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United States District Court Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6,1 (Chicago) CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:15-cr-00315 All Defendants

Case title: USA v. Hastert Date Filed: 05/28/2015

Assigned to: Honorable Thomas M. Durkin

Defendant (1)

John Dennis Hastert

Pending Counts

Disposition

STATEMENTS OR ENTRIES GENERALLY

(1)

STRUCTURING TRANSACTIONS TO EVADE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(2)

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

Disposition

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

Disposition

None

Plaintiff

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05/28/2015	1	INDICTMENT as to John Dennis Hastert (1) count(s) 1, 2 (yap,) (Entered: 05/29/2015)
05/28/2015	2	DESIGNATION Sheet: FELONY (Category 3). (yap,) (Entered: 05/29/2015)
05/28/2015		MINUTE entry before the Honorable Geraldine Soat Brown as to John Dennis Hastert: To set preliminary bail at \$4500.00 and that the defendant be allowed to sign own recognizance bond. (yap,) (Entered: 05/29/2015)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

MAGISTRATE JUDGE BROWN

JUDGE DURKIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	15CR 315
v.)	Violations: Title 18, United States
	Code, Section 1001(a)(2); Title 31,
	United States Code,
JOHN DENNIS HASTERT	Section 5324(a)(3)

COUNT ONE

The SPECIAL FEBRUARY 2014 GRAND JURY charges:

THOMAS G. BRUTON CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

- 1. At times material to this indictment:
- a. From approximately 1965 to 1981, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was a high school teacher and coach in Yorkville, Illinois. From approximately 1981 to 2007, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was an elected public official, including eight years as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. From approximately 2008 to the present, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT has worked as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.
- b. Individual A has been a resident of Yorkville, Illinois and has known defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT most of Individual A's life.
- c. In or about 2010, Individual A met with defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT multiple times. During at least one of the meetings,

Individual A and defendant discussed past misconduct by defendant against Individual A that had occurred years earlier.

- d. During the 2010 meetings and subsequent discussions, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT agreed to provide Individual A \$3.5 million in order to compensate for and conceal his prior misconduct against Individual A.
- e. Shortly thereafter, defendant began providing Individual A cash payments.
- f. From approximately 2010 to 2014, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT withdrew a total of approximately \$1.7 million in cash from various bank accounts he controlled and provided it to Individual A.
- g. From approximately June 2010 through April 2012, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT made fifteen \$50,000 withdrawals of cash from bank accounts he controlled at Old Second Bank, People's State Bank and Castle Bank and provided that cash to Individual A approximately every six weeks.
- h. Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a) and Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1010.310-313 required domestic financial institutions to prepare and file with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network a Currency Transaction Report (Form 104) for any transaction or series of transactions involving currency of more than \$10,000.

- i. Old Second Bank, People's State Bank, Castle Bank and Chase Bank were domestic financial institutions subject to the Currency Transaction Reporting requirements described in the preceding paragraph.
- j. In approximately April 2012, pursuant to bank policy and federal regulations, bank representatives questioned defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT about the \$50,000 cash withdrawals that he had made.
- k. In July 2012, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT began withdrawing cash in increments of less than \$10,000. Defendant provided that cash to Individual A in an increment of \$50,000 at pre-arranged meeting places and times.
- l. In approximately 2014, defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT and Individual A changed the timing and amounts of the payments so that defendant provided Individual A \$100,000 every three months. Defendant continued to withdraw cash in increments of less than \$10,000. Defendant provided that cash in an increment of \$100,000 at prearranged meeting places and times.
- m. In approximately 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service, agencies within the executive branch of the Government of the United States, began investigating defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT's cash withdrawals as possible structuring of currency transactions to evade the reporting requirements described above.

n. As of December 8, 2014, the following matters, among others, were material to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service regarding possible structuring by defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT:

- i. Whether defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was withdrawing less than \$10,000 in cash at a time in order to evade currency transaction reporting requirements;
- ii. Whether defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was using the cash he was withdrawing to cover up past misconduct;
- iii. Whether defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was using the cash he was withdrawing for a criminal purpose;
- iv. Whether defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was the victim of a criminal extortion related to, among other matters, his prior positions in government and was giving the cash to another individual as payment; and
- v. Whether defendant JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was using the cash for some other purpose, not related to a crime or past misconduct.

