UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-CR-20178-ARTAU

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MAX ALBERTO MERA ULLOA,

Defendant.

RESTITUTION ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon motion of the United States for entry of a restitution sum ("Motion") against Defendant Max Alberto Mera Ulloa (the "Defendant"). The Court has considered the Motion, is otherwise advised in the premises, and finds as follows:

On April 17, 2025, a federal grand jury returned an Indictment charging the Defendant in Count 1 with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, among other counts. Indictment, Dkt. No. 3.

On October 15, 2025, the Court accepted the Defendant's guilty plea to Count 1 of the Indictment. *See* Minute Entry, Dkt. No. 93. 3.

Defendant was sentenced on February 25, 2026. See Minute Entry, Dkt. No. 145; Judgment, Dkt. No. 146. At the sentencing hearing, the Court scheduled a restitution hearing and that hearing took place on July 14, 2026.

As to restitution, in any case in which an identifiable victim(s) has suffered an identifiable loss, "the court shall order … that the defendant make restitution of the victim." See 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(1), (c)(B); see also 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(1)(A). Further, "the court shall order restitution to each victim in the full amount of each victim's losses as determined by the court and without

consideration of the economic circumstances of the defendant." 18 U.S.C. § 3664(f)(1)(A).

"If the court finds that more than 1 defendant has contributed to the loss of a victim, the court may make each defendant liable for payment of the full amount of restitution." 18 U.S.C. § 3664(h).

Based on the record in this case, the Court finds, by the preponderance of the evidence presented by the government, that the defendant shall pay restitution in the amount of $1,387,955, joint and several with his two codefendants.

During the period of incarceration, payment shall be made as follows: (1) if the defendant earns wages in a Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR) job, then the defendant must pay 50% of wages earned toward the financial obligations imposed by this Judgment in a Criminal Case; (2) if the defendant does not work in a UNICOR job, then the defendant must pay $25.00 per quarter toward the financial obligations imposed in this order.

Upon release from incarceration, the defendant shall pay restitution at the rate of 10% of monthly gross earnings, until such time as the court may alter that payment schedule in the interests of justice. The U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Probation Office and U.S. Attorney's Office shall monitor the payment of restitution and report to the court any material change in the defendant's ability to pay. These payments do not preclude the government from using other assets or income of the defendant to satisfy the restitution obligations.

The restitution shall be made payable to the Clerk, United States Courts, and is to be addressed to:

U.S. CLERK'S OFFICE ATTN:
FINANCIAL SECTION 400 N MIAMI AVENUE,
ROOM 08N09 MIAMI, FL 33128-7716

The assessment/fine/restitution is payable immediately. The U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S.

Probation Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office are responsible for the enforcement of this order. Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during 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.

DONE AND ORDERED in West Palm Beach, Florida, this 31st day of July 2026.

Ed Artau

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE