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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

TERESA P. HACKETT, CLK  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT ALA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

JAMES BOYD DOUGLAS, JR. )

CR. NO. 3:12CR49-MEF  
[18 U.S.C. § 1343]

INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges:

**COUNT 1**  
**(Wire fraud)**

1. At all times relevant to this Information, JAMES BOYD DOUGLAS, JR., was a licensed attorney in Alabama and practiced law in Auburn, Alabama, within the Middle District of Alabama.

2. From in or around January 2005 until on or about September 23, 2011, in Lee County, Alabama, within the Middle District of Alabama, the defendant,

JAMES BOYD DOUGLAS, JR.,

did devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, which scheme and artifice is described below:

- a. DOUGLAS's law firm served as legal counsel in a number of residential mortgage closings, including sales and refinance transactions.
- b. In connection with those closings, DOUGLAS would receive into his law firm's escrow accounts the proceeds of mortgage loans. Those proceeds

were intended to repay the previously existing mortgage loans on the properties being sold or refinanced.

- c. Instead of using those funds to repay the previously existing mortgage loans, DOUGLAS would convert the funds to his own personal use.
- d. In order to conceal the thefts, DOUGLAS would falsely represent both to the mortgage lenders and to his clients that he had repaid the previous mortgage loans in full.

3. DOUGLAS conducted numerous loan closings in this fashion, causing losses totaling over \$2 million.

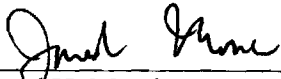
4. For purposes of executing the foregoing scheme and artifice to defraud, on or about May 27, 2008, in Lee County, within the Middle District of Alabama, and elsewhere, the defendant,

JAMES BOYD DOUGLAS, JR.,

did transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, to wit: funds totaling approximately \$603,891.91, which were transferred from SunTrust Mortgage of Atlanta, Georgia, into an escrow account that DOUGLAS's law firm maintained at Frontier Bank of Auburn, Alabama.

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

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