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16 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

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20 Plaintiff,

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22 ENRIQUE FAUSTINO AGUILAR  
23 NORIEGA, ANGELA MARIA  
24 GOMEZ AGUILAR, LINDSEY  
25 MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
KEITH E. LINDSEY and  
26 STEVE K. LEE,

27 Defendants.

) CASE NO. CR 10-1031(A)-AHM  
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) **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO**  
) **DISMISS THE INDICTMENT**  
) **WITH PREJUDICE DUE TO**  
) **REPEATED AND INTENTIONAL**  
) **GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT;**  
) **DECLARATION OF JAN L.**  
) **HANDZLIK; EXHIBITS;**  
) **PROPOSED ORDER (FIELD**  
) **UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**  
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) Place: Courtroom 14

28 **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT WITH PREJUDICE  
DUE TO REPEATED AND INTENTIONAL GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT**

1 TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT as soon as the matter may be heard, in the  
3 Courtroom of the Honorable A. Howard Matz, defendants Lindsey Manufacturing  
4 Company (“LMC”), Keith E. Lindsey and Steve K. Lee (collectively, the  
5 “Defendants”), by and through their counsel of record, will move to dismiss the  
6 First Superseding Indictment (“FSI”) with prejudice.

7 This motion is based on the accompanying Memorandum of Points and  
8 Authorities, the attached declaration and exhibits, the files and records in this case,  
9 and the arguments and evidence to be presented at a hearing on this motion.  
10 Defendants have requested a hearing date of June 6, 2011, consistent with this  
11 Court’s 28-day motion practice requirement.

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT**

2 On April 15, 2011, the Court ordered the production of the complete  
3 transcripts of FBI Special Agent Susan Guernsey's ("Agent Guernsey") grand jury  
4 testimony. These transcripts revealed that Agent Guernsey made many materially  
5 false representations to the grand jury and deceived the grand jury by omitting  
6 material evidence. Her grand jury testimony, coupled with other troubling  
7 revelations, makes it clear that the investigation, prosecution and trial of this case  
8 has been fatally infected by prosecutorial misconduct.<sup>1</sup>

9 From the day the first search warrant was obtained, the investigation and  
10 prosecution of this matter has been tainted by materially false representations and  
11 testimony, all to the prejudice of Defendants. The November 14, 2008 affidavit of  
12 FBI Special Agent Farrell Binder ("Agent Binder") submitted in support of the  
13 warrant to search Lindsey Manufacturing Company ("LMC") contained false  
14 representations that deceived and misled the U.S. Magistrate Judge. *See* Trial  
15 Exhibit 2538 (for identification). As a result, this Court ordered a Franks hearing.

16 The misstatements in Agent Binder's affidavit were sworn to on subsequent  
17 occasions in support of other warrants (as late as October 2010) by other FBI  
18 agents and an IRS. One such affidavit was sworn to by FBI Special Agent Susan  
19 Guernsey ("Agent Guernsey") in support of the Bluffview seizure warrant.<sup>2</sup>

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21 <sup>1</sup> Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12(e) provides an exception "[f]or good  
22 cause" to the general requirement that motions to dismiss an indictment be made  
23 before trial. Here, ample good cause exists for filing this motion during trial. By  
24 repeatedly refusing to produce Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony until two  
25 weeks after trial had commenced, the prosecution concealed the government's  
26 misconduct from the Court and the defense. *See, e.g., United States v. Cathey*, 591  
27 F.2d 268, 271 n.1 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979) ("Because defendant did not receive a transcript  
28 of [the agent's] grand jury testimony until after the trial began, he could not be  
expected to comply with Rule 12(b)[3].")

<sup>2</sup> *See* Trial Exhibit 2533 (for identification), Affidavit of Agent Guernsey in  
support of Bluffview seizure warrant at ¶ 13 ("LINDSEY made several large  
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DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REPEATED AND INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT

1 Agent Binder's testimony at the March 23, 2011 Franks hearing disclosed  
2 that the prosecutors inserted the false representation concerning Sorvill into her  
3 affidavit. Agent Binder, who also told the Magistrate Judge that she had reviewed  
4 the Sorvill bank records, falsely represented that LMC made deposits into  
5 Aguilar's Sorvill account. This insertion was apparently made by the prosecutors  
6 without discussing it with Agent Binder or determining that she knew of its  
7 inclusion and agreed to its truthfulness. This false representation was used  
8 repeatedly in the subsequent affidavits supporting the various warrants to search  
9 LMC and its data, and to seize the Aguilars' property.

10 At the grand jury proceedings in September and October 2010, the  
11 prosecutors presented testimony that was designed to mislead the grand jury.  
12 Agent Guernsey summarized the case for the grand jurors, some of whom appeared  
13 clearly skeptical about the government's case. Her false and misleading testimony,  
14 presented in large part through the prosecutors' leading questions, concerned issues  
15 that were material to the allegations made in the First Superseding Indictment  
16 ("FSI"). Prosecutors, aware of the facts, did not correct the false testimony.

17 In contravention of their obligations under the due process clause of the  
18 Fifth Amendment and *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the prosecutors then  
19 concealed this false testimony from the Court and the Defendants – going so far as  
20 to keep Agent Guernsey off their witness list, until it became obvious that she was  
21 critical to laying the foundation of most government exhibits (both those obtained  
22 by search warrant and by subpoena) related to Lindsey and Lee.

23 The prosecutors repeatedly refused to produce information that would have  
24 revealed this misconduct. They repeatedly rebuffed requests by the Defendants for  
25 *Brady* materials, drafts of the search warrant affidavits and the complete transcript

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27 payments to Sorvill . . . .) and ¶ 18e ("Sorvill . . . also received payments from  
28 Lindsey. . . .").

1 of Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony. Defendants sought all *Brady* materials,  
2 which clearly included Agent Guernsey's false testimony to the grand jury, in the  
3 Bill of Particulars motion filed on November 30, 2010.

4 As early as January 3, 2011 the prosecutors informed defense counsel that  
5 Agent Guernsey would not be testifying at trial. The reason given: "because she  
6 had testified before the grand jury." *See* Handzlik Decl. at ¶ 7. This was the basis  
7 upon which the prosecutors declined defense counsels' repeated requests for Agent  
8 Guernsey's grand jury testimony. Instead of recognizing and acting on their  
9 responsibilities to produce favorable evidence relating to the question of guilt or  
10 innocence and potential punishment, the prosecutors obfuscated and concealed.  
11 Indeed, the prosecution admitted to this Court that it was calling a summary  
12 witness at trial who was unrelated to the case, in order to shield its investigation  
13 from scrutiny.<sup>3</sup>

14 Meanwhile, the prosecutors continually assured defense counsel and the  
15 Court that all discoverable information had been produced.<sup>4</sup> When faced with  
16 having to produce Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony in advance of the  
17 Lindsey Miranda hearing, the prosecutors purposefully extracted a handful of  
18 excerpts from the transcripts, intentionally concealing testimony riddled with  
19 material misrepresentations and falsehoods.

20 The prosecutors' attempt to sanitize Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony  
21 exemplifies their efforts to cover-up their course of conduct: they knew what was  
22 in the transcripts and, instead of owning up to it, produced only minor portions of

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24 <sup>3</sup> This is in direct contrast to the ABB prosecution involving Mr. O'Shea,  
25 where case agent Lisa Diemert (IRS) is set to testify as the summary witness. *See*  
26 Exhibit L (Transcript of September 30, 2010 pre-trial hearing in *United States v.*  
*O'Shea*, U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Tex., CR No. H-09-629 at p.16:16-18:19).

