

1	COUNT ONE
2	[CONSPIRACY TO FILE FALSE TAX RETURNS]
3	On or about and between May 9, 2020 and February 25, 2022, defendants ALI TAVAF,
4	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH committed the crime of conspiracy, in
5	violation of Penal Code Section 182(a)(l), in that they unlawfully conspired together, and with
6	other uncharged person or persons, to commit the crime of filing false tax returns in violation of
7	Revenue and Taxation Code sections 30472 and 30480, a felony. It is further alleged that
8	Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to Penal Code section 781, and that
9	pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid
10	conspiracy, the said defendants committed the following overt act(s):
11	OVERT ACT 1
12	On or about May 9, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ABEDALAZIZ
13	SALEEM signed Articles of Incorporation for Aztec Tobacco Distributors, Inc.
14	OVERT ACT 2
15	On or about June 16, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ABEDALAZIZ
16	SALEEM signed a Wells Fargo Bank Business Account Application for Aztec Tobacco
17	Distributors, Inc.
18	OVERT ACT 3
19	On or about and between August 5, 2020 and March 26, 2021, in the County of Los
20	Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF ordered tobacco products from Mansoor Malik, the owner of
21	Eclipse Wholesale, Inc
22	OVERT ACT 4
23	On or about August 6, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ISMAIL
24	KARAJAH sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM the bank account
25	number and routing number for Eclipse Wholesale, Inc.
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1	OVERT ACT 5
2	On or about August 31, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF told
3	defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, "Let's do the wire for Mansour
4	before noon today."
5	OVERT ACT 6
6	On or about August 31, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ABEDALAZIZ
7	SALEEM sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ISMAIL KARAJAH a purchase invoice from
8	Eclipse Wholesale, Inc.
9	OVERT ACT 7
10	On or about September 3, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
11	sent defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH a list of tobacco products.
12	OVERT ACT 8
13	On or about September 3, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
14	told defendant ISMAIL KARAJAH to take care of the wire tomorrow.
15	OVERT ACT 9
16	On or about and between September 3, 2020 and March 27, 2021, in the County of Los
17	Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF sold tobacco products to Nader Fararji.
18	OVERT ACT 10
19	On or about September 3, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ISMAIL
20	KARAJAH sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM an image of a blank
21	check for Aztec Tobacco Distributors, Inc.
22	OVERT ACT 11
23	On or about and between September 9, 2020 and January 13, 2021, in the County of Los
24	Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF told Nader Fararji to wire payments to Aztec Tobacco
25	Distributors, Inc.
26	OVERT ACT 12
27	On or about September 13, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
28	asked defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH for the bank balance.
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	FELONY COMPLAINT – ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM, ISMAIL KARAJAH

1	OVERT ACT 13
2	On or about September 13, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant
3	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ISMAIL KARAJAH the bank
4	balance.
5	OVERT ACT 14
6	On or about September 16, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant
7	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ISMAIL KARAJAH a delinquent
8	tax return letter from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
9	OVERT ACT 15
10	On or about September 21, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
11	sent defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH the bank name and address
12	for Megawholesale, Inc.
13	OVERT ACT 16
14	On or about September 21, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
15	told defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH to send payments to
16	Megawholesale, Inc. and Eclipse Wholesale, Inc.
17	OVERT ACT 17
18	On or about September 23, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant
19	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM deposited \$176,400 into Aztec Tobacco Distributors, Inc., Wells Fargo
20	Bank account number ending in 7352.
21	OVERT ACT 18
22	On or about September 30, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ISMAIL
23	KARAJAH sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM an invoice showing
24	\$221,760 in sales by Aztec Tobacco Distributors, Inc. to Sonic Imports, Inc.
25	OVERT ACT 19
26	On or about October 9, 2020, in the County of San Francisco, defendant ABEDALAZIZ
27	SALEEM sent defendants ALI TAVAF and ISMAIL KARAJAH a purchase invoice from
28	Megawholesale, Inc.
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1	OVERT ACT 20
2	On or about October 15, 2020, defendant ISMAIL KARAJAH caused Homam Rady to
3	file in the County of Sacramento, a Tobacco Products Distributor Tax Return for Aztec Tobacco
4	Distributors, Inc. reporting \$0 taxable distributions.
5	OVERT ACT 21
6	On or about November 3, 2020, in the County of Los Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF
7	told defendants ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH he was sending a \$220,000
8	check made payable to Eclipse.
9	OVERT ACT 22
10	On or about January 8, 2021, defendant ISMAIL KARAJAH caused Homam Rady to file
11	in the County of Sacramento, a Tobacco Products Distributor Tax Return for Aztec Tobacco
12	Distributors, Inc. reporting \$0 taxable distributions.
13	OVERT ACT 23
14	On or about and between January 11, 2021 and April 30, 2021, in the County of Los
15	Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF collected cash and check payments from Nader Fararji.
