauthorized and posted the access devices with intent to defraud the legitimate cardholders and banks.

COUNT 1

Trafficking in Unauthorized Access Devices
18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(2)

The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-11 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

From March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023, in the District of Utah and elsewhere,

ALEX RODRIGO VALENZUELA MONJE aka VAL4K aka VAL4K2,

defendant herein, knowingly and with intent to defraud, trafficked in approximately 26,528 unauthorized access devices issued under the American Express bank, in a manner affecting interstate and foreign commerce, during a one-year period, and by such conduct did obtain more than $1,000 during that period, each of which said unauthorized access devices corresponded to a unique victim;

all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(2).

COUNT 2

Unlawful Transfer of Means of Identification to Facilitate Criminal Conduct
18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(7)

The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-11 are realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

From March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023, in the District of Utah and elsewhere,

ALEX RODRIGO VALENZUELA MONJE aka VAL4K aka VAL4K2,

defendant herein, knowingly and willfully transferred and caused to be transferred in a manner affecting interstate commerce, without lawful authority, means of identification of other persons, that is, approximately 26,528 stolen credit card numbers issued by American Express bank, each of which corresponded to a unique victim, with the intent to commit, and to aid and abet, unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of Federal law, namely Access Device Fraud, contrary to 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(2);

all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(7), (b)(2)(B), and 2.

A TRUE BILL:

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