27 <sup>4</sup> *See, e.g.*, April 7, 2010 Trial Trans. at 880:21-881:22 ("We have done what  
28 we believe not only meets our obligation,<sup>3</sup> but exceeds it.")



1 it. But even these snippets of Agent Guernsey's testimony contained false and  
2 misleading information designed to influence the grand jury.

3 Only after the Court ordered production of the complete transcripts of Agent  
4 Guernsey's testimony and the drafts of Agent Binder's search warrant affidavit  
5 was the scope of the government's mendacity and misconduct revealed.

6 Sadly, there is considerable evidence of substantial and sustained  
7 prosecutorial misconduct throughout this case. The defendants have been  
8 irrevocably prejudiced. A dismissal of the FSI with prejudice is warranted.

9 **II. BACKGROUND**

10 **A. False Testimony was Presented to the Grand Jury**

11 In September and October 2010, the prosecution presented its case to a  
12 grand jury. Agent Guernsey, the summary witness, was the last witness called  
13 before both grand juries deliberated on the proposed charges. In addition to  
14 questions posed by prosecutors, many of which were leading, she was asked many  
15 questions by the grand jury; some jurors appeared to be skeptical about the  
16 government's evidence.

17 The transcripts reveal that Agent Guernsey made knowingly false and  
18 misleading representations on critical matters and omitted the disclosure of  
19 material facts. The prosecutors were present and knowledgeable about the facts.  
20 The knew that Agent Guernsey was providing the grand jury with deceptive and  
21 misleading testimony. The FSI, returned immediately after Agent Guernsey's  
22 testimony, was irrevocably tainted.

23 **1. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that 90% to 95% of the**  
24 **Funds in Grupo's Account Came from LMC**

25 The grand jurors' questions made it clear they were concerned about linking  
26 payments by LMC on the Grupo invoices to purportedly corrupt payments made  
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1 by Grupo. They specifically inquired about whether there were funds in the Grupo  
2 account that did not come from LMC. Indeed, the last question asked by a  
3 skeptical grand juror immediately before commencing deliberations sought to  
4 confirm that “that there were essentially no other funds in [Grupo’s] account other  
5 than those that came from [LMC].” Rather than inform the grand jury of the true  
6 facts,<sup>5</sup> Agent Guernsey falsely represented that “90, 95 percent of the funds in the  
7 Grupo account are from Lindsey.” *See* Exhibit C (Guernsey October 21, 2010  
8 Trans.), at 68:25-69:9, 75:14-21.

9 However, this is at odds with Agent Guernsey’s earlier sworn affidavit in  
10 support of one of the seizure warrants related to this case, in which she stated,  
11 “These deposits from LINDSEY constitute approximately 70% of all wire transfers  
12 and checks deposited into the Global account during this period.” *See* Trial  
13 Exhibit 2533, for identification (Affidavit of Agent Guernsey in support of  
14 Bluffview seizure warrant), at ¶ 47. As Agent Costley acknowledged at trial, this  
15 is a “material” variance from 90 to 95%. *See* April 29<sup>th</sup> Trial Trans. at 3244:16-25.

16 Agent Guernsey’s false statement, made in response to a skeptical juror’s  
17 question, gave the grand jurors no choice but to conclude that LMC’s funds had  
18 been used to pay bribes.

19 **2. In Her Grand Jury Testimony, Agent Guernsey Concealed**  
20 **LMC’s Prior Business Dealings with CFE that Occurred**  
21 **Before the Retention of Grupo**

22 The prosecutors and Agent Guernsey misrepresented and concealed that  
23 LMC and CFE had an established business relationship dating back to 1991 –  
24 eleven years before Grupo was retained as an independent sales representative.  
25 Agent Guernsey nonetheless falsely testified that their investigation “didn’t find  
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27 <sup>5</sup> Even under the government’s 29% - 71% theory, which is derived by  
28 arbitrarily limiting credits to third-party deposits, Agent Guernsey’s testimony is  
false.

1 that [LMC] got any [contracts] with their other rep.” Exhibit C (Guernsey October  
2 21, 2010 Trans.) at 34:20-24. Agent Guernsey further falsely stated that LMC  
3 “didn’t have a lot of business with CFE before they hired Aguilar.” Exhibit C  
4 (Guernsey October 21, 2010 Trans.) at 67:8-9.

5 As Agent Guernsey and the prosecutors knew, this was false. LMC had  
6 secured numerous contracts from CFE prior to engaging Mr. Aguilar’s company as  
7 its Mexican sales representative on about May 1, 2002. LMC entered into  
8 approximately ten contracts with a value of nearly \$9,000,000 with CFE during  
9 this period.<sup>6</sup> In fact, LMC was the primary source of CFE’s emergency restoration  
10 systems even before Mr. Aguilar’s retention. Agent Guernsey, testifying in late  
11 2010, knew her allegation about no prior contracts or significant business between  
12 CFE and LMC was false.

13 A grand jury subpoena calling for records of LMC’s dealings with CFE from  
14 1989 to 2009 was served on LMC in January of 2010. The documents produced  
15 by LMC lawyers directly to Agent Guernsey. They reflected a longstanding and  
16 lucrative relationship with CFE dating back to 1991. Although the subpoena and  
17 the accompanying cover letter stated that the documents produced would be  
18 handed over to the grand jury,<sup>7</sup> Agent Guernsey simply “logged into evidence at  
19 the FBI, and examined there, and then placed into storage.” See April 22, 2011  
20 Trial Transcript at 2470:6-8.

21 The purpose of these false and misleading representations was to mislead the  
22 grand jury into believing that LMC only got CFE business, or significant CFE

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24 <sup>6</sup> This constituted about 1/3 of all of LMC’s business with CFE.

25 <sup>7</sup> The cover letter from the prosecutor that accompanied the subpoena stated  
26 that all responsive records could be delivered *directly to Agent Guernsey*, in lieu of  
27 a grand jury appearance. See Exhibit F. The cover letter to Mr. Handzlik’s  
28 February 26, 2010 production on behalf of Lindsey Manufacturing Company states  
that the documents were produced “for presentation to the grand jury.” Exhibit G  
(February 26, 2010 Letter from Jan Handzlik to Susan Guernsey), at p. 1.

1 business, once it embarked on a corrupt relationship with Mr. Aguilar. This was  
2 clearly prejudicial and material to securing the FSI.

3 **3. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that Steve Lee had Informed**  
4 **the FBI that He “Didn’t Want to Know” How Grupo Used its**  
5 **Commission Payments**

6 The prosecution presented testimony from Agent Guernsey about Mr. Lee’s  
7 statement to FBI agents made at the time of the search. Agent Guernsey, who was  
8 not present at Mr. Lee’s interview, represented that Mr. Lee told the FBI that he  
9 “didn’t want to know” how Grupo was using its commission payment. *See Exhibit*  
10 *C* (Guernsey October 21, 2010 Trans. at 22:20-24). This was not true.

