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CRIMINAL NO. C = 07 50097

VERSUS

18 U.S.C. § 1962(c)

JUDGE

MICHAEL WALKER. -01

VERNON CLAVILLE, and 🗸 ه ڪ LARRY N. WILLIAMS 03

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

JUDGE WALTER

INDICTMENT

COUNT 1

Violation of the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c)

AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN: A.

- 1. The defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, is a public officer holding a high-level, decision-making position, namely an elected district judge for Criminal Division, Section 5, of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- 2. The defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, is a public officer holding a high-level, decision-making position, namely an elected juvenile judge for the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish. Louisiana.
- 3. In most cases, Louisiana law requires that when a person is arrested they are entitled to be released pending trial if they can post bail.
- 4. A district judge whose court has criminal jurisdiction has the authority to fix the amount and other conditions of bail.

- 5. In some cases, a person convicted of a crime in Louisiana is sentenced to probation, which may contain terms and conditions which must be followed by the probationer. The terms and conditions of probation are monitored by a state probation officer. At any time during the term of probation, the probation officer may arrest, or the state district court may issue a warrant for the arrest of, a person who has violated the terms or conditions of probation. When a person is incarcerated on a probation violation, this status is sometimes referred to as being subject to a "probation hold."
- 6. The court, acting through a district judge, may lift or remove the probation hold, grant bail, or otherwise release a person who has violated a term of probation.
- 7. In some cases, the juvenile court may issue an arrest warrant or place a "juvenile court hold" on a person who has failed to comply with conditions or satisfy obligations to the juvenile court.
- 8. The juvenile court, acting through a juvenile court judge, may lift or remove the juvenile court hold on a person who is subject to the hold.
- 9. Bail can be met, among other ways, by paying the cash amount of the bail or by securing a proper bail bond. The words "bail" and "bond" are sometimes used interchangeably.
- 10. A bail bond is typically secured by paying a bail bondsman a percentage of the bond in the form of an insurance premium and by meeting other conditions of the bond. Louisiana law provides that the amount of the premium shall be twelve percent of the face amount of the bond or sixty dollars, whichever is greater.
- 11. A bail bond agent is licensed and regulated by the Louisiana Department of Insurance (hereafter "DOI") to market and sell bail bonds. The DOI and Louisiana law require that in order

for a bail bond company to continue writing bonds in Louisiana, all bail bonds posted in Louisiana must be underwritten by an insurance company approved by the DOI. To ensure the continued validity of a particular bail bond, a bail bond company will regularly send insurance premium payments to its insurance company.

- 12. A-Instant Bail Bond, L.L.C., (hereafter "A-Instant") is a Louisiana limited liability company located in Shreveport, Louisiana. A-Instant is licensed and regulated by the DOI and engaged in the business of insurance, which activities affect interstate commerce. A-Instant provides commercial surety bail bonds for individuals who have been arrested for crimes in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- 13. Bail bonds issued by A-Instant are underwritten by an insurance company whose corporate office is in Meadsville, Pennsylvania and has satellite offices in five states other than Louisiana.
- 14. The defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, is the owner and an employee of A-Instant and is a licensed bail bond agent.
- 15. A person known to the Grand Jury, not named herein as a defendant, was a "community relations specialist" (hereafter, "CRS #1") for A-Instant.

B. THE RACKETEERING ENTERPRISE

At all times material to this indictment, the Judicial Branch of Louisiana government as established by the Louisiana Constitution Article 5, Section 1 constituted an "enterprise" as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(4) (herein, the "Enterprise"). The Enterprise was engaged in, and the activities of the Enterprise, affected interstate commerce.

C. THE PURPOSE OF THE DEFENDANTS

The defendants named herein, improperly used the Enterprise to enrich themselves by extracting bribes in the form of cash and other things of value from individuals and organizations with business before the Enterprise.

D. WAYS, MEANS, AND METHODS OF THE DEFENDANTS

- 1. The defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, would use his office and position as an elected Louisiana district judge to enrich himself by extracting bribes in the form of cash and other things of value from individuals and organizations with business in his court.
- 2. Specifically, in exchange for cash and other things of value, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, would make himself available to quickly set bonds, reduce bonds, recall arrest warrants, and remove probation holds for individuals who had business in his court.
- 3. The defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, would use his office and position as an elected Louisiana juvenile court judge to enrich himself by extracting bribes in the form of cash from individuals and organizations with business in his court.
- 4. Specifically, in exchange for cash, the defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, would make himself available to remove juvenile court holds placed by the Juvenile Court so that defendants could bond out of custody.
- 5. The defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1 would present themselves to the public as individuals who had a special connection with the court system and used that connection to secure low bonds, secure bond reductions, remove probation holds, and remove juvenile court holds.

E. THE RACKETEERING VIOLATION

Beginning sometime in 2004, and continuing until sometime in July 2007, the exact dates being unknown, in the Western District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendants, MICHAEL WALKER, VERNON CLAVILLE, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, being persons employed by and associated with the Enterprise described above in paragraphs B, C, and D, which was engaged in, and the activities of which affected interstate commerce, did knowingly and unlawfully conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of the Enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity as set forth in Paragraph F.

