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Southern District of West Virginia

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CRIMINAL NO. 2:25-cr-4

31 U.S.C. § 5324(a)(3)
18 U.S.C. § 2

MICHAEL P. BARKER

# I N F O R M A T I O N

The United States Attorney Charges:

Between November 7, 2023, through and until at least November 28, 2023, at or near Danville, Boone County, West Virginia, and within the Southern District of West Virginia, defendant MICHAEL P. BARKER, aided and abetted by others both known and unknown to the United States Attorney, did knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of 31 U.S.C § 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, structure, assist in structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in structuring, transactions with United National Bank and Truist Bank, both domestic financial institutions as defined by 31 U.S.C. § 5312.

In violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5324(a)(3) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

The allegations contained in the single-count Information is hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5317(c)(1), 21 U.S.C. § 853 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461.

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5317(c)(1), 21 U.S.C. § 853, 28 U.S.C. § 2461 and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, upon conviction of the offenses in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5324(A)(3), as set forth in Count 1 of this Information, defendant MICHAEL P. BARKER shall forfeit to the United States of America, any property, real or personal, involved in the offense and any property traceable thereto. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, a money judgment in the amount of at least $97,215.00, such amount constituting property involved in the offense set forth in this Information, and real property located at 40 Opal Place, Foster WV 25081.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;

d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 31 U.S.C. § 5317(c)(1)(B) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461.

All pursuant to Title 31, United States Code, Section 5317(c)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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