11 As reflected in the FBI 302 report, Mr. Lee never stated that he “didn’t want  
12 to know” how Grupo was using its commission. *See Exhibit H* (Lee 302). Ms.  
13 Guernsey simply misrepresented Mr. Lee’s FBI interview.

14 In addition, even though Agent Guernsey was not present at Mr. Lee’s  
15 interview, the prosecutors solicited Guernsey’s opinion as to whether she found  
16 Mr. Lee to be credible when he denied any knowledge of purported bribe payments  
17 by Mr. Aguilar. Agent Guernsey responded by denigrating Mr. Lee’s credibility,  
18 despite the fact that his statement was perfectly consistent with the facts. *See*  
19 *Exhibit C* (Guernsey October 21, 2010 Trans. at 23:6-21).

20 **4. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that LMC Corruptly**  
21 **Obtained an Advantage Over Competitors, Even Though**  
22 **There Were No Competitors**

23 Agent Guernsey’s falsely represented that Mr. Lee and Dr. Lindsey must  
24 have known that Mr. Aguilar was paying bribes, because LMC continued to obtain  
25 contracts with CFE, even though “they knew they weren’t the lowest bidders  
26 anymore.” *See Exhibit C* (Guernsey October 21, 2010 Trans. at 23:6-21). Agent  
27 Guernsey stressed that, until retaining Grupo, LMC “had always been very careful  
28 in the past to make sure they came in with one of the lowest bids, if not the lowest

1 bid,”<sup>8</sup> because it understood that “CFE usually awarded their contracts to one of  
2 the lowest bidders.” She then represented that the agreement to pay Grupo a 30%  
3 fee, which was passed along to CFE by marking up the price of LMC’s products,  
4 resulted in LMC no longer offering the lowest price to CFE. LMC was not the  
5 lowest bidder but still got the contracts. *See* Exhibit C (Guernsey October 21, 2010  
6 Trans. at 21:5-22:3). This is untrue.

7 In fact, as the government knew, during the period that Mr. Aguilar was  
8 LMC’s sales representative, there were *no* competitors for LMC’s ERS systems in  
9 Mexico.<sup>9</sup> *See* April 15 Trial Trans. at 1781:10-18, 1782:1-3. Indeed, in 2006, no  
10 one else competed in the public tenders resulting in LMC’s successful bids. Agent  
11 Guernsey’s representation that LMC gained an advantage over its competitors,  
12 who offered lower prices, was false. The prosecutors and Agent Guernsey  
13 concealed this crucial fact from the grand jury. Instead, in the closing summary of  
14 evidence to the grand jury, the prosecutors portrayed it as suspicious that LMC  
15 “began being awarded contracts from CFE . . . despite the fact that hiring Enrique  
16 Aguilar caused Lindsey Manufacturing to raise its prices by 30 percent.” *See*  
17 Exhibit E (Assistant U.S. Attorney’s (“AUSA”) Oct. 21, 2010 GJ Closing  
18 Summary at 16:14-17:2).<sup>10</sup>

19 This misrepresentation and concealment of known facts was extremely  
20 prejudicial. It clearly, yet falsely, conveyed to the grand jury that LMC must have

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22 <sup>8</sup> This too was a false statement. It was also inconsistent with Agent  
23 Guernsey’s own testimony that LMC has little or no prior CFE business.

24 <sup>9</sup> By the time LMC hired Grupo, it previous competitor for sales of  
25 compatible 1070 ERS towers to CFE, SBB, had stopped manufacturing the  
26 structure that was similar to and interchangeable with Lindsey’s IEEE standard  
27 1070 tower (also known as the “Lindsey Tower”). *See* April 15 Trial Trans. at  
28 1781:10-18, 1782:1-3.

<sup>10</sup> The prosecutors’ names have been redacted from the attached exhibits.

1 known Grupo was paying bribes, because that would be the only reason it could  
2 still win contracts at higher prices.

3 **5. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that LMC Gained an**  
4 **Immediate Advantage With CFE Upon Its Retention of Grupo**

5 The prosecutors presented testimony from Agent Guernsey that, upon  
6 retaining Mr. Aguilar, LMC immediately began obtaining contracts “regularly”  
7 with CFE. *See* Exhibit C (Guernsey October 21, 2010 Trans. at 34:9-11). The  
8 prosecutors and Agent Guernsey knew this was untrue.

9 As the records in their possession made clear, for several years after  
10 retaining Grupo, LMC’s sales to CFE continued in a sporadic fashion, just as they  
11 had before its retention. During the next 13 month period, LMC made only one  
12 sale to CFE. During 2005 and the first half of 2006, LMC made no sales to CFE.

13 Indeed, LMC did not obtain any significant contracts with CFE until July  
14 2006. This was more than four years after it retained Grupo and came on the heels  
15 of Hurricane Wilma, believed to be the worst hurricane to have ever hit Mexico.  
16 Wilma had devastating force and killed over 60 people, caused billions of dollars  
17 in damages and wiped out numerous power lines. These crucial facts were  
18 concealed from the grand jury. Instead, Agent Guernsey fostered the false  
19 impression that LMC immediately began receiving regular contracts with CFE  
20 upon retaining Grupo. This was extremely prejudicial. It reinforced her testimony  
21 that LMC had reason to suspect that it was getting business as the result of bribes  
22 by Mr. Aguilar.

23 **6. Agent Guernsey Misled the Grand Jury by Testifying that**  
24 **Corruption was the Only Plausible Reason That Grupo’s Fees**  
25 **were Higher than Those of Prior Sales Representatives**

26 In the grand jury proceedings, a skeptical juror specifically inquired as to  
27 whether there was any “plausible explanation” for why Grupo’s fee was higher  
28 than LMC’s earlier sales representative. Specifically, the juror asked if it could be

1 related to the fact that Grupo was taking on additional sales and travel  
2 responsibilities and, therefore, incurring more expenses on behalf of LMC. In  
3 response, Agent Guernsey falsely represented that there could be “no other  
4 explanation” for the higher fee other than the money being used for corrupt  
5 purposes. *See* Exhibit B (Guernsey September 8, 2011 Trans. at 35:13-36:11,  
6 82:5-23).

7 This testimony was misleading and deceptive in several respects. First, as  
8 noted above, based on the information seized and subpoenaed from LMC, the  
9 prosecutors and Agent Guernsey were aware that Grupo in fact performed  
10 significant outside services for LMC, including repeated travel, coordination of  
11 training, transportation of LMC’s products and translation. However, these facts  
12 were concealed from the grand jury.

13 Second, the prosecutors and Agent Guernsey were aware that the  
14 commission payments to LMC’s prior representatives in Mexico did not include  
15 the representatives’ expenses. Instead, the prior representatives separately billed  
16 LMC for the expenses they incurred. In contrast, the 30 percent fee paid to Grupo  
17 was all-inclusive, covering both the sales commission and expenses related to sales  
18 efforts and transportation. And it was payable only after sales were made and  
19 product delivered. The all-inclusive, contingent nature of Grupo’s fee was a  
20 plausible reason for its size as compared to prior sales representatives, who billed  
21 immediately and separately for their expenses. The prosecutors and Agent  
22 Guernsey, however, concealed this obvious and plausible reason for the higher  
23 percentage paid to Grupo.