16	OVERT ACT 24
17	On or about and between January 11, 2021 and April 30, 2021, in the County of Los
18	Angeles, defendant ALI TAVAF deposited or directed the deposit of cash and checks into Aztec
19	Tobacco Distributors, Inc., Wells Fargo Bank account number ending in 7352.
20	OVERT ACT 25
21	On or about February 24, 2021, defendant ISMAIL KARAJAH told Homam Rady to
22	close the Seller's Permit, Cigarette and Tobacco Products Distributor's License, and the Tobacco
23	Products Distributor License for Aztec Tobacco Distributors, Inc.
24	OVERT ACT 26
25	On or about and between March 29, 2021 and May 26, 2021, in the County of San
26	Francisco, defendant ISMAIL KARAJAH deposited or directed the deposit of checks into IK
27	Distributors, Inc. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. account number ending in 0693.
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1	OVERT ACT 27
2	On or about February 25, 2022, defendant ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM answered a
3	telephone call originating from Mansoor Malik in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, during which
4	defendant ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM told Mansoor Malik "if they call you they are going to ask
5	for invoices and just provide a couple."
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7	COUNT TWO
8	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
9	On or about October 15, 2020, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
10	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being persons
11	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
12	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period
13	August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code section
14	30472.
15	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
16	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
17	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
18	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$641,525 excise tax to the
19	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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21	COUNT THREE
22	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
23	On or about October 15, 2020, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
24	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being persons
25	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
26	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period
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1	September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code
2	section 30472.
3	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
4	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
5	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
6	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$1,535,715 excise tax to the
7	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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9	COUNT FOUR
10	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
11	On or about January 8, 2021, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
12	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being persons
13	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
14	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period
15	October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code section
16	30472.
17	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
18	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
19	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
20	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$1,786,536 excise tax to the
21	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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23	COUNT FIVE
24	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
25	On or about January 8, 2021, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
26	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being a person
27	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
28	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period 7
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1	November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code
2	section 30472.
3	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
4	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
5	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
6	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$481,066 excise tax to the
7	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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9	COUNT SIX
10	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
11	On or about January 8, 2021, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
12	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being a person
13	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
14	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period
15	December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code
16	section 30472.
17	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
18	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
19	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
20	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$396,089 excise tax to the
21	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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23	COUNT SEVEN
24	[FALSE TAX RETURN]
25	On or about July 31, 2021, at and in the County of Sacramento, State of California,
26	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being a person
27	required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number 208-
28	762240, unlawfully filed or caused the filing of a false or fraudulent tax return for the period
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1	January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code section
2	30472.
3	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
4	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
5	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
6	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$456,696 excise tax to the
7	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
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9	COUNT EIGHT
10	[ENGAGING IN BUSINESS WITHOUT A LICENSE]
11	On or about March 25, 2021, at and in the County of San Mateo, State of California,
12	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being a person
13	required to obtain a license as a distributor, unlawfully engaged in business as a distributor
14	without a license for the period February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021, in violation of
15	Revenue and Taxation Code section 30149.
16	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
17	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
18	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
19	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$204,743 excise tax to the
20	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
21	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
22	Penal Code section 781.
23	COUNT NINE
24	[ENGAGING IN BUSINESS WITHOUT A LICENSE]
25	On or about April 26, 2021, at and in the County of San Mateo, State of California,
26	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH, being a person
27	required to obtain a license as a distributor, unlawfully engaged in business as a distributor
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1	without a license for the period March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, in violation of Revenue
2	and Taxation Code section 30149.
3	It is further alleged that defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL
4	KARAJAH acted with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-
5	five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue
6	and Taxation Code section 30480, a felony, to wit: Failure to pay \$221,301 excise tax to the
7	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
8	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
9	Penal Code section 781.
10	COUNT TEN
11	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
12	On or about September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, at and in the Counties of Los
13	Angeles and San Francisco, State of California, defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ
14	SALEEM did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving monetary instruments of a value
15	exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent to promote, manage, establish,
16	carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of criminal
17	activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$2,554,346 deposited
18	into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary instrument represented the
19	proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds of criminal activity.
20	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
21	Penal Code section 781.
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23	COUNT ELEVEN
24	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
25	On or about October 5, 2020 through October 28, 2020, at and in the Counties of Los
26	Angeles, San Francisco and San Mateo, State of California, defendants ALI TAVAF and
27	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving monetary instruments
28	of a value exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent to promote, manage, 10
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1	establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of
2	criminal activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$2,096,500
3	deposited into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary instrument
4	represented the proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds of criminal
5	activity.
6	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
7	Penal Code section 781.
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9	COUNT TWELVE
10	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
11	On or about November 2, 2020 through November 30, 2020, at and in the Counties of Los
12	Angeles, San Mateo and San Bernardino, State of California, defendants ALI TAVAF and
13	ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving monetary instruments
14	of a value exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent to promote, manage,
15	establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of
16	criminal activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$1,966,860
17	deposited into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary instrument
18	represented the proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds of criminal
19	activity.