F. THE PATTERN OF RACKETEERING ACTIVITY

The pattern of racketeering activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and (5), through which the defendants conducted and participated in the conduct of the affairs of the Enterprise, consisted of the following racketeering acts:

Racketeering Act 1

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "M. H."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER, VERNON CLAVILLE, and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 1:

Racketeering Act 1-A:

Beginning on or about May 5, 2007, and continuing until on or about May 7, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, an elected juvenile court judge for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United

States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, VERNON CLAVILLE removed the juvenile court hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "M. H."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 1-B:

Beginning on or about May 5, 2007, and continuing until on or about May 7, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give VERNON CLAVILLE, an elected juvenile court judge for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, VERNON CLAVILLE removed the juvenile court hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "M. H."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 1-C:

On or about May 6, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "M. H."

Racketeering Act 1-D:

On or about May 6, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "M. H."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 2

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "K. Y."

Beginning on or about May 7, 2007, and continuing until on or about May 8, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "K. Y."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 3

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "M. D."

On or about May 12, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana,

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committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "M. D."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 4

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "T. R."

Beginning on or about May 14, 2007, and continuing until on or about May 15, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "T. R."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 5

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. P."

Beginning on or about May 24, 2007, and continuing until on or about May 25, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "D. P."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 6

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. S."

On or about May 29, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had previously been placed on an individual identified herein as "D. S."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 7

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "L. H."

Beginning on or about June 9, 2007, and continuing until on or about June 10, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "L. H."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 8

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "A. J."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 8:

Racketeering Act 8-A:

On or about June 9, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "A. J."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 8-B:

On or about June 9, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold on an individual identified herein as "A. J."

Racketeering Act 9

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. W."

On or about June 12, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER set a low initial bond for an individual identified herein as "D. W."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 10

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "J. B."

Beginning on or about June 14, 2007, and continuing until on or about June 15, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "J. B."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 11

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "C. C."

On or about June 15, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "C. C."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 12

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "K. W." and "K. H."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 12: Racketeering Act 12-A:

On or about June 20, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER set low initial bonds on two individuals identified herein as "K. W." and "K.H."

Racketeering Act 12-B:

Beginning on or about June 19, 2007, and continuing until on or about June 20, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER set low initial bonds on two individuals identified herein as "K. W." and "K.H."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 13

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. T."

On or about June 21, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "D. T."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 14

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "T. C."

On or about June 27, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting and removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "T. C."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 15

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "T. M."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 15: Racketeering Act 15-A:

On or about June 25, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency. MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "T. M."

Racketeering Act 15-B:

On or about June 25, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "T. M."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 16

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "S. H." and "Z. H."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER, VERNON CLAVILLE, and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 16:

Racketeering Act 16-A:

On or about June 29, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, an elected juvenile court judge for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, VERNON CLAVILLE removed the juvenile court hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "S. H."

Racketeering Act 16-B:

On or about June 29, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give VERNON CLAVILLE, an elected juvenile court judge for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, VERNON CLAVILLE removed the juvenile court hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "S. H."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 16-C:

On or about June 29, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond settings on two individuals identified herein as "S. H." and "Z. H."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 16-D:

On or about June 29, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana,

United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond settings for two individuals identified herein as "S. H." and "Z. H."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 17

Public Bribery Related to Judicial TransactionsInvolving "A. G."

Beginning on or about June 29, 2007, and continuing until on or about June 30, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "A. G."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 18

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. W."

On or about June 30, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "D. W."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 19

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "B. N."

On or about July 3, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "B. N."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 20

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "D. S."

The defendants, MICHAEL WALKER and LARRY N. WILLIAMS, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act 20: Racketeering Act 20-A:

On or about July 11, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from LARRY N. WILLIAMS and CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "D. S."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 20-B:

On or about July 11, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, LARRY N. WILLIAMS, and CRS #1 committed public bribery by giving and offering to give MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, United States currency, knowing that giving such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "D. S."

All in violation of Articles 24 and 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 21

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "O. R."

On or about July 12, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "O. R."

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All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

Racketeering Act 22

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "R. L."

On or about July 12, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER removed the probation hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "R. L."

Racketeering Act 23

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "B. G."

On or about July 14, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MICHAEL WALKER, an elected district judge of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, MICHAEL WALKER reduced the bond setting for an individual identified herein as "B. G."

Racketeering Act 24

Public Bribery Related to Judicial Transactions Involving "J. W."

Beginning on or about July 19, 2007, and continuing until on or about July 21, 2007, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, VERNON CLAVILLE, an elected juvenile court judge for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, committed public bribery by accepting and offering to accept United States currency from CRS #1, knowing that accepting such payment would influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, and duty. Specifically, in exchange for United States currency, VERNON CLAVILLE removed the juvenile court hold that had been previously placed on an individual identified herein as "J. W."

All in violation of Article 118 of Louisiana Criminal Code.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(c).

A True Bill:

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