24 Third, Agent Guernsey falsely represented that most of the money LMC  
25 paid to Mr. Aguilar was ultimately utilized to buy “luxury goods” for CFE  
26 officials. But, as the prosecutors and Agent Guernsey knew, the evidence did not  
27 support this implication. In truth, the evidence demonstrates that only about \$2.2  
28 million of these monies were allegedly used for these purposes. Moreover, the

1 earliest that Grupo made any purportedly corrupt payments to or on behalf of CFE  
2 officials was in August 2006.<sup>11</sup> There is no evidence to suggest that any corrupt  
3 payments were made by Grupo during the first four plus years it represented LMC,  
4 from May 2002 through July 2006. The prosecutors and Agent Guernsey  
5 concealed these key facts from the grand jury.

6 **7. Agent Guernsey Misled the Grand Jury by Testifying that**  
7 **Grupo Never Performed Outside Services for LMC**

8 In summarizing the evidence, Agent Guernsey represented that the Grupo  
9 invoices to LMC for its representation services were “false” and “fraudulent.” She  
10 testified that the Grupo invoices split the 30% fee charged by Grupo between 15%  
11 commissions and 15% outside services, such as travel expenses, training expenses  
12 and translation services. Agent Guernsey represented that these invoices were  
13 “fraudulent” – and designed to hide the fact that the 30% fee was entirely a  
14 commission – because Grupo did not actually perform the outside services  
15 reflected on the invoices. *See* Exhibit B (Guernsey Sept. 8, 2010 Trans. at 29:14-  
16 22, 35:6-23). This misleading testimony had no basis in fact.

17 As Agent Guernsey and the prosecutors knew from the records seized from  
18 LMC on November 20, 2008 and LMC’s production of documents (which was  
19 delivered directly to Agent Guernsey) in response to the January 20, 2010 grand  
20 jury subpoena, there was extensive evidence that Grupo was, in fact, performing  
21 valuable outside services for LMC. There are numerous e-mail exchanges between  
22 Mr. Aguilar and LMC reflecting Grupo’s marketing, sales and travel throughout  
23 Mexico on behalf of LMC. These records also show Mr. Aguilar’s involvement in  
24 other aspects of LMC’s products. The prosecutors and Agent Guernsey concealed  
25 this crucial evidence from the grand jury.

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27 <sup>11</sup> The first alleged corrupt payment consisted of a \$300 payment by Grupo on  
28 Nestor Moreno’s American Express bill.



1                   **8. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that LMC’s Funds Were**  
2                   **Used to Pay 100% of Nestor Moreno’s American Express Bill**

3           The prosecution elicited testimony from Agent Guernsey alleging that a  
4 portion of LMC deposits to the Grupo account were designed for the purpose of  
5 paying Nestor Moreno’s American Express bill. The prosecutors presented Agent  
6 Guernsey’s false testimony representing that “over \$170,000” of “Lindsey’s wire  
7 transfers [went] to pay off [Mr. Moreno’s] Amex bill.” *See* Exhibit C (Guernsey  
8 Oct. 21, 2010, Trans. at 35:19-36:5).

9           All of LMC’s wire transfers to the Grupo account were expressly tied to  
10 invoices from Grupo and linked to actual contract payments by CFE to LMC.  
11 Although she knew it, Agent Guernsey failed to inform the grand jurors that no  
12 LMC funds were used to pay Mr. Moreno’s American Express bills.

13                   **9. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that Most of the Funds in**  
14                   **Grupo’s Account at the Time of the Yacht Purchase Came**  
15                   **From LMC**

16           The prosecutors and Agent Guernsey represented to the grand jury that, in  
17 August 2006, “the money in [the Grupo account] was largely from the money that  
18 was received from Lindsey Manufacturing” and “that money was used to purchase  
19 a yacht.” *See* Exhibit B (Sept. 8, 2010 Trans. at 56:6-57:4, 62:11-18). This was  
20 untrue. In fact, no LMC monies had been deposited into the Grupo account for the  
21 previous 18 months, and no LMC monies were in the account when the yacht was  
22 purchased.

23           In the closing summary of evidence for the grand jury, the prosecutors  
24 sought to reinforce the false notion that LMC’s funds could be specifically traced  
25 to corrupt payments. The prosecutor advised the grand jury that “approximately  
26 \$5,000,000 was wired from Lindsey’s California bank account to the Grupo’s  
27 Global Financial account in Houston, Texas,” and “Enrique Aguilar used *that*

1 money to buy goods and services for Nestor Moreno.”<sup>12</sup> (emphasis added) *See*  
2 Exhibit D (AUSA Sept. 15, 2010 GJ Closing Summary at 46:15-20); Exhibit E  
3 (AUSA Oct. 21, 2010 GJ Closing Summary at 18:5-11).

4 **10. Agent Guernsey Falsely Represented that LMC Committed a**  
5 **Possible Tax Crime by Creating a False Document**

6 During Agent Guernsey’s testimony, the prosecution introduced a July 3,  
7 2006 contract between LMC and Grupo. The prosecution questioned Agent  
8 Guernsey about why this written agreement was made in 2006. Agent Guernsey  
9 responded by falsely stating that the agreement was created in 2006 “in response,  
10 actually, to an IRS audit of Lindsey Manufacturing’s account practices,” so that  
11 LMC would have some “documentation” supporting its payments to Grupo. *See*  
12 Exhibit B (Guernsey Sept. 8, 2010 Trans. at 80:10-20).

13 As of July 3, 2006, LMC had received no notification that the IRS would be  
14 auditing any of its tax years. In addition, when LMC was notified of an audit on  
15 July 12, 2006, that audit did not involve issues relating to tax year 2006 or to sales  
16 commissions or costs of sales. Rather, it related to, among other things, bad debt  
17 deductions in 2004 and 2005.

18 In fact, LMC was not informed about an audit concerning tax year 2006 and  
19 commissions paid until February 2008. This was when IRS revenue agent Kellie  
20 Hua took over the audit. As a result, as the prosecutors and Agent Guernsey well  
21 knew, the 2006 contract was not created “in response” to an IRS audit.

22 The presentation of this false testimony to the grand jury regarding the  
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24 <sup>12</sup> With regard to the Ferrari purchase, a prosecutor made patently untrue  
25 representations regarding Ms. Aguilar’s involvement when summarizing the  
26 evidence for the grand jury. On September 15, 2010 and again on October 21,  
27 2010, the prosecutor informed the grand jury that “Angela Aguilar presented a  
28 passport *at* the car dealership.” *See* Exhibit D (AUSA Sept. 15, 2010 GJ Closing  
Summary at 47:3-5); Exhibit E (AUSA Oct. 21, 2010 GJ Closing Summary at  
18:15-18) (emphasis added). As the prosecutors well knew, Ms. Aguilar was never

1 apparent fabrication of the 2006 contract improperly alleged that LMC had  
2 willfully sought to deceive the IRS. In fact, no audit was underway at the time and  
3 it was not until 2008 that the IRS raised any issue regarding LMC cost of sales,  
4 including commission payments. This is confirmed by evidence that was already  
5 in the government's possession.

6 **11. Agent Guernsey Falsely Testified that LMC Reclassified its**  
7 **Payments to Grupo in 2006 in an Effort to Deceive The IRS**

8 Agent Guernsey also falsely testified that, in response to the IRS audit, LMC  
9 began splitting the Grupo fees between commissions and outside services on its  
10 general ledger in 2005 or 2006, in an effort to conceal the commissions.

