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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.: 6:12-cr-260-CR-18GTIC
18 U.S.C. § 1343
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) - Forfeiture
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) - Forfeiture

DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III
a/k/a Ridgely Douglas Bartle
a/k/a Douglas Wayne Bartle, Jr.

INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges:

COUNT ONE

A. Introduction

At all times material to this Information:

1. In 2004, DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III and others established a title company named "Vision Title," the activities of which affected interstate and foreign commerce.
2. To conduct title work, Vision Title established Florida limited liability companies (Vision Title LLCs) in several counties throughout the State of Florida.
3. DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III controlled the day-to-day activities at Vision Title and handled all communications between Vision Title and the Vision Title LLCs throughout Florida.

4. At various times, Stewart Title Insurance Company or Ticor Title Insurance Company underwrote title insurance policies that Vision Title issued.

5. Both Stewart Title Insurance Company and Ticor Title Insurance Company were title insurance underwriters, and their activities affected interstate and foreign commerce.

6. Wachovia Bank, N.A., was a financial institution, the deposits of which were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, that maintained computer servers in North Carolina for customers to access their accounts.

7. Vision Title opened and maintained various bank accounts at Wachovia Bank branches throughout the State of Florida and elsewhere.

B. The Scheme to Defraud

8. From in or around January 2007, until in or around December 2009, in Orange County, Florida, in the Middle District of Florida,

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a/k/a Douglas Wayne Bartle, Jr.**

the defendant herein, knowingly devised or intended to devise and executed a scheme and artifice to defraud title insurance companies, namely Stewart Title Insurance Company and Ticor Title Insurance Company, of money and property, and to obtain money and property of said companies, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

C. Manner and Means

9. The substance of the scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by false pretenses, representations, and promises included, among other things, the following:

a. It was a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III** would and did take money from escrow accounts that Vision Title and the Vision Title LLCs were required to keep pursuant to Florida law, including Fla. Stat. § 626.8473, and illegally use those funds for personal expenses and other things.

b. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III** would and did use a computer in the Middle District of Florida that was connected to the Internet to obtain Vision Title's bank account statements from Wachovia Bank computers and servers in North Carolina.

c. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III** would and did, by use of a computer and other means, alter those bank account statements to conceal and hide his theft of funds.

d. It was further part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **DOUGLAS WAYNE BARTLE III** would and did send the adulterated and fraudulent bank statements to Stewart Title Insurance Company and Ticor Title Insurance Company by facsimile transmission for the purpose of concealing and hiding his fraud and receiving additional funds into Vision Title's escrow accounts.

D. The Wire Communications

10. In or around November 2009, in Orange County, Florida, in the Middle District of Florida,

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the defendant herein, having devised and intending to devise, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, transmitted and caused to be transmitted, by means of wire communication in interstate commerce writings, signs, signals, and pictures – namely, Internet communications between Wachovia Bank’s computer servers in North Carolina and the defendant’s computer in Orange County, Florida – for the purpose of executing the scheme.

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

FORFEITURE

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

2. From his engagement in the violations alleged in Count One of this Information, punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, the defendant

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shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all of his interest in any property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the said violation(s).


3. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- 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 divided without difficulty;

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).


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