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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER,

DEFENDANT(S).

#### INDICTMENT

26 USC § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns 31 U.S.C. §§ Willfully Violating Foreign Bank Account Recording Requirements

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## Attachment to Information Penalty Sheet YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER

#### 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) – Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns

- 3 years prison
- \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain/loss, whichever is greater
- 1 year supervised release
- \$100 special assessment

# 31 U.S.C. §§ 5314 and 5322(2) - Willfully Violating Foreign Bank Account Recording Requirements

- 5 years prison
- \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain/loss, whichever is greater
- 3 years supervised release
- \$100 special assessment

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	ho CAGR: 14 215
Plaintiff,	) VIOLATIONS: 31 U.S.C. §§ 5314 and
v.	<ul> <li>5322(a) (Willfully Violating Foreign Bank</li> <li>Account Recording Requirements);</li> <li>26 U.S. C. 8 7206(1) Making and</li> </ul>
YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER,	) 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) – Making and ) Subscribing False Tax Returns
Defendants.	) (SAN FRANCISCO VENUE)
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#### INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

#### **Introductory Allegations**

At all relevant times:

- 1. Defendants, YAOWAPHA RITDET ("RITDET"), and STEVE WALTER were residents of Ukiah, California, and were the owners and operators of Ruen Tong Thai Cuisine and Walter Cafe.
- 2. Kasikornbank, Public Company Limited, was a bank organized under the laws of Thailand and operating in Thailand.
- 3. Citizens and residents of the United States who have a financial interest in, or signature authority over, a financial account in a foreign country with an aggregate value of more than \$10,000 at any time during a particular calendar year are required to file with the United States Treasury a Report

Indictment

of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts on Form TD F 90-22.1 ("FBAR"). The FBAR for any given calendar year is due by June 30 of the following year.

- 4. Citizens and residents of the United States also have an obligation to indicate on Schedule B of U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040) whether they had an interest in a financial account in a foreign country by checking "Yes" or "No" in the appropriate box and identifying the country where the account was maintained. Taxpayers also are obligated to report all income earned from foreign bank accounts on their tax returns.
- 5. RITDET was the beneficial owner of a passbook savings account at Kasikornbank, Public Company Limited, and maintained the account from 2009 through 2010. From 2009 through 2010, the passbook savings account held balances of over \$10,000.
- <u>COUNT ONE</u> (31 U.S.C. §§ 5314 and 5322(a) Willful Violation of Foreign Bank Account Reporting Requirement
- 6. On or about June 30, 2009, in the Northern District of California, and elsewhere, defendant,

#### YAOWAPHA RITDET,

did knowingly and willfully violate the requirements prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, as codified at Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, §§ 1010.350 and 1010.306(c), to report a financial interest in a bank, securities, and other financial account in a foreign country; to wit, in calendar year 2008, the defendant failed to file an FBAR disclosing her financial interest in the passbook savings account, which had a value of greater than \$10,000 during calendar year 2008.

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5314 and 5322(a).

- COUNT TWO (31 U.S.C. §§ 5314 and 5322(a) Willful Violation of Foreign Bank Account Reporting Requirement
  - 7. Paragraphs 1 through 6 are incorporated and re-alleged herein.
- 8. On or about June 30, 2009, in the Northern District of California, and elsewhere, defendant,

#### YAOWAPHA RITDET,

did knowingly and willfully violate the requirements prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, as codified at Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, §§ 1010.350 and 1010.306(c), to report a financial interest in a bank, securities, and other financial account in a foreign country; to wit, in calendar year

2008, the defendant failed to file an FBAR disclosing her financial interest in the passbook savings account, which had a value of greater than \$10,000 during calendar year 2008.

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5314 and 5322(a).

COUNT THREE: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns)

On or about April 15, 2008, in the Northern District of California,

#### YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER,

residents of Ukiah, California, did willfully make and subscribe a Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for the calendar year 2007, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and which they did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that the return failed to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and gross receipts or sales and income received from their business activities. YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER then and there well knew and believed that they were required by law and regulation to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and the gross receipts or sales and income they derived from their business activities.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

COUNT FOUR: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns)

On or about April 15, 2009, in the Northern District of California,

#### YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER,

residents of Ukiah, California, did willfully make and subscribe a Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for the calendar year 2008, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and which they did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that the return failed to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and gross receipts or sales and income received from their business activities. YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER then and there well knew and believed that they were required by law and regulation to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and the gross receipts or sales and income they derived from their business activities.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

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COUNT FIVE: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns) 1 2 On or about April 15, 2010, in the Northern District of California, YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER, 3 residents of Ukiah, California, did willfully make and subscribe a Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income 4 Tax Return, for the calendar year 2009, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made 5 under the penalties of perjury and which they did not believe to be true and correct as to every material 6 matter in that the return failed to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and gross receipts or 7 sales and income received from their business activities. YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE 8 WALTER then and there well knew and believed that they were required by law and regulation to 9 disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and the gross receipts or sales and income they derived 10 from their business activities. 11 All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1). 12 COUNT SIX: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns) 13 On or about April 15, 2011, in the Northern District of California, 14 YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER, 15 residents of Ukiah, California, did willfully make and subscribe a Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income 16 Tax Return, for the calendar year 2010, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made 17 under the penalties of perjury and which they did not believe to be true and correct as to every material 18 matter in that the return failed to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and gross receipts or 19 sales and income received from their business activities. YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE 20 WALTER then and there well knew and believed that they were required by law and regulation to 21 disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and the gross receipts or sales and income they derived 22 from their business activities. 23 All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1). 24 II25 26 27 28

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COUNT SEVEN: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) - Making and Subscribing False Tax Returns)

On or about April 15, 2012, in the Northern District of California,

### YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER,

residents of Ukiah, California, did willfully make and subscribe a Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for the calendar year 2011, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and which they did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that the return failed to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and gross receipts or sales and income received from their business activities. YAOWAPHA RITDET and STEVE WALTER then and there well knew and believed that they were required by law and regulation to disclose rental income, foreign bank accounts, and the gross receipts or sales and income they derived from their business activities.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

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