11 Agent Guernsey represented that "in '05 or '06 [LMC was] audited by the  
12 IRS," and "all of a sudden" Steve Lee instructed LMC's bookkeeper "to reclassify  
13 the commission" and "split it out" with 15% to commission and the other 15% to  
14 other services. Agent Guernsey asserted that "he did that with any of the  
15 commissions that had been submitted or the bills that had been submitted by Grupo  
16 up to that point." According to Agent Guernsey, once "all those documents [were]  
17 reclassified," they "were turned over to their accountant for the IRS audit." See  
18 Exhibit C (Agent Guernsey Oct. 21, 2010 Trans. at 29:24-31:21).

19 This testimony is false and misleading in several respects. First, the decision  
20 to split the payments in LMC's ledger in 2006 could not have been in response to  
21 an IRS audit. As noted earlier, the audit of LMC's commission payments in tax  
22 year 2006 did not commence until 2008. As a result, at the time Mr. Lee instructed  
23 Ms. Kwok to reclassify the August 2006 invoice, LMC could not have known of  
24 an audit for tax year 2006 concerning commissions.

25 Second, there is no evidence to suggest that, in 2006 (or anytime), LMC  
26 reclassified any of its past payments to Grupo. Ms. Kwok first began handling  
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28 at the Ferrari dealership.

1 LMC's general ledger in 2005. The first time she received an invoice from Grupo  
2 was in August 2006, since LMC had no sales to CFE in 2005 and much of 2006.  
3 At the time the invoice was sent by LMC to CFE, Ms. Kwok initially classified the  
4 entire contingent liability to Grupo as a commission. Thereafter, when payment  
5 was received from CFE, Ms. Kwok asked Mr. Lee how the impending payment to  
6 Grupo should be classified and posted.

7 Mr. Lee informed Ms. Kwok that the payment was to be allocated 15% to  
8 commission and 15% to outside services. The August 2006 entry is the *only* entry  
9 that was reclassified.<sup>13</sup> See Trial Exhibits 101 to 149 (Grupo Invoices to LMC).

10 It is clear that this misleading testimony about LMC's reclassification of its  
11 payments to Grupo influenced the jurors. A juror specifically asked about the  
12 purported reclassification by LMC in response to an IRS investigation. Neither  
13 Agent Guernsey nor the prosecution clarified to the juror that the reclassification in  
14 2006 was an isolated incident and was not in response to any IRS audit or  
15 investigation. They also did not reveal that the IRS audit found no irregularities in  
16 the payments to the Mexican sales representatives and no taxes owing. See Exhibit  
17 C (Guernsey Oct. 21, 2010 Trans. at 64:23-65:18).

18 **B. Agent Guernsey's False and Misleading Testimony and the**  
19 **Prosecutors' Role in Presenting it to the Grand Jury was**  
20 **Concealed from the Defense Until Partway Through Trial**

21 Defense counsel repeatedly requested the disclosure of Agent Guernsey's  
22 grand jury testimony. The prosecutors steadfastly refused to disclose it. They did  
23 so on the basis that they would not be calling Agent Guernsey as a witness at trial.

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25 <sup>13</sup> From a tax perspective, whether LMC classified the payments to Grupo as a  
26 commission or other expense made no difference. Either were fully deductible as  
27 sales expenses. Accordingly, LMC did not receive any tax advantage from  
28 reclassifying the August 2006 payment to Grupo, nor did it or would have any  
reason to hide it. The grand jury was not made aware of this.

1 The transcript was finally produced in the midst of trial, on April 15, 2011,  
2 pursuant to the Court Order. *See* Handzlik Dec. at ¶¶ 3-11. Given the numerous  
3 false and misleading representations Agent Guernsey made to the grand jury, the  
4 prosecutors should have voluntarily turned the transcript over at the outset. Instead,  
5 they chose to conceal Agent Guernsey's false and misleading testimony and their  
6 own role in presenting it to the grand jury.

7 **C. Prosecutors Failed to Disclose the Falsities in Agent Binder's**  
8 **Search Warrant Affidavit.**

9 On November 14, 2008, the FBI applied for a warrant to search the premises  
10 of LMC. The application stated that it was based on the sworn affidavit of Agent  
11 Binder. In that affidavit, Agent Binder linked routine payments by LMC to its  
12 Mexican sales representative, Grupo, with purportedly corrupt payments by  
13 Enrique Aguilar to CFE officials. Agent Binder represented that Sorvill was a  
14 foreign account controlled by Mr. Aguilar. Among other things, the affidavit  
15 falsely stated that "Sorvill, one of the intermediaries that received payments from  
16 ABB Sugarland, also received payments from LINDSEY. . ." Trial Exhibit 2538  
17 (Binder Aff. for November 14, 2008 Search Warrant), at ¶ 18e. As the record now  
18 demonstrates, LMC never deposited funds into the Sorvill account.<sup>14</sup>

19 The insertion of non-existent Sorvill deposits into Agent Binder's affidavit  
20 in support of the 2008 search warrant should have been immediately disclosed.  
21 Again, as with the transcript of Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony, there can  
22 be no excuse for non-disclosure in light of the direct requests by the defense for  
23 this information. *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), required this disclosure.  
24 From the outset of this case, defense counsel repeatedly requested the disclosure of

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26 <sup>14</sup> The prosecutors only conceded this key fact on March 10, 2011, when  
27 forced to respond to the Defendants' motion for a Franks hearing. The government  
28 chose not to disclose this key exculpatory fact sooner, despite the fact that,  
according to Agent Binder, the government had been aware of this false

1 all *Brady* material, including drafts of the affidavits in support of the search  
2 warrants. *See* Declaration of Jan L. Handzlik (“Handzlik Dec.”) at ¶¶ 2-5. But the  
3 government consistently refused to disclose this evidence until specifically ordered  
4 to do so by this Court after Agent Binder’s testimony.<sup>15</sup>

5 At the March 23, 2011 Franks hearing, Agent Binder testified that the false  
6 Sorvill representations in her affidavit were inserted by the prosecutors. *See*  
7 Exhibit I (March 23, 2011 Trans.), at 13:6-23, 15:3-14, 58:22-59:1. She testified  
8 that they did not consult her before inserting this false representation, did not  
9 confirm the facts with her, or bring the insertion to her attention. This false  
10 statement was repeated in later sections of search warrant and seizure affidavits.

11 Additionally, the prosecution waited until the Court issued its tentative  
12 ruling denying the defendants’ Franks motion before disclosing an “additional  
13 error” in Agent Binder’s search warrant affidavit.<sup>16</sup> This “additional error”  
14 concerned the affidavit’s failure to disclose a deposit of approximately \$433,000  
15 into the Grupo account, by someone other than LMC, at the time of the Ferrari  
16 purchase. *See* Exhibit I (March 23, 2011 Trans.), at 62:21-63:13. This exculpatory  
17 evidence should likewise have been identified and disclosed by the prosecutors  
18 long before the Franks hearing.

19 **D. The Government’s Misconduct Includes Additional**  
20 **Misrepresentations and Further Brady Violations**

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22 representation since before the indictment in this case was returned.

