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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER BONGIORNO,

Defendant.

NO. SA SACR14-00177

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[18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy]

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 371]

A. INTRODUCTION

1. At all times relevant to this Information, defendant CHRISTOPHER BONGIORNO ("BONGIORNO") operated NuBasalt International, Inc. ("NuBasalt") located in Newport Beach, California. NuBasalt purported to be engaged in the production of basalt fiber, which is used to manufacture sucker rods, decking, construction paneling, and insulation materials.

B. THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

2. Beginning in or around 2011, and continuing to in or around 2013, in Orange County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant BONGIORNO and D.P., together with others known and unknown to the United States Attorney, combined, conspired, and agreed with each other to knowingly and intentionally commit an offense against the United States, namely, wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

C. THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 3. The object of the conspiracy was carried out, and to be carried out, in substance, as follows:
- a. Defendant BONGIORNO and D.P. contacted prospective investors to solicit them to invest in the development of a machine that would produce basalt fiber faster and cheaper than current technology. Investors were told that their money would be used for the production of the basalt machine and related expenses.
- b. Instead of using the funds as promised, defendant BONGIORNO and D.P., misappropriated some of the investor funds for their own personal use.

D. OVERT ACT

4. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its
object, defendant BONGIORNO and D.P., together with others known
and unknown to the United States Attorney, committed and
willfully caused others to commit the following overt act, among
others, in Orange County, within the Central District of
California, and elsewhere: On or about November 16, 2011,
defendant BONGIORNO and D.P. caused investor W.M. to wire
\$10,000 from his U.S. Bank account in New Mexico to NuBasalt's
Bank of America account in Newport Beach, California for an
investment in NuBasalt.

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