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11	Plaintiff,		INDI	CTMENT
12	V.			
13	DIDIIA ALMEZAL			
14	DUNIA ALMEZAL, LAYLA ALMANSURI,			
15	SHAHAD ALMANSURI, RAGHAD ALMANSURI, a	and		
16	NEJOOM ALMANSURI,	mu		
17	Defendants.			
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19	The Grand Jury charge	es that:		
20		COUNT 1	_	
21	(Co	onspiracy to Commi	t Mail :	Fraud)
22	1. Beginning in or abo	ut March 2022, and	continu	ing until the present, in
23	Snohomish County, within th	e Western District of	Washi	ngton, and elsewhere, DUNIA
24	ALMEZAL, LAYLA ALMA	NSURI, SHAHAD A	ALMAI	NSURI, RAGHAD
25	ALMANSURI, and NEJOON	A ALMANSURI (the	"DEFI	ENDANTS"), together and with
26	others known and unknown,	conspired, confederat	ted and	agreed to commit the offense of
27	Mail Fraud in violation of Tit	le 18, United States (Code, S	ection 1341. That is, the
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DEFENDANTS, with intent to defraud, knowingly devised a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and omissions, and for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud, did knowingly cause merchandise to be delivered by mail and private and commercial interstate carrier.

A. The Scheme to Defraud

- 2. At all relevant times, Victim Company ("VC") was a retailer with more than 700 stores throughout the United States and around the world. VC sells its products in its brick-and-mortar stores and online.
- 3. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the DEFENDANTS used a Fast Track Return ("FTR") policy offered by VC, through which customers could return merchandise via mail and obtain refunds within two hours. Specifically, customers could request return shipping labels through their online accounts to return up to three items at a time. After customers scanned these return labels at a post office, VC would provide refunds through electronic gift cards sent to the email address associated with the particular order within approximately two hours. As a result, VC issued refunds prior to receiving any actual returned merchandise.
- 4. The essence of the scheme and artifice to defraud was for the DEFENDANTS to purchase VC merchandise online, causing such merchandise to be delivered via the mails, and then obtain duplicate refunds for that same merchandise, first by obtaining a refund through VC's FTR policy by scanning return shipping labels for the VC merchandise at the post office without actually mailing the merchandise back to VC for return, and second, by returning this same merchandise—for which an FTR refund had already been obtained—to brick-and-mortar VC stores to obtain another fraudulent refund.

B. Manner and Means

5. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS

purchased items online from VC using gift cards several times each week, on average, to be delivered via the mails to the DEFENDANTS' residences, all within the Western District of Washington:

- DUNIA ALMEZAL resides in Marysville, WA ("Subject Premises 1");
- LAYLA ALMANSURI resides in Stanwood, WA ("Subject Premises 2");
- SHAHAD ALMANSURI resides in Marysville, WA ("Subject Premises 3"); and
- RAGHAD ALMANSURI and NEJOOM ALMANSURI reside in Marysville, WA ("Subject Premises 4").
- 6. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that before the items were delivered to their residences, the DEFENDANTS submitted to VC requests online for return labels for the items purchased, pursuant to the FTR policy. VC then emailed digital return labels to the email addresses provided.
- 7. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS printed the return labels, took them to the postal office, and scanned the barcodes using the self-service kiosk as though the items listed in the return labels were to be mailed. The DEFENDANTS did not, however, mail back the items on the scanned return labels at the post office.
- 8. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that within two hours of the return labels being scanned at the postal office, the DEFEDANTS would receive electronic gift cards that were issued to the same email address in the amount of the refunded items, pursuant to VC's FTR policy.
- 9. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that after the items were delivered to their residences, the DEFENDANTS took the items to brick-and-mortar VC stores to conduct physical returns of the items and obtain a second refund for the items. The DEFENDANTS traveled individually and with each other to conduct returns in VC stores located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Nevada, and Oregon, as well as Washington. The VC stores refunded the cost of the items to various debit

cards. Through this scheme, the conspirators purchased merchandise from VC using gift cards and obtained refunds for the same merchandise twice.

- 10. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS conducted hundreds of online purchases of VC items, at a rate of several purchases a week on average, over the course of the last two years and continuing through the present. Oftentimes even before the VC items were delivered, the DEFENDANTS requested return labels and scanned the labels at post offices to obtain refunds.
- 11. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that when the VC orders were delivered to the DEFENDANTS' homes, they returned them in VC stores. Most of the physical returns were made at VC stores outside of Washington State.
- 12. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS purchased roundtrip flights for each other to return VC merchandise in other states. They traveled together to return merchandise that had already been scanned for return at post offices.
- 13. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS transferred some of the fraudulent proceeds as payments or "cuts" between themselves, as demonstrated by various Zelle payments of several hundred dollars between LAYLA ALMANSURI and RAGHAD ALMANSURI, titled as "Your Cut," "Cut and Bags," "Dee cut," "Dunia's Cut," and "Dee Cut From Today and Yesterday."
- 14. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that the DEFENDANTS were responsible for at least \$1,000,000 worth of fraudulently induced refunds from VC from March 2022 through May 2024.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

COUNTS 2-25

(Mail Fraud)

15. The Grand Jury incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1-14 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein.