23 <sup>15</sup> The drafts of Agent Binder’s November 14, 2008 affidavit were produced,  
24 pursuant to Court order, on or about March 24, 2011. This was only after Agent  
25 Binder disclosed through cross-examination on March 23, 2011 that the  
26 prosecution had inserted the Sorvill misrepresentation into her affidavit for the  
27 search warrant. Agent Binder’s testimony revealed that the prosecutors had not  
28 even requested that Agent Binder provide copies of the draft affidavits to them, so  
they could be reviewed for *Brady* material. *See* Exhibit I (March 23, 2010 Trans.),  
at 33:23-34:11.

<sup>16</sup> The Assistant U.S. Attorney’s initials appear on the cover sheet of the

1 The government's concealment of key evidence was not isolated to Agent  
2 Guernsey and Agent Binder. It has plagued the entire case. The latest instances of  
3 misconduct include the prosecutors misrepresentations to the Court to justify their  
4 April 28, 2011 motion to admit previously undisclosed information about SBB  
5 evidence and their failure to disclose certain *Brady* and Jencks discovery until after  
6 the conclusion of their case in chief.

7 **1. The Government's Motion to Admit SBB Evidence was**  
8 **Founded on False Representations.**

9 In an attempt to justify their belated attempt to introduce certain misleading  
10 and highly prejudicial information concerning SBB, the government accused the  
11 defense of having concealed until trial one of the flaws with the government's  
12 case.

13 The prosecutors' moving papers represented that the SBB materials were  
14 necessary to "rebut a defense **raised for the first time at trial** and made in its  
15 most direct form during the testimony of the last witness, Special Agent Guernsey,  
16 namely that defendant LMC could not have been paying bribes between 2002 and  
17 2008 because it had no competition during that period as none of LMC's  
18 competitors made a '1070' tower." *See* Docket Entry 483 (Government's Motion  
19 to Admit Government Exhibit 1022 at 1:6-12) (emphasis added). The prosecutors  
20 further asserted that "[t]he government could not have been expected to predict,  
21 pre-trial, that the defendants defense would rest on the (false) premise that LMC's  
22 competitors did not meet a particular technical standard." *Id.* at 5:2-5.17

23 These representations are untrue. In fact, the government was put on notice  
24 by the defense before trial that the lack of competition for LMC's ERS towers in

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26 warrant application.

27 It was highly misleading for prosecutors to tell the Court that the defense  
28 had asserted that LMC's competitors "did not meet a particular technical  
standard." In fact, other companies manufactured and sold the 1070 tower or a

1 Mexico during Grupo's retention was a flaw in the prosecution's case. The  
2 Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the First Superseding Indictment for Violation of  
3 *Brady v. Maryland*, which was filed on March 22, 2011 – more than a week before  
4 trial commenced –stressed the lack of competition in Mexico during the relevant  
5 time period. *See* Handzlik Decl. at ¶¶ 23-24. That motion specifically notes:

6 [S]tarting in about 2000, LMC was the only company  
7 manufacturing and supplying the industry-standard 1070  
8 transmission towers. During the time period charged in  
9 the FSI, LMC had no competition. CFE had purchased  
10 many of these towers long before Mr. Aguilar became  
11 the LMC sales representative and it was happy with  
12 them. As a result, LMC was the only bidder on these  
13 contracts that went to bid. [*See* Docket Entry 317 (at  
14 11:22-28).]

15 Accordingly, the prosecutors were clearly aware of this flaw in their case  
16 before trial. Their representations to the contrary are simply false.

17 **2. The Government Delayed the Production of Certain *Brady* and**  
18 **Jencks Materials until after their Case-in-Chief.**

19 In another recent development that was troubling and prejudicial to the  
20 defense, following the close of their case-in-chief on May 3, 2011, the prosecution  
21 produced, for the first time, several pieces of key discovery, including *Brady* and  
22 Jencks materials. On the evening of May 3, 2011, the defense received FBI 302  
23 reports for five witnesses who were interviewed between March 30, 2011 and  
24 April 4, 2011. *See* Exhibit K. This production was accompanied by a cover letter  
25 from the prosecutors indicating that the government had intended to produce the  
26 materials on April 4<sup>th</sup>, but “cannot be certain that the April 4 production was

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28 similar tower during the indictment period.<sup>19</sup>



1 actually made.” *See* Exhibit J. *See also* Handzlik Decl. at ¶¶ 20-21. In fact, it was  
2 not.

3 Despite this, on April 7, 2011, the prosecution specifically assured this Court  
4 that it had conducted a “top-to-bottom review of discovery that’s been turned over  
5 and what we’re required to turn over” and confirmed “[w]e have done what we  
6 believe not only meets our obligation, but exceeds it.” *See* April 7 Trial Trans. at  
7 880:21-881:22). The delayed production of the five FBI 302 reports further  
8 demonstrates that this assurance was not accurate.

9 Moreover, this delayed production was prejudicial to the defense. The late  
10 production included an April 4<sup>th</sup> FBI 302 report for Fernando M. Basurto, a witness  
11 who testified three days later, on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, in the government’s case-in-  
12 chief. Pursuant to the Jencks Act, the government was required to disclose this  
13 testimony for the defense for cross examination purposes.<sup>18</sup> They did not.

14 The late production also included *Brady* materials. The four other FBI 302  
15 reports reflected interviews of former LMC employees. *See* Exhibit K. One of the  
16 former employees, Patrick Rowan, who was employed by LMC as a design  
17 engineer from 2001 to 2005, stated that he was aware of LMC having trouble with  
18 a Mexican job during his employment. He relayed that there had been hopes of  
19 getting a large Mexican job that never came to fruition during his four years of  
20 employment. The report indicates that he ultimately “‘kissed off’ the big job  
21 because it kept getting pushed back.”

22 This statement by Mr. Rowan is helpful to the defense, since it undermines  
23 the government’s theory that, upon retaining Grupo, LMC promptly began  
24 securing a windfall of contracts with CFE. As the prosecutors knew, Mr. Rowan’s  
25 statement supports the defense’s position that this did not happen. It corroborates

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27 <sup>18</sup> The government had actually agreed to produce Jencks statements for all  
28 government witnesses prior to their testimony.

1 the fact that contracts with CFE were sporadic during the four years following the  
2 retention of Grupo, from 2002 through 2005. The prosecutors were  
3 constitutionally required to produce this exculpatory evidence upon obtaining it.  
4 In violation of *Brady*, they did not.

### 5 **III. THE INDICTMENT SHOULD BE DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**

6 The Ninth Circuit has expressly held that “[a]n indictment may be dismissed  
7 with prejudice under either of two theories.” *United States v. Chapman*, 524 F.3d  
8 1073, 1081 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). First, dismissal with prejudice is warranted when  
9 “outrageous government conduct . . . amounts to a due process violation.” *Id.*  
10 Second, even if the misconduct does not rise to the level of a due process violation,  
11 “the court may nonetheless dismiss under its supervisory powers” so long as the  
12 misconduct is “flagrant” and causes “substantial prejudice” to the defendant. *Id.* at  
13 1084-87. “[F]lagrant misbehavior” includes “reckless disregard for the  
14 prosecution’s constitutional obligations.” *Id.* at 1085. Dismissal premised on the  
15 Court’s supervisory powers is “used as a prophylactic tool for discouraging future  
16 deliberate governmental impropriety of a similar nature.” *United States v.*  
17 *Samango*, 607 F.2d 877, 884 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979).

