

United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

United States of America

WARRANT FOR ARREST

v.

Melvin T Bell
aka Alex Crown; Minister Bey, Sovereign King Bey
King Bey, S.K. Bey

Case Number: 13 CR 949

To: The United States Marshal
And any Authorized United States Officer

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest Melvin T Bell and bring him or her
forthwith to the nearest magistrate judge to answer a(n)

X Indictment Information Complaint Order of court Violation Notice
Probation Violation Petition

charging him or her with: Frauds and Swindles

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 1341

Laura Springer Issuing Officer

Laura Springer
Signature of Issuing Officer

December 12, 2013 Chicago, IL

Bail fixed at \$

Judicial Officer

RETURN		
This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named defendant at		
Date Received	Name and Title of Arresting Officer	Signature of Arrest Officer
Date of Arrest		

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of Illinois

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MELVIN T BELL

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 1:13-CR-00949(F)

USM Number: 22485-075

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- ☐ pleaded guilty to count(s)
☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.
☒ was found guilty on count(s) 1, 2 and 4 after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section / Nature of Offense

18:1341.F Frauds and Swindles
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Offense Ended

12/11/2013
12/11/2013
12/11/2013

Count

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The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 11 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)
☒ Count(s) remaining are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this District within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States Attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

August 18, 2020

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Virginia M. Kendall

Signature of Judge

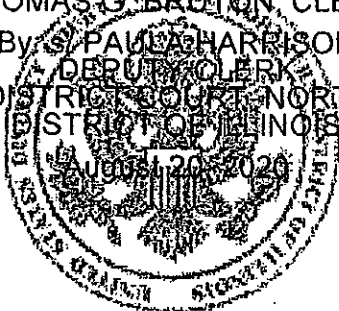
Virginia M. Kendall, United States District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

August 19, 2020

Date

A TRUE COPY-ATTEST
THOMAS G. BRITTON, CLERK
By: S. PAUL HARRISON
DEPUTY CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT-NORTHERN
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS



APPENDIX B

DEFENDANT: MELVIN T BELL

CASE NUMBER: 1:13-CR-00949(-)

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:
150 months as to count 1; 150 months as to count 2; 150 months as to count 4. Terms to run concurrent for a total of 150 months.

- ☐ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
- ☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
- ☐ at on
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
- ☐ before 2:00 pm on
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows: _____

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____ at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

APPENDIX B



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

United States of America

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Melvin T. Bell,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 13 CR 949-1
Judge Virginia M. Kendall

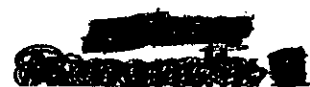
ORDER

ORDER as to Melvin T. Bell: Jury trial held on 2/1/2017. Jury Trial ends. Jury finds Defendant guilty on Counts 1-3 of the Indictment. Government's Motion to dismiss Count 3 of the Indictment is granted. Government's Motion to re-number counts on Indictment for the Jury is granted. Count 3 of the Indictment that the Jury received on verdict form is the previous Count 4. Post Trial Motions due by 3/1/2017. Sentencing set for 6/21/2017 at 10:00 AM. Cause referred to the Probation Office for a presentence investigation. Sentencing position papers due on or before 6/7/2017. Objections, if any, shall be filed on or before 6/14/2017.
(06:00)

Date: 2/1/2017

/s/ Virginia M. Kendall
U.S. District Court Judge

APPENDIX C



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. MARVIN T. BELL, MONICA HERNANDEZ, and
CARLOS RAYAS, Defendants.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN
DIVISION
2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14583
No. 13 CR 949
January 30, 2019, Decided
January 30, 2019, Filed**

Editorial Information: Prior History

United States v. Bell, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57290 (N.D. Ill., May 1, 2015)

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{2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1} For Melvin T Bell, also known as Alex Crown, also known as Minister Bey, also known as Sovereign King Bey, also known as King Bey, also known as S K Bey, Defendant: Paul Camarena, LEAD ATTORNEY, North & Sedgwick L.L.C., Chicago, IL; Syed Haseeb Hussain, The North & Sedgwick Law Office Llc, Chicago, IL.

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Judges: Hon. Virginia M. Kendall, United States District Judge.

