

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case Number: 2:21-cr-74-TPB-KCD

AMBER REWIS BRUEY

USM Number: 63267-509

**James Lappan, AFPD
2075 West First Street
Suite 300
Ft Myers, FL 33901**

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Defendant pleaded guilty to Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen and Eighteen of the Indictment. Defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date Offense Concluded</u>	<u>Count Number(s)</u>
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	August 25, 2021	One
18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1349, and 2	Wire Fraud	August 25, 2021	Two through Eleven
18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)	Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering	August 25, 2021	Fourteen
18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 2	Illegal Monetary Transactions	June 5, 2020	Fifteen
18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 2	Illegal Monetary Transactions	August 27, 2020	Sixteen
18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 2	Illegal Monetary Transactions	July 22, 2020	Seventeen
18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 2	Illegal Monetary Transactions	August 11, 2020	Eighteen

Defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Date of Imposition of Judgment:

July 13, 2022



THOMAS P. BARBER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

July 25, 2022

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IMPRISONMENT

Defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of **48 months, as to all Counts, all such terms to run concurrently.**

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

Incarceration in a facility close to Farmville North Carolina.

Defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at an institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons **before 2:00 P.M. on April 3, 2023**, as notified by the United States Marshal.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By: _____
Deputy U.S. Marshal

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of **3 years, in each count, all such terms to run concurrently.**

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse.
4. Defendant must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution.

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as any other conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of Defendant's supervised release, Defendant must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for Defendant's behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in Defendant's conduct and condition.

1. Defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where Defendant is authorized to reside within 72 hours of Defendant's release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs Defendant to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, Defendant will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when Defendant must report to the probation officer, and Defendant must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. Defendant must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where Defendant is authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. Defendant must answer truthfully the questions asked by Defendant's probation officer.
5. Defendant must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If Defendant plans to change where Defendant lives or anything about Defendant's living arrangements (such as the people Defendant lives with), Defendant must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. Defendant must allow the probation officer to visit Defendant at any time at Defendant's home or elsewhere, and Defendant must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of Defendant's supervision that the probation officer observes in plain view.
7. Defendant must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses Defendant from doing so. If Defendant does not have full-time employment Defendant must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses Defendant from doing so. If Defendant plans to change where Defendant works or anything about Defendant's work (such as Defendant's position or Defendant's job responsibilities), Defendant must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. Defendant must not communicate or interact with anyone Defendant knows is engaged in criminal activity. If Defendant knows someone has been convicted of a felony, Defendant must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If Defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. Defendant must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person, such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. Defendant must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that Defendant poses a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require Defendant to notify the person about the risk and Defendant must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that Defendant has notified the person about the risk.
13. Defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISED RELEASE

1. Defendant shall participate in a mental health treatment program (outpatient and/or inpatient) and follow the probation officer's instructions regarding the implementation of this court directive. Further, Defendant shall contribute to the costs of these services not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Mental Health Treatment Services.
2. Defendant shall be prohibited from incurring new credit charges, opening additional lines of credit, or making an obligation for any major purchases without approval of the Probation Officer. Defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information.
3. Defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information.
4. Defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA, as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. The mandatory drug testing requirements of the Violent Crime Control Act are suspended. However, the Defendant must submit to random drug testing not to exceed 104 tests per year.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

Defendant shall pay the following total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments set forth in the Schedule of Payments.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment¹</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment²</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	WAIVED	\$881,659.35

Defendant shall make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If Defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid in full prior to the United States receiving payment.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss³</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority of percentage</u>
Celtic Bank		\$35,959.35	
Customer's Bank		\$20,000	
TransPecos Bank		\$62,400	
Small Business Administration		\$763,300	

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Special assessment shall be paid in full and is due immediately.

Having assessed Defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

While in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, Defendant shall either (1) pay at least \$25 quarterly if Defendant has non-Unicor or (2) pay at least 50 percent of your monthly earnings if working Defendant has a Unicor position. Upon release from custody, Defendant is ordered to begin making payments of \$300.00 per month and this payment schedule shall continue until such time as the Court is notified by Defendant, the victim or the government that there has been a material change in Defendant's ability to pay. The Court finds that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and the Court waives the interest requirement for the restitution. The Court finds that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and the Court waives the interest requirement for the restitution.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if this judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties shall be due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court, unless otherwise directed by the court, the probation officer, or the United States attorney.

Defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

¹ Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

² Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

³ Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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Joint and Several

Restitution shall be paid jointly and severally:

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Defendant and Co-Defendant Names: **Amber Rewis Bruey (1) and Anthony James Bruey (2)**
(including defendant number)

Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
\$881,659.35	\$881,659.35	Celtic Bank, Customer's Bank, TransPecos Bank, Small Business Administration

FORFEITURE

Defendant shall forfeit to the United States those assets previously identified in the Order of Forfeiture (**ECF No.93**), that are subject to forfeiture: **(1) 881,058.35; and (2) the following asset: Real property located at 114 Kemp Lane, Hertford, North Carolina 27944, including all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, the legal description for which is as follows:**

BEGINNING AT A POINT on the southern side of the Perquimans River, said point being at the northeastern corner of the Skinner property, thence in a southwestern direction along a fence, being the Skinner line, 295 feet to a chopped oak, thence in a southeasterly direction, a line parallel with said Perquimans River, 178 feet to a chopped oak; thence in a northerly direction, a straight line to a chopped gum, said gum being at the break of a swamp; and thence continuing on in a straight line from said oak and gum, to the Perquimans River; thence along the run of said river in a northwesterly direction back to the POINT OF BEGINNING. For reference and chain of title see Deed Book 109 Page 330 of the Perquimans County Registry.

ALSO CONVEYED HEREBY is a right of way to said above described property, across property of now or formerly R.E. Mathews, the same being 30 foot wide right of way and running from property of said Mathews, hitting the outer edge of the swamp located on the southeastern side of said above described property.

Designated Map No. 2-D061-0017-HB (PIN No. 7868-24-9352) in the Perquimans County Tax Office, (the Real Property).