#### 18 **A. The Government’s Presentation of False Testimony to the Grand** 19 **Jury Constituted Flagrant Misconduct and a Violation of Due** 20 **Process.**

21 It is well established that “[d]ismissal of an indictment is required . . . in  
22 flagrant cases in which the grand jury has been overreached or deceived in some  
23 significant way, as where perjured testimony has knowingly been presented.” *Id.*  
24 at 884. Indeed, “deliberate introduction of perjured testimony is perhaps the most  
25 flagrant example of misconduct.” *Id.* The Ninth Circuit has gone so far as to hold  
26 that a prosecutor’s failure to rectify the known presentation of perjured testimony  
27 to the grand jury rises to the level of a due process violation. *See United States v.*  
28 *Basurto*, 497 F.2d 781, 785-86 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1974).

1 In *Basurto*, after the grand jury returned the indictment but prior to the  
2 commencement of trial, the prosecution learned that one of the key witnesses  
3 before the grand jury had committed perjury. *Id.* at 784. Upon learning of the  
4 perjured testimony, the prosecutor informed opposing counsel. He did not,  
5 however, notify the court or the grand jury, and the case proceeded to trial. *Id.* at  
6 786. In his opening statement at trial, the prosecutor made reference to the perjury  
7 before the grand jury, but sought to minimize its scope and importance. *Id.* at 784-  
8 85. The defendants were ultimately convicted. They subsequently appealed,  
9 arguing that their right to due process was violated by having to stand trial on an  
10 indictment secured through perjury. *Id.* at 784.

11 The Ninth Circuit agreed. The Court reasoned that a prosecutor's great  
12 power over the grand jury proceedings gives rise to a corresponding duty to ensure  
13 that the proceedings are not tainted with perjury:

14 Today, the grand jury relies upon the prosecutor to  
15 initiate and prepare criminal cases and investigate which  
16 come before it. The prosecutor is present while the grand  
17 jury hears testimony; he calls and questions the witnesses  
18 and draws the indictment. With that great power and  
19 authority there is a correlative duty, and that is not to  
20 permit a person to stand trial when he knows that perjury  
21 permeates the indictment. [*Id.* at 785]

22 The Ninth Circuit continued:  
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1 At the point at which he learned of the perjury before the  
2 grand jury, the prosecuting attorney was under a duty to  
3 notify the court and the grand jury, to correct the cancer  
4 of justice that had become apparent to him. To permit  
5 the appellants to stand trial when the prosecutor knew of  
6 the perjury before the grand jury only allowed the cancer  
7 to grow. [*Id.*]

8 In reaching its decision, the Ninth Circuit also stressed that “jeopardy had  
9 not attached at the time the prosecutor learned of the perjured testimony.” *Id.* It  
10 noted that the prosecution could have, but chose not to, cure the defect by  
11 dismissing the tainted indictment and proceeding to trial under a new indictment.<sup>19</sup>  
12 *Id.*

13 The Court ultimately held that “the Due Process Clause of the Fifth  
14 Amendment is violated when a defendant has to stand trial on an indictment which  
15 the government knows is based partially on perjured testimony, when the perjured  
16 testimony is material, and when jeopardy has not attached.” *Id.* at 785. It therefore  
17 reversed the conviction.

18 **B. The Prosecutors Knew that Agent Guernsey had Testified Falsely**  
19 **and Misled the Grand Jury**

20 Here, the prosecutors’ misconduct is even more egregious than the conduct  
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22 <sup>19</sup> While the opinion did not directly address the issue, the Court’s reasoning  
23 suggests that, by allowing the trial to proceed despite knowing of a tainted  
24 indictment, the prosecution effectively prevented a retrial under a new indictment  
25 due to the Double Jeopardy Clause. The Court noted that, “if the prosecutor had  
26 brought the perjury to the court’s attention before the trial commenced and the  
27 indictments had been dismissed, the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth  
28 Amendment would not have barred trial under a new indictment.” *Id.* The Double  
Jeopardy Clause therefore provides an additional reason why the dismissal of the  
indictment in this case must be with prejudice.

1 addressed by the Court in *Basurto*. As in *Basurto*, the prosecutors in this case  
2 knew well before trial about Agent Guernsey's false statements to the grand jury.  
3 In fact, based on the search warrant affidavit she had previously signed and other  
4 documents already in the government's possession, the prosecutors knew Agent  
5 Guernsey's statements were false at the time they were made to the grand jury.

6 This is even more troubling than was the case in *Basurto*. There the  
7 prosecution learned of the perjury only after the indictment had been returned.  
8 Here, the evidence indicates that the prosecutors presented the false and misleading  
9 testimony to the grand jury.<sup>20</sup>

10 Also, unlike the prosecutor in *Basurto* – who voluntarily disclosed the  
11 perjured testimony to the defense before trial and alerted the jury to the perjury in  
12 opening statements – the prosecutors in this case concealed the false and  
13 misleading testimony. The prosecutors declined repeated requests for the  
14 transcript of Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony. The complete transcript was  
15 only produced by the prosecutors mid-trial when they were ordered by the Court.  
16 By that time, jeopardy had attached, trial was well under way, and numerous  
17 government witnesses had completed their testimony. In short, the prosecutors did  
18 not comply with their obligation to bring the false testimony to the attention of the  
19 grand jury, the Court, and defense counsel. Instead, they made every effort to  
20 conceal it, to the prejudice of the Defendants.

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22 <sup>20</sup> In further violation of their ethical obligations, the prosecutors also  
23 concealed from the grand jury evidence that contradicted the testimony of Agent  
24 Guernsey – such as her sworn Bluffview seizure affidavit and numerous contracts  
25 between LMC and CFE predating the retention of Grupo, which had been in the  
26 government's possession for over a year. *See United States v. Samango*, 607 F.2d  
27 877, 884 n.8 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979) (“If evidence exists . . . which casts serious doubt on  
28 the credibility of testimony which the jurors are asked to rely upon in finding an  
indictment, the prosecutor has an ethical duty to bring it to their attention.”)  
(quoting 8 Moore's Federal Practice p. 6.03(2) at 6-41 (2d ed. 1978)).

1 It is clear that the false testimony of Agent Guernsey influenced the grand  
2 jury and therefore prejudiced the defendants. *See Bank of Nova Scotia v. United*  
3 *States*, 487 U.S. 250, 256, 263 (1988) (“The prejudicial inquiry must focus on  
4 whether any violations had an effect on the grand jury’s decision to indict” and  
5 dismissal is warranted where the misconduct “substantially influenced the grand  
6 jury’s decision to indict, or if there is ‘grave doubt’ that the decision to indict was  
7 free from the substantial influence of such violations.”)

8 As detailed above, much of Agent Guernsey’s false testimony came in  
9 response to pointed questions by skeptical jurors. Indeed, one of the most blatant  
10 misrepresentations– the assurance that “90, 95 percent of the funds in Grupo are  
11 from Lindsey” – came in response to the final question by a skeptical grand juror  
12 immediately before deliberations began on October 21, 2010. There is no doubt  
13 this and other false and misleading testimony “substantially influenced” the grand  
14 jury’s decision to indict or, at the very least, poses “grave doubt” as to whether the  
15 decision was tainted.

