

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§	CRIMINAL NO. H-09-325
Plaintiff,	§	
v.	§	Violation
	§	18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy)
FERNANDO MAYA BASURTO,	§	
Defendant.	§	

SUPERSEDING CRIMINAL INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges that at all times relevant to this
Superseding Criminal Information, unless otherwise specified:

COUNT ONE
Conspiracy
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

Introduction

1. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, *et seq.* ("FCPA"), prohibited certain classes of persons and entities from corruptly making payments to foreign government officials to assist in obtaining or retaining business. Specifically, the FCPA prohibited certain companies and individuals from willfully making use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment of money or anything of value to any person, while

knowing that all or a portion of such money or thing of value would be offered, given, or promised, directly or indirectly, to a foreign official to influence the foreign official in his or her official capacity, induce the foreign official to do or omit to do an act in violation of his or her lawful duty, or to secure any improper advantage in order to assist in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person.

Relevant Persons and Entities

2. Corporation A was a corporation headquartered and incorporated in Switzerland. Corporation A had sponsored American Depositary Shares (“ADSs”) publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Corporation A issued and maintained a class of publicly-traded securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 781) and was required to file periodic reports with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78m). Accordingly, Corporation A was an “issuer” within the meaning of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-1(a).

3. Subsidiary A was a subsidiary of Corporation A and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Subsidiary A was a “domestic concern” as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1). Subsidiary A

conducted business, in part, through a business unit that had its principal place of business in Sugar Land, Texas (“Texas Business A”), which was acquired in or around January 1999. Texas Business A’s primary business was to provide products and services to electrical utilities for network management in power generation, transmission, and distribution. Many of Texas Business A’s clients were foreign state-owned utilities. Texas Business A conducted business in a number of its foreign markets through sales representatives.

4. JOHN JOSEPH O’SHEA was the General Manager of Texas Business A and oversaw its operations both before and after its acquisition by Subsidiary A. Among O’SHEA’s responsibilities was approving payments to sales representatives. O’SHEA was a citizen of the United States. In light of the foregoing, O’SHEA was a “domestic concern” and an officer, employee, and agent of a domestic concern, as these terms are defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

5. Comisión Federal de Electricidad (“CFE”) was an electric utility company owned by the United Mexican States (“Mexico”) responsible for supplying electricity to all of Mexico other than Mexico City. CFE contracted

with Mexican and foreign companies for goods and services to help it perform its mission. CFE did business with Texas Business A.

6. CFE Officials N, J, C, and G held official positions at CFE and had influence over decisions concerning Texas Business A's contracts with CFE. CFE Officials N, J, C, and G were "foreign officials" as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(2).

7. Mexican Company X was a Mexican company headquartered in Mexico City, Mexico. The principal business of Mexican Company X was to be a sales representative for foreign and domestic companies doing business with Mexican government agencies. Mexican Company X was Texas Business A's sales representative in Mexico pursuant to representative agreements, and Texas Business A was Mexican Company X's most important customer. In light of the foregoing, Mexican Company X was an agent of a domestic concern, as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

8. Texas Business A and Mexican Company X entered into multiple commission-based representation agreements in which Texas Business A agreed to pay Mexican Company X a percentage of the revenue generated from business with Mexican governmental utilities, including CFE. Texas Business A obtained multiple contracts with CFE for goods and services related to CFE's network

while using Mexican Company X as its sales representative. In or around December 1997, CFE awarded Texas Business A a contract referred to as the SITRACEN Contract (using the Spanish language acronym for Real Time Information and Control System). The purpose of this contract was to significantly upgrade the backbone of Mexico's electrical network system. The SITRACEN Contract generated over \$44 million dollars in revenue for Texas Business A. In or around October 2003, CFE awarded Texas Business A a multi-year contract for maintenance and upgrades of the SITRACEN Contract, referred to as the Evergreen Contract. The Evergreen Contract, a sole source award, generated over \$37 million in revenue for Texas Business A.

