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10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
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13	PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Case No. GA103141	
14	Plaintiff, INFORMATION	
15	v.	
16	ALI TAVAF (
17	Defendant.	
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19	The Attorney General of the State of California, through Deputy Attorney General Vikran	
20	Mandla, by this Felony Information, accuses defendant ALI TAVAF of the following crimes:	
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22	COUNT ONE	
23	FILING FRAUDULENT REPORT	
24	On or about May 25, 2012, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,	
25	defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for	
26	tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax	
27	returns for the period April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012, with the intent to defeat or evade an	
28	unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-	
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consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$34,420 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWO

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Count One: On or about June 25, 2012, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period May 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$137,684 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THREE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Two: On or about September 25, 2012, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period August 1, 2012 through August 30, 2012, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$93,308 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT FOUR

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Three: On or about December 25, 2012, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$59,808 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FIVE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Four: On or about January 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$41,317 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT SIX

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Five: On or about February 25,

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COUNT SEVEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Six: On or about April 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$46,275 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT EIGHT

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Seven: On or about June 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period May 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 30472, a

misdemeanor, in that defendant failed to remit \$3,469 excise tax to the California Department of 1 2 Tax and Fee Administration. 3 COUNT NINE 5 FILING FRAUDULENT REPORT For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in 6 7 its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Eight: On or about July 25, 2013, 8 at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP 10 STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period June 1, 2013 11 through June 30, 2013, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 30472, a misdemeanor, in that defendant failed to remit \$8,187 excise tax to the California Department of 12 13 Tax and Fee Administration. 14 15 COUNT TEN 16 FILING FRAUDULENT REPORT 17 For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in 18 its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Nine: On or about August 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a 19 20 person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period July 1, 2013 21 22 through July 31, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding 23 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit 24 25 \$58,295 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. 26 11 27 28 11

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Ten: On or about September 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period August 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$63,358 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWELVE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Eleven: On or about October 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period September 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$25,670 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twelve: On or about November

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25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$102,941 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FOURTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirteen: On or about December 25, 2013, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period November 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$102,322 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT FIFTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fourteen: On or about January 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number

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CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$131,062 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT SIXTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fifteen: On or about February 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period January 1, 2014 through January 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$205,768 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT SEVENTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Sixteen: On or about March 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in

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violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed o remit \$288,148 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT EIGHTEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in ts commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Seventeen: On or about April 25, 014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a erson required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number P STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period March 1, 2014 arough March 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding wenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of evenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit 167,247 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT NINETEEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in s commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Eighteen: On or about May 25, 014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a erson required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, any felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$359,961 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT TWENTY

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Nineteen: On or about June 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$318,523 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-ONE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty: On or about July 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$369,250 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-TWO

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-One: On or about August

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COUNT TWENTY-THREE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Two: On or about September 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$301,583 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT TWENTY-FOUR

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Three: On or about October 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns

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for the period September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$456,825 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-FIVE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Four: On or about November 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$390,524 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-SIX

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Five: On or about December 25, 2014, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-

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COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Six: On or about January 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$142,867 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Seven: On or about February 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a

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felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$410,055 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT TWENTY-NINE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Eight: On or about March 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period February 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$481,081 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Twenty-Nine: On or about April 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$603,963 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-ONE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty: On or about May 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$532,982 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-TWO

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-One: On or about June 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$463,194 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-THREE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Two: On or about July 25,

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2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$435,262 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-FOUR

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Three: On or about August 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$472,811 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-FIVE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Four: On or about September 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period August 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an

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unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$602,303 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-SIX

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Five: On or about October 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$495,549 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT THIRTY-SEVEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Six: On or about November 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that

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defendant failed to remit \$149,270 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-EIGHT

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Seven: On or about December 25, 2015, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$452,890 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT THIRTY-NINE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Eight: On or about January 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALITAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$262,587 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Thirty-Nine: On or about February 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$86,919 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty: On or about March 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within a 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$388,514 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. 11

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COUNT FORTY-TWO

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-One: On or about April 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$511,385 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FORTY-THREE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Two: On or about May 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$343,454 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FORTY-FOUR

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Three: On or about June 25,

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2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$492,901 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FORTY-FIVE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Four: On or about July 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$271,741 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT FORTY-SIX

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Five: On or about August 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability

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exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$215,298 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FORTY-SEVEN

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in ts commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Six: On or about September 5, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 0472, a misdemeanor, in that defendant failed to remit \$13,600 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT FORTY-EIGHT

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in ts commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Seven: On or about October 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$122,560 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FORTY-NINE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Eight: On or about November 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$199,965 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FIFTY

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Forty-Nine: On or about December 25, 2016, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$64,751 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

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COUNT FIFTY-ONE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fifty: On or about January 25, 2017, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$148,977 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FIFTY-TWO

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fifty-One: On or about April 25, 2017, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a felony, in that defendant failed to remit \$264,884 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FIFTY-THREE

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For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fifty-Two: On or about July 25,

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2017, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$1,208,960 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

COUNT FIFTY-FOUR

FILING FRAUDULENT REPORT

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense from but connected in its commission as the charges set forth in Counts One through Fifty-Three: On or about October 25, 2017, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant ALI TAVAF, being a person required to make, render, sign or verify a tax return for tobacco distributor license number CP STF 05-0004827, unlawfully filed false or fraudulent tax returns for the period July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, with the intent to defeat or evade an unreported tax liability exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) within any 12-consecutive month period, in violation of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 30472/30480, a **felony**, in that defendant failed to remit \$89,084 excise tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

SPECIAL ALLEGATION ONE

WHITE COLLAR CRIME ENHANCEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$500,000

It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code Section 186.11(a)(2), that the offenses set forth in Counts One through Fifty-Four, are related felonies, a material element of which is fraud, which involve a pattern of related felony conduct, and the pattern of related felony conduct involves the taking of more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

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SPECIAL ALLEGATION TWO

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - COMMISSION WITHIN SIX YEARS

The statute of limitations for the crimes of making false or fraudulent reports, with intent to evade tax determination, is six years after commission of the offense. (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 30481)

Any prosecution for violation of any of the penal provisions of this part shall be instituted within six years after commission of the offense.

Tax returns filed on a monthly basis are due on the 25th day of the following month. In this case, the tax return for the period April 1, 2012 though April 30, 2012 was due on May 25, 2012. Therefore, the statute of limitations begins six years from May 25, 2012.

DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 25, 2019

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