APPENDIX D

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24. On or about April 11, 2012, at Sugar Grove, in the Northern District of Illinois,
Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

MELVIN T. BELL,
MONICA HERNANDEZ, and
CARLOS RAYAS,

scheme was executed when they signed and paid fees.
defendants herein, for the purpose of executing the scheme to defraud, knowingly caused to be
past tense verb
delivered by U.S. mail, according to the direction thereon, an envelope containing signed copies of
indicating the fruition of the scheme.
executed
membership documents from Washington National Trust, that envelope being addressed to
Individuals A1 and A2 at an address in Sugar Grove, Illinois;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

Exh 11.

COUNT THREE

The SPECIAL MARCH 2013 GRAND JURY further charges:

1. The allegations in paragraphs 1 through 23 of Count One of this indictment are incorporated here.
2. On or about September 6, 2012, at Aurora, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

MELVIN T. BELL and
MONICA HERNANDEZ,

defendants herein, for the purpose of executing the scheme to defraud, knowingly caused to be delivered by U.S. mail, according to the direction thereon, an envelope containing signed copies of membership documents from Washington National Trust, that envelope being addressed to Individual C at an address in Aurora, Illinois,

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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3	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Docket No. 13 CR 00949
4	Plaintiff,)	Chicago, Illinois
5	v.)	January 26, 2017
6	MELVIN T. BELL and MONICA)	1:22 p.m.
7	HERNANDEZ,)	
8	Defendants)	

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS - JURY TRIAL
BEFORE THE HONORABLE VIRGINIA M. KENDALL and a Jury

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APPENDIX F

Moreno - Direct (Resumed) by Srivastava

1 would do after someone signed up with respect to their
2 membership application?

3 A They would make a file, and then they would process it.

4 Q And after the file was processed, did you come to -- did
5 you see what would happen to the membership packet? Was a copy
6 mailed out at some point?

7 A Yes. In the beginning, a copy was mailed out to the
8 clients. And at the end, towards the -- towards the middle,
9 they had to come and pick up the packages.

10 Q Now, for these clients who you referred to Washington
11 National Trust, were you paid for that?

12 A I was.

13 Q And how were you paid?

14 A 10 percent of the fee.

15 Q About how many times were you paid?

16 A Approximately three times.

17 Q And how were you paid?

18 In other words, by check or by cash or by some other
19 way?

20 A The majority of the time was by cash. One occasion, it was
21 by check.

22 Q So, Ms. Moreno, I'd like you to take a look at what's been
23 marked in front of you as Government Exhibit Number 3 -- I'm
24 sorry, Government Exhibit Moreno 3.

25 Do you recognize that, ma'am?

APPENDIX F

UNITED STATES of America v. Abraham A. BROWNE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
225 F.2d 751; 1955 U.S. App. LEXIS 4253
No. 11284
August 17, 1955

Counsel

{1955 U.S. App. LEXIS 1}

Frank W. Oliver, Chicago, Ill., for appellant.

Robert Tieken, U.S. Atty., John Peter Lulinski, Asst. U.S. Atty.,

Chicago, Ill., Alexander O. Walter, Anna R. Lavin, Asst. U.S. Attys., Chicago, Ill., of counsel,
for appellee.

Judges: Before DUFFY, Chief Judge, and MAJOR and LINDLEY, Circuit Judges.

CASE SUMMARY

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: Defendant sought reversal of a judgment of the United States District Court, which convicted defendant, following a jury trial, for fraudulent use of the mail. Defendant argued that the evidence against him was legally insufficient. Defendant's convictions for mailing false claims to insurance companies were overturned due to the failure to establish that the claims were mailed rather than hand-delivered.

OVERVIEW: Defendant challenged his convictions for fraudulent use of the United States mail. The court reversed. Defendant had been charged, along with a codefendant, of attempting to defraud certain insurance companies by making false claims for losses. The evidence at trial established that the claims were received by certain insurance company officials at their offices, but the federal government inexplicably failed to establish how those claims arrived. The court held that since it was possible that defendant's claim application forms were hand-delivered to the insurance company offices, rather than sent in the United States mail, the evidence against defendant was insufficient as a matter of law. Given that evidentiary deficiency, the court reversed defendant's convictions.

OUTCOME: The judgment convicting defendant was reversed. Although the prosecution's evidence established that defendant had tendered false claims to various insurance companies, there was no proof that the mails had been used to submit those claims. Since the claims could have been hand-delivered, the evidence of fraudulent use of the mail was inadequate.

APPENDIX G