16 In sum, the prosecutors’ conduct in presenting false and misleading  
17 testimony and then keeping it from the defense, the grand jury and the Court was  
18 willful and flagrant. This calls for dismissal of the indictment with prejudice,  
19 pursuant to the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment and the Court’s  
20 supervisory powers over the administration of justice in the District.

21 **C. The Prosecutors’ Suppression of *Brady* Material, including False**  
22 **Statements in Grand Jury Testimony and in Other Sworn**  
23 **Statements, Calls for Dismissal of the Indictment with Prejudice**

24 The Ninth Circuit has held that, “we expect prosecutors and investigators to  
25 take all reasonable measures to safeguard the system against treachery.” *Benn v.*  
26 *Lambert*, 283 F.3d 1040, 1062 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002). This includes, under *Brady v.*  
27 *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), a duty to disclose “information in the possession of  
28 the prosecutor and his investigating offices that is helpful to the defendant.”

1 *United States v. Price*, 566 F.3d 900, 903 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009). It also “includes the duty  
2 as required by *Giglio* to turn over to the defense in discovery all material  
3 information casting a shadow on a government witness’s credibility.” *Benn*, 283  
4 F.3d at 1062, citing *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972).

5 In *United States v. Chapman*, 524 F.3d 1073 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008), the Court  
6 affirmed the dismissal of an indictment with prejudice when the prosecution failed  
7 to produce, until mid-trial, extensive *Brady* and *Giglio* materials. Like here, the  
8 prosecution in that case had previously misrepresented that it had fully complied  
9 with its discovery obligations. *Id.* at 1085. The Ninth Circuit reasoned that “the  
10 failure to produce documents and to record what had or had not been disclosed,  
11 along with the affirmative misrepresentations to the Court of full compliance,  
12 support the district court’s finding of flagrant prosecutorial misconduct, even if the  
13 documents themselves were not intentionally withheld from the defense.” *Id.* at  
14 1085.

15 In *Chapman*, the court also affirmed the District Court’s decision to dismiss  
16 the indictment with prejudice rather than declare a mistrial. Noting the weak case  
17 that the government had presented thus far at trial, the Ninth Circuit reasoned that  
18 “the mistrial remedy would advantage the government, probably allowing it to  
19 salvage what the district court viewed as a poorly conducted prosecution.” *Id.* at  
20 1087. Accordingly, it concluded that “a dismissal was the only means of avoiding  
21 prejudice to the Defendants.” *Id.*; see also *United States v. Fitzgerald*, 615 F.  
22 Supp. 2d 1156, 1161-62 (S.D. Cal. 2009) (holding that dismissal of indictment  
23 with prejudice, rather than mistrial, was warranted for *Brady* violation, because  
24 “the strength of the Government’s case against Defendant was not overwhelming”  
25 and, therefore, “retrial would be substantially prejudicial” in that it would “allow  
26 the Government to revise its case strategy”).

27 The similar situation presented here warrants a similar holding. As  
28 developed earlier in this motion, throughout the investigation and prosecution of

1 this case, the prosecutors violated their obligations under *Brady* and *Giglio*. They  
2 did so by withholding and concealing false and misleading testimony and sworn  
3 statements on material issues given by the two FBI case agents, Agents Guernsey  
4 and Binder. They were jointly responsible for leading the investigation of this  
5 case.

6 As in *Chapman*, the only way to remedy these substantial and sustained  
7 *Brady* violations is to dismiss the indictment with prejudice. The lesser remedy of  
8 a dismissal without prejudice would unfairly disadvantage and prejudice the  
9 Defendants and advantage the government. The government's case-in-chief is  
10 weak. The prosecutors should not be permitted the benefit of revising their case  
11 strategy and searching for additional evidence, given that any retrial would be  
12 necessitated by their own misconduct.

13 **IV. CONCLUSION**

14 For these reasons, the First Superseding Indictment should be dismissed  
15 with prejudice.

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**DECLARATION OF JAN L. HANDZLIK**

I, Jan L. Handzlik, declare:

1. I am a lawyer duly admitted to practice law before this Court and in the courts of the State of California. I am counsel of record for Defendants Keith E. Lindsey and Lindsey Manufacturing Company (“LMC”) (collectively “Lindsey Defendants”) in this case. Unless otherwise stated, I have personal and first-hand knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to those facts.

2. As reflected in the Joint Proposed Schedule for Discovery, filed with the Court on November 29, 2010, I met with the Assistant U.S. Attorney (“AUSA”) and Janet Levine at the offices of Crowell & Moring on November 22, 2010 for the purpose of meeting and conferring regarding discovery issues.

3. At the November 22, 2010 meeting, the defense requested that the government produce all *Brady* materials, including any and all statements and testimony that contained *Brady* or *Giglio* information. The AUSA agreed to produce all required *Brady* materials by December 3, 2010.

4. At the November 22, 2010 meeting, the defense also requested that the government produce drafts of any witness statements, which included drafts of FBI Special Agent Farrell Binder’s (“Agent Binder’s”) November 14, 2008 search warrant affidavit. The AUSA declined to produce these materials. The defense received drafts of Agent Binder’s affidavit only after the Court ordered them produced on March 24, 2011.

5. Counsel for the parties conducted a second meet and confer meeting concerning discovery at the prosecutors’ offices on January 3, 2011. Counsel for the Lindsey Defendants and Mr. Lee attended. At that meeting, the AUSA and the DOJ trial attorney assigned to the case represented that the government had produced all *Brady* materials to the defense.



1 12. Attached as Exhibits B and C are copies of excerpts from the  
2 transcript of Agent Guernsey's grand jury testimony on September 8, 2010 and  
3 October 21, 2010, respectively.

4 13. Attached as Exhibit D and E are copies of excerpts from the transcript  
5 of the AUSA's closing instructions to the grand jury on September 15, 2010 and  
6 October 21, 2010, respectively.

7 14. Attached as Exhibit F is the January 12, 2010 subpoena, accompanied  
8 by the AUSA's cover letter, that the government attorneys issued to LMC. I  
9 accepted service of the subpoena on LMC's behalf.

10 15. Attached as Exhibit G is a copy of my cover letter from the  
11 production that was hand-delivered to Agent Guernsey on February 26, 2010.

12 16. Attached as Exhibit H is a copy of the FBI 302 report of Steve Lee's  
13 interview on November 20, 2008.

14 17. The November 14, 2008 Affidavit of Agent Binder in support of the  
15 search warrant for LMC has been marked for identification as trial Exhibit 2538.

16 18. Attached as Exhibit I are excerpts from the transcript of the March 23,  
17 2011 hearing on Defendants' Franks motion.

18 19. The December 1, 2008 Affidavit of Agent Guernsey in support of the  
19 Bluffview seizure warrant has been marked for identification as trial Exhibit 2533.

20 20. Attached as Exhibit J is a May 3, 2011 discovery cover letter I  
21 received from the prosecutors received by defense counsel on the evening of  
22 May 3, 2011.

23 21. Attached as Exhibit K is a discovery letter dated April 4, 2011 and  
24 attachments that I also received on the evening of May 3, 2011. This April 4, 2011  
25 discovery letter and the attachments were not previously been received by me.

26 22. Attached as Exhibit L is an excerpt from a pre-trial hearing in *United*  
27 *States v. O'Shea*, U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Tex., CR. No. H-09-629, which was  
28 produced in discovery by the government in this case.