16. Beginning in or about March 2022, and continuing until the present, in Snohomish County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, DUNIA ALMEZAL, LAYLA ALMANSURI, SHAHAD ALMANSURI, RAGHAD ALMANSURI, and NEJOOM ALMANSURI, together and with others known and unknown, with intent to defraud, knowingly devised a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and omissions.

17. On or about the dates set forth below, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute this scheme and artifice to defraud, the DEFENDANTS did knowingly cause, and did aid and abet the causing of, merchandise to be delivered by mail and private and commercial interstate carrier, as specified below, with each instance constituting a separate count of this Indictment:

Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
2	3/29/2023	Online order by DUNIA ALMEZAL for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 1, via FedEx, tracking number 638307240150.
3	4/2/2023	Online order by DUNIA ALMEZAL for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 1, via FedEx, tracking number 638307557988.
4	4/3/2023	Online order by DUNIA ALMEZAL for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 1, via FedEx, tracking number 638307667514.
5	4/12/2023	Online order by DUNIA ALMEZAL for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 1, via FedEx, tracking number 638308589898.
6	4/14/2023	Online order by DUNIA ALMEZAL for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 1, via FedEx, tracking number 638308742370.

Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
7	3/29/2023	Online order by LAYLA ALMANSURI for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 2, via FedEx, tracking number 638307132880.

Co	unt	Delivery Date	Mailing
8		4/2/2023	Online order by LAYLA ALMANSURI for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 2, via
			FedEx, tracking number 638307547770.
9		4/2/2023	Online order by LAYLA ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
			delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 2, via FedEx, tracking number 638307573355.
10		4/6/2023	Online order by LAYLA ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
			delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 2, via FedEx, tracking number 638307889363.
11		4/8/2023	Online order by LAYLA ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
			delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 2, via FedEx, tracking number 638308069712.

Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
12	4/5/23	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 63461738544.
13	4/10/23	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638308253145.
14	4/12/2023	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638308552401.
15	4/14/2023	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638308693106.
16	4/16/2023	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638309037209.
17	4/29/2023	Online order by SHAHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 3, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638310344772.

Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
18	3/29/2023	Online order by RAGHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via FedEx, tracking number 638307230089.

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Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
19	5/3/2023	Online order by RAGHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via FedEx, tracking number 638310726719.
20	5/4/2023	Online order by RAGHAD ALMANSURI for merchandise to be delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via FedEx, tracking number 638310801545.

Count	Delivery Date	Mailing
21	3/24/2023	Online order by NEJOOM ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638306804519.
22	3/26/2023	Online order by NEJOOM ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638306978947.
23	3/29/2023	Online order by NEJOOM ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638307145674.
24	4/5/2023	Online order by NEJOOM ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via
		FedEx, tracking number 638307792183.
25	4/7/2023	Online order by NEJOOM ALMANSURI for merchandise to be
		delivered to her home address, SUBJECT PREMISES 4, via
<u> </u>		FedEx, tracking number 638308056447.

It is further alleged that each of the above offenses was committed during and in furtherance of, and was a foreseeable part of, the conspiracy charged in Count 1 of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 and Section 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The allegations contained in Counts 1 - 25 of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture. Upon conviction of any of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 - 25, Defendants DUNIA ALMEZAL, LAYLA ALMANSURI, SHAHAD ALMANSURI, RAGHAD ALMANSURI, and NEJOOM

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ALMANSURI shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting or derived from
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      proceeds traceable to the offense. All such property is forfeitable pursuant to Title 18,
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      United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), by way of Title 28, United States Code,
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      Section 2461(c), and includes but is not limited to a sum of money reflecting the proceeds
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      the Defendant obtained as result of the offense.
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Substitute Assets. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any 1 2 act or omission of the defendant, 3 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; 4 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; 5 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; 6 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or, 7 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided 8 without difficulty, 9 it is the intent of the United States to seek the forfeiture of any other property of the defendant, up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property, pursuant to 10 11 Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p). 12 A TRUE BILL: Yes
DATED: 6/12/2024 13 14 Signature of Foreperson redacted pursuant 15 to the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States. 16 **FOREPERSON** 17 18 190 ESSA M. GORMÂ 20 United States Attorney 21 22 MY JAOUETTE Assistant United States Attorney 24 25 26 Assistant United States Attorney 27

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