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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Criminal No. 16-

v.

18 U.S.C. §§ 1344 and 1957(a)

TELISHA TRENT

INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT ONE (Bank Fraud – 18 U.S.C. § 1344)

The Defendant and The Victims

- 1. At all times relevant to this Information:
- A. Defendant TELISHA TRENT was a resident of New Jersey and was employed as a teller and financial services representative at a TD Bank, N.A. branch located at 284 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey.
- B. TD Bank, N.A. (hereinafter, "TD Bank") was a financial institution as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 20, whose deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- C. Victim Account-Holders #1, 2, and 4 resided in New Jersey. Victim Account-Holders #5, 6, 7, and 8 resided in Connecticut. Victim Account-Holder #3 resided in Ohio. Victim Account-Holders #1 through 8 shall be collectively known as the "Victim Account-Holders."

The Scheme and Artifice to Defraud

2. From on or about August 9, 2014 through on or about September 11, 2015, in Gloucester County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

TELISHA TRENT

did knowingly execute a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, namely TD Bank, and to obtain moneys, funds, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of TD Bank, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, as more fully set forth below.

The Object of the Scheme

3. The principal object of the scheme was for defendant TELISHA TRENT to defraud TD Bank by: (a) identifying dormant checking and savings accounts; (b) fraudulently converting and stealing for her own use, money from dormant savings and checking accounts held by the Victim Account-Holders; and (c) closing the dormant checking and savings accounts in order to prevent detection and continue the fraudulent scheme.

The Means and Methods of the Scheme

4. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant TELISHA TRENT used her role as a financial services representative at TD Bank to access customer account information, including checking and savings account information of the Victim Account-Holders. Specifically,

TELISHA TRENT accessed TD Bank's customers' accounts that had become "dormant," meaning that there had been little or no activity in the account for an extended period of time.

- 5. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant TELISHA TRENT identified at least eight accounts that were "dormant." TRENT then researched the account holders and reviewed the account holders' activity related to the account in order to assess the risk of whether the account holder would notice that the funds in the account holders' account were removed and the account closed without their permission. At the conclusion of this research, TRENT identified the eight Victim Account-Holders.
- 6. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that defendant TELISHA TRENT, without the knowledge of the Victim

 Account-Holders, her co-workers at TD Bank, or TD Bank, converted for her own use and stole the money contained in the Victim Account-Holders' accounts.

 Specifically, TRENT either transferred the Victim-Account Holders' money from their accounts to one controlled by her or had a cashier's check issued from the Victim-Account Holder's account payable to TRENT, an associate, or cash. After TRENT converted the money for her use, TRENT closed the Victim Account-Holders' accounts in order to avoid detection.
- 7. After the fraud was discovered, TD Bank reimbursed each of the Victim Account-Holders for the money and funds stolen by defendant TELISHA TRENT. Thus, it was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud

that TRENT stole from TD Bank approximately \$608,482.98, including the following amounts on the following dates from the following Victim Account-Holders:

Victim Account-Holder	Date(s) Stolen	Amount Stolen
Victim #1	August, 2014	\$27,921.46
Victim #2	October, 2014 November, 2014	\$40,200.36
Victim #3	February, 2015	\$20,069.74
Victim #4	April, 2015	\$218,408.72
Victim #5	July, 2015	\$45,363.94
Victim #6	July, 2015	\$57,578.33
Victim #7	August, 2015	\$92,072.84
Victim #8	August, 2015	\$106,867.59
TOTAL		\$608,482.98

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

COUNT TWO (Money Laundering – 18 U.S.C. § 1957(a))

- 1. Paragraphs 1 and 3 through 7 of Count One of this Information are realleged and incorporated herein.
- 2. On or about August 17, 2015, in Gloucester County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

TELISHA TRENT

did knowingly engage in a monetary transaction, specifically transfers in and affecting interstate commerce in funds to a financial institution within the United States, in criminally-derived property of a value greater than \$10,000 derived from a specified unlawful activity, namely, bank fraud, contrary to Title 18, United States Codes, Section 1344.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957(a).

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