9. The defendant, **FERNANDO MAYA BASURTO**, was a citizen of Mexico. **BASURTO** was a principal of Mexican Company X, performed work for Texas Business A on its contracts with CFE, and had primary responsibility at Mexican Company X for the Evergreen Contract. In light of the foregoing, **BASURTO** was an agent of a domestic concern, as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

10. Co-conspirator X was a citizen of Mexico. Co-conspirator X founded and was a principal of Mexican Company X and also performed work for Texas Business A on its contracts with CFE. In light of the foregoing, Co-conspirator X

was an agent of a domestic concern, as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

11. Intermediary Company O was a company incorporated in and headquartered in Mexico. Intermediary Company O maintained a bank account in Mexico. Intermediary Company O was paid by Texas Business A in connection with the Evergreen Contract, purportedly to perform maintenance support and administration. In light of the foregoing, Intermediary Company O was an agent of a domestic concern, as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

12. Intermediary Company S was a company incorporated in Panama and headquartered in Mexico. Intermediary Company S maintained bank accounts in Germany and Switzerland. Co-conspirator S was the President and Executive Director of Intermediary Company S and a Mexican citizen. Intermediary Company S was paid by Texas Business A in connection with the Evergreen Contract purportedly to perform technical support. Intermediary Company S had previously also been paid by Texas Business A during the SITRACEN Contract. In light of the foregoing, Intermediary Company S and Co-conspirator S were agents of a domestic concern, as that term is defined in the FCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(h)(1).

The Conspiracy and Its Objects

13. From in or before December 1997, through in or after November 2005, in the Southern District of Texas, and elsewhere, the defendant,

FERNANDO MAYA BASURTO,

did unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly conspire, confederate, and agree with JOHN JOSEPH O'SHEA, Subsidiary A, Texas Business A, Mexican Company X, Co-conspirator X, Intermediary Companies O and S, Co-conspirator S, and other persons known and unknown, to commit offenses against the United States, that is:

(a) to willfully make use of the mails and means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, and authorization of the payment of any money, offer, gift, promise to give, and authorization of the giving of anything of value to any foreign official, or any person, while knowing that a portion of such money and thing of value will be offered, given, and promised, directly and indirectly, to any foreign official, for purposes of: (i) influencing acts and decisions of such foreign official in his official capacity; (ii) inducing such foreign official to do and omit to do acts in violation of the lawful duty of such official; (iii) securing an improper advantage; and (iv) inducing such foreign official to use his influence with a foreign

government and instrumentalities thereof to affect and influence acts and decisions of such government and instrumentalities in order to assist the defendant **BASURTO**, along with O'SHEA, Subsidiary A, Texas Business A, Mexican Business X, Co-conspirator X, Intermediary Companies O and S, Co-conspirator S and others known and unknown, in obtaining and retaining business for and with, and directing business to Subsidiary A and Texas Business A, in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-1, *et seq.*;

(b) to knowingly transport, transmit, and transfer and to willfully cause others to transport, transmit, and transfer monetary instruments and funds from a place in the United States to a place outside of the United States, intending that each of the transactions, in whole and in part, promote the carrying on of a specified unlawful activity, that is, a felony violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-1 *et seq.*, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2)(A); and

(c) to knowingly alter, destroy, mutilate, conceal, cover up, falsify, and make a false entry in any record, document, and tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department and agency of the United States

and in relation to and in contemplation of any such matter or case, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1519.

Purposes of the Conspiracy

14. The purpose of the conspiracy was for **BASURTO** and his co-conspirators to unjustly enrich themselves by making concealed corrupt payments to CFE Officials N, J, C, and G, and others in exchange for business advantages to Subsidiary A and Texas Business A, including the award of contracts. It was further a purpose of the conspiracy for **BASURTO** and his co-conspirators to further their bribery scheme by making international wire transfers. Finally, it was a purpose of the conspiracy to falsify documents in order to conceal the existence of the conspiracy and to obstruct investigations by the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

15. **BASURTO**, along with O'SHEA, Subsidiary A, Texas Business A, Mexican Business X, Co-conspirator X, Intermediary Companies O and S, Co-conspirator S, and others used the following manner and means, among others, to accomplish the objects and purposes of the conspiracy:

The Agreement to Make Corrupt Payments for the SITRACEN Contract

a. CFE officials would inform **BASURTO**, O'SHEA, Co-conspirator X, and others that corrupt payments would need to be paid in order to receive the SITRACEN Contract. O'SHEA would authorize Texas Business A to make corrupt payments for the benefit of CFE officials through the use of Intermediary Company S. O'SHEA would also authorize **BASURTO** and Co-conspirator X to make corrupt payments to CFE Official J on Texas Business A's behalf for the SITRACEN Contract. **BASURTO** and certain of his family members would make these payments in the form of checks to family members of CFE Official J.