20	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
21	Penal Code section 781.
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23	COUNT THIRTEEN
24	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
25	On or about December 2, 2020 through December 29, 2020, at and in the County of Los
26	Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF did unlawfully conduct a transaction
27	involving monetary instruments of a value exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with
28	the intent to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, 11
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1	establishment, and carrying on of criminal activity, in violation of Penal Code Section
2	186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$1,192,000 deposited into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
3	knowing that the monetary instrument represented the proceeds of, and was directly derived or
4	indirectly from the proceeds of criminal activity.
5	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
6	Penal Code section 781.
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8	COUNT FOURTEEN
9	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
10	On or about January 7, 2021 through January 29, 2021, at and in the Counties of Los
11	Angeles and San Mateo, State of California, defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ
12	SALEEM did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving monetary instruments of a value
13	exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent to promote, manage, establish,
14	carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of criminal
15	activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$1,698,000 deposited
16	into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary instrument represented the
17	proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds of criminal activity.
18	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
19	Penal Code section 781.
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21	COUNT FIFTEEN
22	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
23	On or about February 3, 2021 through February 25, 2021, at and in the Counties of Los
24	Angeles and San Francisco, State of California, defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ
25	SALEEM did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving monetary instruments of a value
26	exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent to promote, manage, establish,
27	carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and carrying on of criminal
28	activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to wit: \$1,892,260 deposited
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1	into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary instrument represented the
2	proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds of criminal activity.
3	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
4	Penal Code section 781.
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6	COUNT SIXTEEN
7	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
8	On or about March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, at and in the County of Los Angeles,
9	State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving
10	monetary instruments of a value exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent
11	to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment,
12	and carrying on of criminal activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to
13	wit: \$1,227,921 deposited into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary
14	instrument represented the proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds
15	of criminal activity.
16	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
17	Penal Code section 781.
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19	COUNT SEVENTEEN
20	[MONEY LAUNDERING]
21	On or about April 2, 2021 through April 30, 2021, at and in the County of Los Angeles,
22	State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF did unlawfully conduct a transaction involving
23	monetary instruments of a value exceeding \$25,000 through a financial institution, with the intent
24	to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment,
25	and carrying on of criminal activity, in violation of Penal Code Section 186.10(a)(1), a felony, to
26	wit: \$512,000 deposited into an account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., knowing that the monetary
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1	instrument represented the proceeds of, and was directly derived or indirectly from the proceeds
2	of criminal activity.
3	It is further alleged that Sacramento County has jurisdiction in this count pursuant to
4	Penal Code section 781.
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6	COUNT EIGHTEEN
7	[UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD]
8	On or about May 28, 2020 through September 5, 2021, at and in the County of
9	Sacramento, State of California, defendant ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM, willfully made or caused
10	to be made a false statement and representation, and knowingly failed to disclose a material fact,
11	in order to obtain any benefit or payment, in violation of Unemployment Insurance Code section
12	2101(a), a felony, to wit: Fraudulently obtained pandemic unemployment assistance payment
13	from the Employment Development Department.
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15	SPECIAL ALLEGATION ONE
16	[WHITE COLLAR CRIME ENHANCEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$500,000]
17	It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code Section 186.11(a)(2), that the offenses set
18	forth in Counts One through Nine, are related felonies, a material element of which is fraud,
19	which involve a pattern of related felony conduct, and the pattern of related felony conduct
20	involves the taking by defendants of more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) by
21	defendants ALI TAVAF, ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM and ISMAIL KARAJAH.
22	NOTICE: A conviction of this offense excludes the defendants from a sentence of
23	imprisonment in the county jail pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h).
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25	SPECIAL ALLEGATION TWO
26	[MONEY LAUNDERING ENHANCEMENT]
27	It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code Section 186.10(c)(1)(D) that the value of the
28	individually alleged transactions in Counts Ten through Seventeen exceeds two million five 14
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1	hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), so that the court, in addition to and consecutive to the
2	felony punishment otherwise imposed pursuant to this section, shall impose an additional term of
3	imprisonment of four years as to defendants ALI TAVAF and ABEDALAZIZ SALEEM.
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5	SPECIAL ALLEGATION THREE
6	[CRIME COMMITTED WHILE ON BAIL ENHANCEMENT]
7	It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code Section 12022.1(b), that at the time of the
8	commission of the offenses charged in Counts One through Seventeen, defendant ALI TAVAF
9	was released from custody on bail or own recognizance for a pending felony offense, to wit:
10	Violation of Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3047 and 30480, State of California, County of
11	Los Angeles, Superior Court Case No. GA103141.
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13	DECLARATION
14	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
15	foregoing is true and correct.
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17	Dated: January 4, 2023 ROB BONTA Attorney General of the State of California
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19	By:Vikram Mandla
20	VIKRAM MANDLA Deputy Attorney General
21	Attorneys for the People of the State of California
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1	DESTRECTION DAILY - ADITATAL, ADDALADIZ SADDENI, ISMAID NAKAJAH