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7	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
8	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
9	March 2015 Grand Jury		
10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	Case No. 16 CR 1333 BAS	
11	Plaintiff,	INDICTMENT	
12	v.		
13	ACHARAYYA RUPAK,	Wire Fraud; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28,	
14	aka Rudy Rupak, aka Rudolph Matthews,	U.S.C., Sec. 2461(c) - Criminal Forfeiture	
15	aka Kevin Thomas Rudolph Matthews,		
16	Defendant.		
17	The Grand Jury charges:		
18	INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS		
19	At all times pertinent to this Indictment:		
20	1. Defendant ACHARAYYA	RUPAK, aka Rudy Rupak, aka Rudolph	
21	Matthews, aka Kevin Thomas Rudolph Matthews, was a Canadian citizen.		
22	2. RUPAK was the founder and operator of Planet Hospital		
23	("PH"), beginning in approx:	imately 2003. PH has had business	
24	addresses in Calabasas, San Die	go, and Calexico, California.	
25	3. PH facilitated medica	l tourism services. Medical tourism is	
26	the visit or entry of for	reign patients to hospitals across	
27	international borders in order to receive medical treatment,		
28	including organ transplants and cosmetic surgery.		
	CPT:nlv:San Diego:6/10/16		

In approximately 2008, PH began offering international 1 4. surrogacy services. International surrogacy is a surrogacy agreement 2 involving an overseas country, including surrogacy involving a 3 commercial or altruistic arrangement. A surrogacy agreement generally 4 involves the carrying of a pregnancy for intended parents. Surrogacy 5 includes gestational surrogacy and traditional surrogacy. Gestational 6 7 surrogacy involves pregnancy resulting from the transfer of an embryo created by *in vitro* fertilization ("IVF"). Traditional surrogacy 8 involves the impregnation of a surrogate, usually by IVF. 9 The legality of international surrogacy varies by country and generally 10 requires that the intended parents share some genetic material with 11 the child, either from egg or sperm donation. 12

13 5. RUPAK used and had control over several bank accounts to
14 deposit and withdraw funds from PH clients, including Wells Fargo
15 Bank account no. -7051 ("WF7051"), which was opened in San Diego and
16 listed an address of 6941 Camino Pacheco, San Diego, CA 92111.

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"G.W." was a PH client who resided in Hawaii.

18 7. "L.F." was the founder and director of "My Donor Cycle," an 19 egg donor and surrogate cycle coordination company based in San 20 Diego, California.

8. The Fertility Clinic Cancun ("FCC") was a clinic that provided surrogacy services, located in Cancun, Mexico

9. The IREGA Clinic was a clinic that provided surrogacy
 services, located in Cancun, Mexico.

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Counts 1-3

(Wire Fraud - 18 U.S.C. § 1343)

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10. The United States incorporates by reference the Introductory Allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 9.

11. Beginning in approximately September 2009, and continuing 5 through at least January 2014, defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK, aka Rudy 6 7 Rupak, aka Rudolph Matthews, aka Kevin Thomas Rudolph Matthews, (hereinafter "defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK") did knowingly devise and 8 intend to devise, with the intent to defraud, a material scheme and 9 artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of 10 materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and 11 promises, and by the omission of material facts. 12

12. It was part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK 14 solicited, and caused others to solicit, international surrogacy 15 clients via interstate email and telephone calls, by falsely 16 representing that their funds would be "set aside" or put in escrow 17 accounts, and used only to pay for medical services provided to the 18 respective client.

19 13. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA 20 RUPAK undercharged the cost of international surrogacy services to 21 clients in order to induce the clients to initiate services through 22 PH without knowing that additional payments would be required.

14. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK would fail to forward PH clients' funds to service providers, causing the service providers to demand additional funds from the PH clients in order to initiate or continue international surrogacy services.

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1 15. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA 2 RUPAK would cause the creation of a website and email address in the 3 name of a clinic and its physician, in order to send unauthorized 4 emails in the name of the clinic's physician to PH clients, all to 5 provide excuses why PH had not provided promised services or to 6 falsely claim that surrogacy procedures were unsuccessful.

7 16. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA
8 RUPAK would instruct PH employees and pay other individuals to
9 misrepresent prior international successes to PH clients.

10 17. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA 11 RUPAK would instruct PH employees to misrepresent to PH clients that 12 unsuccessful surrogacy procedures were the result of foreign service 13 providers, foreign laws, or bank transactions.

14 18. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA15 RUPAK would falsely claim that PH owned the FCC.

16 19. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA 17 RUPAK would instruct PH employees to misrepresent to PH clients that 18 PH had successfully purchased the IREGA Clinic which would be used 19 for PH services.

20 20. It was further part of the scheme that defendant ACHARAYYA 21 RUPAK would cause funds obtained from new PH clients to be used to 22 pay for services provided to existing PH clients.

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WIRE TRANSMISSIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF SCHEME

24 21. On or about the dates provided below, within the Southern 25 District of California and elsewhere, defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK in 26 furtherance of the above-described scheme to defraud, transmitted and 27 caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate

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and foreign commerce the following writings and pictures for the 1 purpose of executing such scheme to defraud: 2

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4	Count	Date	Recipient	Wire Transmission
5	1	April 1, 2013	Acct. WF7051 in	Interstate wire transfer of
6			San Diego, CA	\$5,000 from G.W. in Kapolei, HI
7	2	April 8, 2013	Acct. WF7051 in	Interstate wire transfer of
8		,	San Diego, CA	\$2,000 from G.W. in Kapolei, HI
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10	3	June 17, 2013	Acct. WF7051 in San Diego, CA	Interstate wire transfer of \$15,500 from G.W. in
11				Kapolei, HI

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

(Forfeiture - 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

22. The allegations contained in Counts 1 through 3 of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c). 20

23. Upon conviction of the offense of Wire Fraud in violation 21 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 set forth in Counts 1 22 through 3 of this Indictment, defendant ACHARAYYA RUPAK, aka Rudy 23 Rupak, aka Rudolph Matthews, aka Kevin Thomas Rudolph Matthews, shall 24 forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United 25 States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, 26 Section 2461(c), any property, real and personal, which constitutes 27 or is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense. The property to 28

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1	be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, a forfeiture money
2	judgment in an amount not less than the sum of \$2,000,000.
3	14. If any of the property described above, as a result of any
4	act or omission of the defendant:
5	a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
6	b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a
7	third party;
8	c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
9	d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
10	e. has been commingled with other property which cannot
11	be subdivided without difficulty, the United States of America shall
12	be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to
13	Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by
14	Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).
15	All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C)
16	and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).
17	DATED: June 10, 2016.
18	A TRUE BILL:
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20	Foreperson
21	LAURA E. DUFFY
22	United States Attorney
23	By: Atoph V-
24	CHRISTOPHER P. TENORIO Assistant U.S. Attorney
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