The Agreement to Make Corrupt Payments for the Evergreen Contract

b. In anticipation of future business based on the success of the SITRACEN Contract, **BASURTO**, O'SHEA, Co-conspirator X, and CFE Officials N and C would meet to discuss how to make corrupt payments to CFE Officials N and C, as well as others at CFE, in order to secure the Evergreen Contract and cause the inclusion of terms favorable to Texas Business A. The conspirators would agree that the CFE officials collectively would receive approximately 10% of the revenue from the CFE contract to distribute among themselves and others.

c. The conspirators would further agree that Mexican Company X would serve as an intermediary company for approximately one million dollars of

the corrupt payments over the course of the Evergreen Contract, with **BASURTO** and Co-conspirator X retaining a portion of these funds for themselves for their efforts. O'SHEA would cause Texas Business A to wire transfer funds to **BASURTO** and his family members for this purpose. **BASURTO** would follow instructions from CFE officials about how to then transfer the funds for the CFE officials' benefit. The conspirators would refer to this portion of the corrupt payments as the "extra for the friends that we handle" and payments to the "Good Guys."

d. The conspirators would further agree that the CFE officials would submit false invoices to Texas Business A from companies that did not do any work for Texas Business A to conceal the remaining portion of the corrupt payments. CFE officials would then select Intermediary Companies O and S to receive these funds from Texas Business A. **BASURTO** would receive the false invoices from CFE Official C in the names of Intermediary Companies O and S and then would transmit them to Texas Business A for payment. The conspirators sometimes referred to these payments as the "Third World Tax."

e. **BASURTO**, O'SHEA, and Co-conspirator X would make, use, and email charts and spreadsheets that reflected the "Good Guys" and "Third World Tax" or "3WT" payments.

Transferring the Corrupt Payments

- f. The conspirators would employ a series of financial transactions to conceal the origin and the ultimate recipients of the corrupt payments.
- i. **BASURTO** would direct that Texas Business A's payments to the "Good Guys" be broken up into a series of smaller payments that would then be wired to accounts at U.S. banks in the name of **BASURTO** and certain of his family members.
- ii. **BASURTO** would maintain control over all of these funds and would, at CFE Official C's instruction, wire funds from these accounts to a Merrill Lynch brokerage account. CFE Official C would then cause some of these funds to be further transferred to the son-in-law of CFE Official N and to the brother of CFE Official C. **BASURTO** would follow additional instructions from CFE Official C concerning the "Good Guys" funds, including giving CFE Official C approximately \$20,000 in cash.
- iii. O'SHEA would approve payment on the false invoices received from **BASURTO** in the names of Intermediary Companies O and S, knowing their corrupt purpose. Texas Business A would then purport to pay these false invoices by wire transfer to accounts in the Federal Republic of Germany ("Germany") and Mexico.

Benefits from the Corrupt Payments

g. Texas Business A would receive a variety of business advantages from CFE including, but not limited to, obtaining the SITRACEN and Evergreen Contracts from CFE and securing favorable terms in the Evergreen Contract.

Compensation and Kickbacks

h. **BASURTO** and Co-conspirator X's compensation from Texas Business A for Mexican Company X's work would vary, but they would typically receive approximately 9% of the value of the SITRACEN and Evergreen Contracts for both the legitimate services they performed on the contracts as well as the illegal services they provided as conduits for corrupt payments.

i. **BASURTO** and Co-conspirator X would also make kickback payments out of their commissions to O'SHEA. These kickback payments would be made in a concealed fashion by writing checks to multiple payees, including O'SHEA, his family members, a friend, and American Express to pay O'SHEA's credit card bills. To further conceal the payments to O'SHEA, **BASURTO** would use multiple accounts to make these payments. At times, O'SHEA would also receive kickback payments in cash.

