UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Minnesota

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ABDIAZIZ SHAFII FARAH
AKA ABDIAZIZ S FARAH

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: **22-CR-124-NEB-DTS (1)**
USM Number: **02360-510**

Andrew S. Birrell and Ian S Birrell
Defendant's Attorneys

THE DEFENDANT:

☐ pleaded guilty to count(s)

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

☒ was found guilty on counts after a plea of not guilty: 1s, 5-7, 9-11, 13-14, 17, 20, 22-26, 29, 32-33, 37, 39, and 42-43

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section / Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18:371 WIRE FRAUD CONSPIRACY	04/2022	1s
18:1343 WIRE FRAUD	08/2/2021	5
18:1343 WIRE FRAUD	08/16/2021	6
18:1343 WIRE FRAUD	10/18/2021	7
18:1343 WIRE FRAUD	11/1/2021	9
18:371 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FEDERAL PROGRAMS BRIBERY	09/2022	13
18:666 FEDERAL PROGRAMS BRIBERY	02/1/2021	14
18:666 FEDERAL PROGRAMS BRIBERY	08/13/2021	17
18:1956(h) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING	04/2022	20
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	03/15/2021	22
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	04/15/2021	23
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	05/04/2021	24
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	05/11/2021	25
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	05/15/2021	26
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	06/01/2021	29
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	07/07/2021	32
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	07/31/2021	33
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	08/21/2021	37
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	09/20/2021	39
18:1957 MONEY LAUNDERING	10/21/2021	42
18:1542 FALSE STATEMENT IN A PASSPORT APPLICATION	03/22/2022	43

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

☒ The defendant has been found not guilty on count 2.

☐ Count(s) ☐ 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, 2025
Date of Imposition of Judgment

s/Nancy E. Brasel
Signature of Judge

NANCY E. BRASEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
Name and Title of Judge

August 8, 2025
Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: 336 months. This term consists of: This term consists of 60 months imprisonment on each of Counts 1s and 13 to be served concurently to each other and Counts 14, 17, 22-26, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 42, and 43; 120 months on each of Counts 14, 17, 22-26, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 42, and 43, to run concurrently with each other and Counts 1s and 13; and 240 months on count 5-7, 9-11 and 20. 24 months of this term is to be served concurrently to each other and counts 1s, 13, 14, 17, 22-26, 29, 32-33, 37, 39, 42-43. 216 months of this term is to be served concurrently to each other but consecutively to counts 1s, 13, 14, 17, 22-26, 29, 32-33, 37, 39, 42-43.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons: The Defendant shall be placed in the state of Minnesota so he may be close to his family and young children.

☒ 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 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 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, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: **three (3) years on counts 1s, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22-26, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 42, and 43 to run concurrently each other.**

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 which 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*)

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional 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 _____

Probation Officer's Signature _____ Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

a. The defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information, including credit reports, credit card bills, bank statements, and telephone bills.

b. The defendant shall be prohibited from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without approval of the probation officer.

c. The defendant is prohibited from engaging in employment related to government claims or reimbursements during the term of supervision.

Rationale: The above financial-related conditions are ordered based on the nature of defendant's offenses, including his scheme to defraud a government program through the use of fictitious financial claims and documents and sophisticated laundering of fraud proceeds, and to assist the supervising officer with enforcement of the Court's restitution order.

d. The defendant shall submit his person, residence, office, vehicle, or an area under the defendant's control to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer or supervised designee, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a supervision violation. The defendant shall warn any other residents or third parties that the premises and areas under the defendant's control may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.

Rationale: Considering the extensive documentation and evidence of Farah's criminal scheme and fraud proceeds at his residence and business entities, the search condition is ordered.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

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

	Assessment	Restitution	Fine	AVAA Assessment*	JVTA Assessment**
TOTALS	$2,300.00	$47,920,514.00	$.00	$.00	$.00

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until ____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO245C)* 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. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

Name and Address of Payee	***Total Loss	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage
USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE MWRO – Food and Nutrition Service Attention: Accounting Division PO Box 979027 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000		$47,920,514	
TOTALS:	$0.00	$47,920,514	0.00%
Payments are to be made to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, for disbursement to the victim.			

☐ 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 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 payments of $ 47,920,514.00 due immediately, balance due

☐ not later than , or

☒ in accordance ☐ 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 20 *(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 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:

It is ordered that the Defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of $2,300.00 for Counts 1s, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 42 and 43 which shall be due immediately. Said special assessment shall be paid to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, 300 S. 4th Street, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Mandatory Restitution of $47,920,514.00 is due immediately. Payments of not less than $200 per month are to be made over a period of 3 years commencing 30 days after release from confinement. Payments are to be made payable to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, for disbursement to the victim. The interest requirement is waived in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(3).

Over the period of incarceration, the defendant shall make payments of either quarterly installments of a minimum of $25 if working non-UNICOR or a minimum of 50 percent of monthly earnings if working UNICOR. It is recommended the defendant participate in the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program while incarcerated. The defendant's obligation to pay the full amount of restitution continues even after the term of supervision has ended, pursuant to federal law. See 18 U.S.C. § 3613. If the defendant is unable to pay the full amount of restitution at the time supervision ends, the defendant may work with the U.S. Attorney's Office Financial Litigation Unit to arrange a restitution payment plan.

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.

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
USA v. Mohamed Jama Ismail (22-124-2)	$47,920,514.00	$47,920,514.00	
USA v. Abdimajid Mohamed Nur (22-124-4)	$47,920,514.00	$47,920,514.00	

USA v. Mukhtar Mohamed Shariff (22-124-7)	$47,920,514.00	$47,920,514.00	
USA v. Hayat Mohamed Nur (22-124-8)	$47,920,514.00	$47,920,514.00	

☐ 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: All of the property and interest stated in the Court's preliminary and final orders of forfeiture for this defendant.

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.