2. On or about December 8, 2014, in Plano, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division,

JOHN DENNIS HASTERT,

defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully make materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency within the executive branch of the Government of the United States, when JOHN DENNIS HASTERT was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation about his cash withdrawals over the prior four and a half years totaling in excess of \$1.7 million. Specifically, in response to the agents' question confirming whether the purpose of the withdrawals was to store cash because he did not feel safe with the banking system, as he previously indicated, JOHN DENNIS HASTERT stated: "Yeah . . . I kept the cash. That's what I'm doing."

Whereas, in truth and in fact, as JOHN DENNIS HASTERT then well knew, this statement was false because:

(i) He had been withdrawing cash from banks and providing the cash to Individual A in amounts of \$50,000 or \$100,000 to satisfy the agreement he made with Individual A to provide \$3.5 million in order to compensate for and conceal his prior misconduct against Individual A; and

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(ii) He had been withdrawing cash in increments of less than \$10,000 to evade currency transaction reporting requirements because he wanted his agreement to compensate Individual A to remain secret so as to cover up his past misconduct;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2).

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COUNT TWO

The SPECIAL FEBRUARY 2014 GRAND JURY further charges:

1. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1(a)-1(l) of Count One of

this Indictment are realleged and incorporated herein.

2. Beginning no later than July 2012, and continuing until on or

around December 6, 2014, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern

Division, and elsewhere,

JOHN DENNIS HASTERT,

defendant herein, did knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting

requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a) and regulations

prescribed thereunder, structure and assist in structuring transactions at Old

Second Bank, People's State Bank, Castle Bank and Chase Bank by

withdrawing and causing the withdrawal of \$952,000 in United States

currency in amounts under \$10,000 in separate transactions on at least 106

occasions;

In violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5324(a)(3).

A TRUE BILL:

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

JUDGE DURESS: 1:15-cr-00315 Document #: 2 Filed: 05/28/15 Page 1 of 1 PageID #:8

MAGISTRATE JUDGE RROWN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

DESIGNATION SHEET FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Is this an indictment or information arising out of offenses charged in one or more previously-filed magistrate's complaints? NO
 - Should this indictment or information receive a new case number from the court? UES 1b.
- 2) Is this an indictment or information that supersedes one or more previously-filed indictments or informations? NO
- 3) Is this a re-filing of a previously dismissed indictment or information? NO
- 4) Is this a case arising out of the failure of the defendant to appear in a criminal proceeding in this Court? NO
- 5) Is this a transfer of probation supervision from another district to this District? **NO**
- 6) What level of offense is this indictment or information? **FELONY**
- 7) Does this indictment or information involve eight or more defendants? NO
- 8) Does this indictment or information include a conspiracy count? NO
- 9) Identify the type of offense that describes the count, other than any conspiracy count, with the most severe penalty: Other Federal Statutes (III)

10) List the statute of each of the offenses charged in the indictment or information.

31 U.S.C. § 5324 18 U.S.C. § 1001

/s/ Steven A. Block

Steven A. Block

Assistant United States Attorney

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Grand Jury Proceeding	AFACICTDATE	HIDGE	RKUW
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The Grand Jury for SPECIAL FEBRUARY 2014 the Session, a quorum being present, returns the above-entitled indictment in open Court this date before

Judge or Magistrate Judge Allallar Sout

TO SET PRELIMINARY BAIL AT \$4500.00 AND THAT THE DEFENDANT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN OWN RECOGNIZANCE BOND.

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