

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
: :
v. : Crim. No. 18-
: :
MELISA AQUINO ARIAS : 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) and § 2
: 18 U.S.C. § 371

INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, and having waived any objection based on venue, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT ONE
(Attempted Bank Robbery)

On or about On August 28, 2017, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant,

MELISA AQUINO ARIAS,

did knowingly, by force and violence, or by intimidation, attempt to take from the person and presence of another, namely, employees of a Citizens Bank, located in Tannersville, Pennsylvania, money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of, Citizens Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

COUNT TWO
(Conspiracy to Commit Bank Larceny)

On or about September 20, 2017, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant,

MELISA AQUINO ARIAS,

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with another person, namely, Swahilys Pedraza-Rodriguez, to take and carry away with intent to steal and purloin money, belonging to and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the First Keystone Community Bank, located in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania, a bank whose deposits were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(b).

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT THREE
(Bank Robbery)

On or about September 27, 2017, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant,

MELISA AQUINO ARIAS,

did knowingly, by force and violence, or by intimidation, take from the person and presence of another, namely, employees of a Spencer Savings Bank, located in Garfield, New Jersey, \$2,900.00 in money belonging to, and in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of, Spencer Savings Bank, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

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

2. As the result of committing the offense of bank robbery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a), as charged in Count Three of this Information, defendant **MELISA AQUINO ARIAS** shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the said offense, and all property traceable thereto, including, but not limited to a sum of money equal to \$2,900.00 in United States Currency representing the proceeds of the offense charged in this Information.

3. If by any act or omission of the defendant, any of the property subject to forfeiture described in paragraph 2 herein:

- 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 subdivided without difficulty; the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of

substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).


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