The Cover Up

j. After O'SHEA was terminated from Texas Business A, **BASURTO**, O'SHEA, Intermediary Companies O and S, Co-conspirator S, CFE Officials N, C, and G, and others would begin a cover up to conceal the illegal nature of these payments and would continue their obstructive conduct after learning that Corporation A had disclosed suspected corrupt payments made by Subsidiary A through Texas Business A to the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission's Enforcement Division, and the Mexican authorities. This included, but was not limited to, the following:

i. **BASURTO**, O'SHEA, and CFE Officials C and G would create fake, back-dated correspondence that purported to show the history of Texas Business A's relationships with Intermediary Companies O and S and the work that these companies had allegedly performed for Texas Business A. They would then obtain genuine signatures on the fake documents from O'SHEA, CFE Official G, Co-conspirator S, and others. The conspirators would take care not to send electronic copies of these documents to those outside of the conspiracy to help conceal the true dates that would be revealed in the documents' metadata;

ii. **BASURTO** and CFE Officials C and G would create false documentation purporting to substantiate the work Intermediary Companies O and

S claimed to have performed. For example, **BASURTO**, with the help of CFE Officials C and G, plagiarized studies previously conducted for CFE by a legitimate outside consultant and made them appear to have been authored by Intermediary Company S; and

iii. Official C and others created false documentation purporting to show that the payments made to the Merrill Lynch bank account were part of an investment in real estate.

Overt Acts

16. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to achieve the objects and purposes thereof, the co-conspirators committed, or caused to be committed, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, the following overt acts, among others:

Corrupt Payments for the "Good Guys"

a. On or about February 2, 2004, **BASURTO** sent an email to O'SHEA referring to payments from Texas Business A to Mexican Company X, including those intended to be corrupt payments, that read, in part, "This is the transfer arrangement for the bonus portion we are handling. It is the same amount shown in the table you have, the first two figures under the Good Guys column."

b. On or about May 7, 2004, **BASURTO** sent an email to O'SHEA discussing corrupt payments Mexican Company X was responsible for transferring

that read, in part, “We have already informed [CFE Officials N and C] that you are not coming the 11th. . . . Regarding the numbers we handle for them, we will need a transfer of US\$42,344.”

c. On or about May 11, 2004, **BASURTO** sent an email to O’SHEA regarding the latest requested corrupt payment that read, in part, “This 42k is for the extra we handle for our friends.”

d. On or about July 23, 2004, **BASURTO** sent an email to O’SHEA explaining which portion of Mexican Company X’s commissions was for services and which was for corrupt payments, which read, in part, “Commission 3 is the extra bonus for our friends that we handle.”

e. On or about the following dates, O’SHEA caused Texas Business A to wire transfer the following amounts to various accounts controlled by **BASURTO**, as corrupt payments for the “Good Guys”:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount	To	Bank	Account
i.	February 17, 2004	\$30,000	Family Member of BASURTO	Bank of America	xx543
ii.	February 17, 2004	\$30,000	Family Member of BASURTO	Bank of America	xx569

iii.	February 17, 2004	\$30,000	BASURTO	Wells Fargo	xx010
iv.	February 17, 2004	\$30,000	Family Member of BASURTO	JP Morgan Chase	xx065
v.	February 17, 2004	\$30,000	Family Member of BASURTO	Bank of America	xx519
vi.	February 17, 2004	\$31,750	BASURTO	Bank of America	xx414
vii.	May 13, 2004	\$42,343	Family Member of BASURTO	Bank of America	xx772
viii.	September 27, 2004	\$42,342	Family Member of BASURTO	Bank of America	xx772

f. On or about the following dates at the direction of CFE Official C, **BASURTO** caused the following wire transfers to be made to a shell Merrill Lynch brokerage account held in the name of a third party out of the "Good Guys" funds:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount	Bank	Account
i.	February 20, 2004	\$22,500	Bank of America	xx519
ii.	February 20, 2004	\$22,500	Bank of America	xx543
iii.	February 23, 2004	\$22,500	Bank of America	xx569
iv.	February 23, 2004	\$22,500	Bank of America	xx513

v.	February 23, 2004	\$45,000	Bank of America	xx519
vi.	May 14, 2004	\$30,831	Bank of America	xx772
vii.	October 4, 2004	\$31,750	Bank of America	xx772

g. On or about the following dates, CFE Official C caused the following wire transfers to be made from the same shell Merrill Lynch brokerage account to an account in the name of the son-in-law of CFE Official N:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount
i.	February 26, 2004	\$68,159
ii.	May 21, 2004	\$15,878
iii.	October 14, 2004	\$15,875

h. On or about June 21, 2004, CFE Official C caused a wire transfer of approximately \$2,000 to be made from the same Merrill Lynch brokerage account to a Mexican bank account in the name of the brother of CFE Official C.

