

ORIGINAL IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CHRISTOPHER BLACKWELL

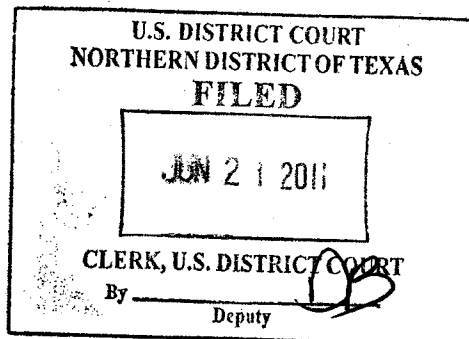
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No. **4-11-CR-097-Y**

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury Charges:

Introduction



I. At all times material to this Indictment:

- A. Defendant **Christopher Blackwell** ("Blackwell") was a resident of Colleyville, Texas, in the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas.
- B. D.W. was a resident of Dallas, Texas, in the Northern District of Texas.
- C. D.W. operated a business known as Seiko Investments.

II. The Scheme to Defraud

- A. Between approximately January 1, 2007 and the present, **Blackwell** operated a scheme and artifice to defraud investors by making materially false representations. **Blackwell** deceived potential investors by falsely telling them that he would invest their money in business ventures that would generate a high rate of return, and by fraudulently assuring them that the investments would involve little to no risk.

- B. **Blackwell** told investors that their money would be invested in specific business ventures. But when he received money from investors, he did not invest those funds. Instead, he used the majority of the money for his own personal benefit. **Blackwell** also occasionally used some of the funds received from new investors to make small payments to earlier investors. These payments were designed to convince investors that their money was generating a profit. Not all investors received payments from **Blackwell**, and many lost all of the money they invested.
- C. **Blackwell** occasionally produced false account statements showing that investments had appreciated. In reality, no investments had been made.
- D. In January, 2009, D.W. invested \$325,000 with **Blackwell**. **Blackwell** convinced D.W. to give him the money by falsely representing that he would invest D.W.'s money in business ventures that would realize substantial gains. D.W. relied on **Blackwell's** representations, and would not have given **Blackwell** the money had he known that those representations were false.
- E. **Blackwell** told D.W. where to wire his investment money, and D.W. wired the money pursuant to **Blackwell's** instructions. **Blackwell**, however, did not invest the money sent to him by D.W. Instead, **Blackwell** used the money for his own personal benefit.

- F. After wiring money to **Blackwell**, D.W. did not receive the payments or returns that he had been promised. D.W. asked **Blackwell** why he was not receiving payments, and **Blackwell** told D.W. that the payments were late because a wire transfer from HSBC bank had been delayed. **Blackwell** told D.W. that he would provide proof of the wire transfer.
- G. On September 30, 2009, **Blackwell** sent D.W. an email with an attached letter purportedly from HSBC bank. The attachment appeared to be on HSBC bank letterhead, and purported to show that \$250,000 dollars had been transferred to D.W.'s business, Seiko Investments, from HSBC bank. HSBC bank later confirmed that the document was fraudulent.
- H. To date, D.W. has not received any payments from **Blackwell**.
- I. During the course of his scheme to defraud, and in furtherance of it, **Blackwell** caused a number of wire communications to be sent. Because **Blackwell** recruited investors from a variety of geographic areas, he made and caused to be made a large number of interstate wire communications in furtherance of his scheme, including wire transfers of money, emails, and phone calls.

Count One
Wire Fraud
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343)

The Grand Jury realleges the allegations set forth in the Introduction to this Indictment.

On or about January 20, 2009, in the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere, defendant **Christopher Blackwell**, for the purpose of executing and in furtherance of the above scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money by means of materially false representations, knowingly caused to be transmitted in interstate commerce, by means of a wire communication, certain signs and signals, that is, **Blackwell** caused D.W., via D.W.'s stock broker in Dallas, Texas, to wire \$75,000 from Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, California to Bank of America in New York, New York.

All done in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343.

Count Two
Wire Fraud
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343)

The Grand Jury realleges the allegations set forth in the Introduction to this Indictment.

On or about January 21, 2009, in the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere, defendant **Christopher Blackwell**, for the purpose of executing and in furtherance of the above scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money by means of materially false representations, knowingly caused to be transmitted in interstate commerce, by means of a wire communication, certain signs and signals, that is, **Blackwell** caused D.W. to wire \$250,000 from an account held at Compass Bank in Richardson, Texas to Bank of America in New York, New York.

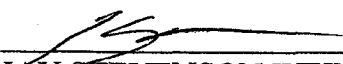
All done in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343.

A TRUE BILL.



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A true bill rendered:




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Filed in open court this 21st day of June, A.D. 2011.

In custody



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
(Magistrate Court Number, if applicable)

Criminal Case Cover Sheet

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Related Case Information

Superseding Indictment: Yes No

New Defendant: Yes No

Pending CR Case in NDTX: Yes No

Search Warrant Case Number: _____

Rule 20 from District of: _____

Magistrate Case Number: 4:11-MJ-116-BJ-FW

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1. Defendant Information

Juvenile: Yes No

Sealed: Yes No

Defendant Name

CHRISTOPHER BLACKWELL(1)

Alias Name

Address

2. U.S. Attorney Information

AUSA Jay Stevenson Weimer

Bar # 24013727

3. Interpreter

Yes No

If Yes, list language and/or dialect: _____

4. Location Status

Arrest Date: 6/01/2011

Federal Inmate

Already in State Custody

On Pretrial Release

Warrant to Issue

5. U.S.C. Citations

Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 2 Petty Misdemeanor Felony

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Description of Offense Charged</u>	<u>Count(s)</u>
18 U.S.C. § 1343	Wire Fraud	1
18 U.S.C. § 1343	Wire Fraud	2

Date 6/20/11

Signature of AUSA: [Signature]