AO 245B (Rev. 11/25) Judgment in a Criminal Case
Sheet 1

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern District of Mississippi

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
AARON SANDERS

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 1:25cr76LG-BWR-002

USM Number: 99563-511

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Defendant's Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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THE DEFENDANT:

☑ pleaded guilty to count(s) Count 1 of the Indictment

☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.

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

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. § 1349 and 1343	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	7/31/2020	1

The 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.

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

☑ Count(s) 2 and 3 ☐ is ☑ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

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 material changes in economic circumstances.

August 6, 2026
Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

The Honorable Louis Guirola, Jr., U.S. District Judge
Name and Title of Judge

8/20/2026
Date

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IMPRISONMENT

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

forty-six (46) months as to Count 1 of the Indictment. The sentence is to be served consecutive to the sentences imposed in Rankin County, Mississippi, Circuit Court Docket Nos.: 21,660, 21,661, and 21,775, as well as Madison County, Mississippi, Circuit Court Docket Nos.: 2013-0229 and 2022-0283.

☑ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

The Court recommends that the defendant be housed in a facility closest to his home for which he is eligible for purposes of facilitating family visitation. The Court further recommends the defendant be allowed to participate in any substance abuse treatment programs offered by the Bureau of Prisons for which he is deemed eligible.

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

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

☐ at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on _____ .

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

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

☐ before 2 p.m. on _____ .

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ 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

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

three (3) years.

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. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☑ You 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. ☑ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You 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 you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

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

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

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

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

1. The defendant shall provide the probation office with access to any requested financial information and must notify the Court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect his ability to pay the imposed financial penalties.

2. The defendant shall not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation office, and unless he is in compliance with the installment payment schedule.

3. The defendant shall pay all criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the Schedule of Payments outlined in the Judgment Order.

4. The defendant shall participate in a program of testing and outpatient treatment (or inpatient treatment if separately ordered or approved by the Court during the term of supervised release) for drug abuse, as directed by the probation office. If enrolled in a drug treatment program, the defendant shall abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages during treatment and for the remaining period of supervised release. The defendant shall contribute to the cost of treatment in accordance with the probation office Copayment Policy.

5. In the event the defendant resides in, or visits, a jurisdiction where marijuana or marijuana products have been approved, legalized, or decriminalized, the defendant shall not possess, ingest, or otherwise use marijuana or marijuana products.

6. The defendant shall not possess, ingest, or otherwise use a synthetic cannabinoid or other synthetic narcotic.

7. The defendant shall submit his person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, electronic communication devices, or office, to a search, conducted by a U.S. Probation Officer. Failure to submit to such a search may be grounds for revocation of supervised release. The defendant shall warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. An officer may conduct a search pursuant to this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that the defendant has violated a condition of his supervised release and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of such a violation. Any search must be conducted in a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	Assessment	Restitution	Fine	AVAA Assessment*	JVTA Assessment**
TOTALS	$ 100.00	$ 90,043.00	$	$	$

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☑ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the 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 before the United States is paid.

Name of Payee	Total Loss***	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage
Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) 1235 Echelon Parkway P.O. Box 1699 Jackson, MS 39215-1699	$90,043.00	$90,043.00	

TOTALS	$ 90,043.00	$ 90,043.00

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement $ _____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than $2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☑ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☑ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☑ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.
** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.
*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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

A ☐ Lump sum payment of $ _____ due immediately, balance due

☐ not later than _____, or
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or

B ☑ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☑ D, or ☑ F below); or

C ☐ Payment in equal _____ *(e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly)* installments of $ _____ over a period of _____ *(e.g., months or years)*, to commence _____ *(e.g., 30 or 60 days)* after the date of this judgment; or

D ☑ Payment in equal monthly *(e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly)* installments of $ 150.00 over a period of 36 months *(e.g., months or years)*, to commence 30 days *(e.g., 30 or 60 days)* after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or

E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ *(e.g., 30 or 60 days)* after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or

F ☑ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

The payment of the restitution shall begin while the defendant is incarcerated. In the event the restitution is not paid in full prior to the termination of supervised release, the defendant is ordered to enter into a written agreement with the Financial Litigation Program of the U.S. Attorney's Office for payment of any remaining balance. Additionally, the value of future discovered assets may be applied to offset the balance of criminal monetary penalties. The defendant may be included in the Treasury Offset Program allowing qualified federal benefits to be applied to offset the balance of criminal monetary penalties.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is 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.

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

☑ Joint and Several

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names *(including defendant number)*	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
Adrian Wilson [1:25cr76LG-BWR-001]	$ 90,043.00	$ 90,043.00	
Kev'Veonta Short [1:25cr76LG-BWR-003]	$ 90,043.00	$ 11,614.00	
Vicki Page [1:26cr51LG-BWR-001]	to be determined	to be determined	

☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

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.