UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
V.
GABRIEL GHIOCEL

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE
(For Offenses Committed on or After November 1, 1987)

Case Number: 3:24-CR-2628-JES-1

Megan Foster
Defendant's Attorney

USM Number 47361511

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THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count Two of the Superseding Information

☐ was found guilty on count(s) _____
after a plea of not guilty.

Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of such count(s), which involve the following offense(s):

Title and Section / Nature of Offense	**Count**
18:1956(a)(2)(B)(i); 18:982(a) – International Money Laundering	2s

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through **6** of this judgment.
The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____

☒ Underlying Information; Count One of the Superseding Information are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

☒ Assessment: $100.00 remitted.
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☐ JVTA Assessment*: $
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*Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

☒ Fine waived ☒ Forfeiture pursuant to order filed 6/3/2025 , included herein.

IT IS ORDERED that the 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 must notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

June 6, 2025
Date of Imposition of Sentence

HON. JAMES E. SIMMONS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: Sixteen months.

☐ Sentence imposed pursuant to Title 8 USC Section 1326(b).

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
Defendant to be given credit for ninety-seven days of extraterritorial custody, in addition to credit for 201 days served while in custody of the United States, for a total custodial credit of 298 days.
Placement in a facility as close to New York State as practicable to facilitate extradition.

☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant must surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

- ☐ on or before _____ at 12:00 PM
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant must surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

- ☐ on or before _____ at 12:00 PM;
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal; or
- ☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

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 UNITED STATES MARSHAL

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant will be on supervised release for a term of:
Three years.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
2. The defendant must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. The defendant must not illegally possess a controlled substance. The defendant must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant 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. Testing requirements will not exceed submission of more than 4 drug tests per month during the term of supervision, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
   - ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (check if applicable)
4. ☐ The defendant must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. (check if applicable)
5. ☒ The defendant must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (check if applicable)
6. ☐ The defendant must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where the defendant resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. (check if applicable)
7. ☐ The defendant must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (check if applicable)

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

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of the defendant's supervised release, the defendant must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for the 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 the defendant's conduct and condition.

1. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where they are authorized to reside within 72 hours of their release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs the defendant to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, the defendant will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when the defendant must report to the probation officer, and the defendant must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. The defendant must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where the defendant is authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. The defendant must answer truthfully the questions asked by their probation officer.
5. The defendant must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If the defendant plans to change where they live or anything about their living arrangements (such as the people living with the defendant), the 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, the defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. The defendant must allow the probation officer to visit them at any time at their home or elsewhere, and the defendant must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of their supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. The defendant must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant does not have full-time employment, the defendant must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant plans to change where the defendant works or anything about their work (such as their position or their job responsibilities), the 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, the defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. The defendant must not communicate or interact with someone they know is engaged in criminal activity. If the defendant knows someone has been convicted of a felony, they must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If the defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, the defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. The 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 nunchaku or tasers).
11. The 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 the defendant poses a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require the defendant to notify the person about the risk and the defendant must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that the defendant notified the person about the risk.
13. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. If deported, excluded or allowed to voluntarily return to country of origin, not reenter the United States illegally and report to the probation officer within 24 hours of any reentry into the United States; supervision waived upon deportation, exclusion, or voluntary departure.

RESTITUTION

The defendant shall pay restitution in the amount of $37,750.00 unto the United States of America. Pay restitution in the amount of $37,750.00 through the Clerk, U. S. District Court. Payment of restitution shall be forthwith. During any period of incarceration, the defendant shall pay restitution through the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program at the rate of 50% of the defendant's income, or $25.00 per quarter, whichever is greater. The defendant shall pay the restitution during his supervised release at the rate of $650 per month. These payment schedules do not foreclose the United States from exercising all legal actions, remedies, and process available to it to collect the restitution judgment.

Restitution is to be paid to the following victims and distribution is to be made on a pro rata basis:

Victim	***Amount***
State of CA EDD	$28,350.00
S.S.	$1,500.00
H.T.	$4,900.00
G.B.	$3,000.00

Until restitution has been paid, the defendant shall notify the Clerk of the Court and the United States Attorney's Office of any change in the defendant's mailing or residence address, no later than thirty (30) days after the change occurs.

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