Corrupt Payments to Intermediary Companies O and S

i. In or around March 2004, **BASURTO** transmitted an invoice to Texas Business A on behalf of Intermediary Company O that had been given to him by CFE Official C, which falsely requested payment for “6 MONTHS (7-12/2003) OF MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION OF CFE EVERGREEN PROJECT AT ALL SITES IN MEXICO” and requested payment of \$327,000.

j. In or around May 2004, **BASURTO** transmitted an invoice to Texas Business A on behalf of Intermediary Company O that had been given to him by CFE Official C, which falsely requested payment for “4 MONTHS OF MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION OF CFE EVERGREEN PROJECT AT ALL SITES IN MEXICO” and requested payment of \$76,200.

k. On or about the following dates, O’SHEA caused Texas Business A to wire transfer the following amounts to Intermediary Company O’s Mexican bank account:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount
i.	March 8, 2004	\$327,000
ii.	June 3, 2004	\$76,200

l. On or around March 2004, **BASURTO** transmitted an invoice to Texas Business A on behalf of Intermediary Company S and signed by Co-conspirator S that had been given to him by CFE Official C, which falsely requested payment for “Technical support for 6 months” and requested that \$218,000 be sent to a German bank account.

m. On or around May 2004, **BASURTO** transmitted an invoice to Texas Business A on behalf of Intermediary Company S and signed by Co-conspirator S

that had been given to him by CFE Official C, which falsely requested payment for “Technical support for 4 months” and requested that \$50,800 be sent to a German bank account.

n. On or about the following dates, O’SHEA caused Texas Business A to wire transfer the following amounts to Intermediary Company S’s German bank account:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount
i.	April 1, 2004	\$218,000
ii.	June 3, 2004	\$50,800

o. On or about the following dates, Co-conspirator S caused the following wire transfers to be made to the U.S. bank account of a military academy to pay for the tuition of CFE Official N’s son:

	Approximate Date	Approximate Amount
i.	April 5, 2004	\$24,500
ii.	June 4, 2004	\$5,000

The Cover Up

p. On or about October 23, 2004, O’SHEA sent **BASURTO** a draft, fake contract between Texas Business A and Intermediary Company O, backdated to November 1, 2003, as an attachment to an email that stated, in part, “we must

make sure we never deliver or email electronic copies of any of these documents to anyone ([Corporation A]) as they would see the dates in the edits.”

q. On or about November 25, 2004, O’SHEA sent **BASURTO** an email with suggested text for fake, backdated correspondence concerning Intermediary Company O, that stated, in part, “We must also agree [Mexican Company X] would have been delivering these letters within Mexico on [Texas Business A’s] stationery, as [the assistant] kept copies of all my incoming and outgoing correspondence (letters, faxes, etc.) and these won’t be in those files.”

r. On or about November 27, 2004, O’SHEA sent **BASURTO** an email with suggested text for fake, backdated correspondence concerning Intermediary Companies O and S “for discussion with [CFE Official C].”

s. On or about March 5, 2005, **BASURTO** emailed CFE Official G a copy of a plagiarized study he was altering to make it appear that it was Intermediary Company S’s work.

t. On or about April 12, 2005, O’SHEA sent **BASURTO** an email that read, in part, “I didn’t return your call yesterday because I have been advised to be careful about who I talk to on the phone and what I say. I will try and call tomorrow on a pay phone but we should probably meet in person at your earliest convenience.”

u. On or about April 27, 2005, O'SHEA sent **BASURTO** an email that read, in part, "It seems my lawyer thinks it is OK to use a private email such as yahoo, as it would be much more difficult for anyone to get the exchanges - if it is a company email it belongs to them. I beleive [sic] we should alter opur [sic] normal routine; meaning not meet at the 'eggs benedict' place."

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

17. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2, upon conviction of the defendant, **FERNANDO MAYA BASURTO**, for the offense charged in Count One of this Superseding Criminal Information, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any proceeds traceable to his violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 (conspiracy to commit a violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-1, *et seq.*), Money Laundering, Title 18 United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2)(A), and Falsification of Records in a Federal Investigation, Title 18 United States Code, Section 1519, specifically including the sum of \$2,030,076.74 in United States currency, for which the co-conspirators are jointly and severally liable and

\$583,436 of which was transferred through bank accounts controlled by

BASURTO.

Substitute Assets Provision

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

- (i) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (ii) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (iii) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- (iv) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (v) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

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