

UNITED STATES COURTS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KIMBERLY D. FONTENOT

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CRIMINAL NO.

13CR 24

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

(18 U.S.C. § 1343 – Wire Fraud)

Introduction

At all times material to this information:

1. Defendant **KIMBERLY D. FONTENOT** was a resident of Brazoria County, Texas. The defendant owned and controlled a business called Stellar Grants, Inc., which she operated from her home located in the Southern District of Texas.

The Scheme

2. Beginning in at least January 2012, the exact date being unknown, and continuing through December 2012, the defendant,

KIMBERLY D. FONTENOT,

did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and

promises, to wit: Defendant **FONTENOT** devised and executed a fraudulent investment scheme, whereby she falsely claimed to know numerous wealthy investors located throughout the United States, and solicited business through Stellar Grants by claiming to potential clients that she could introduce Stellar Grants clients to the wealthy investors and help clients solicit the wealthy investors for investment capital, all in exchange for consulting fees paid to Stellar Grants.

Manner and Means of the Scheme

It was a part of the scheme that:

3. Defendant **FONTENOT** would and did falsely claim to know numerous wealthy investors, whom she referred to as her “angel investors,” and to offer access to these individuals to Stellar Grants clients in exchange for consulting fees.

4. Defendant **FONTENOT** would and did use the web-based email services Yahoo.com and Gmail.com to create fake email accounts in the name of the wealthy investors, and she sent emails to the victim business owners, making it seem as if the emails were coming from the wealthy investors when they were actually from **FONTENOT**.

5. Defendant **FONTENOT** would and did hire a voice actor to impersonate the wealthy investors, provide the actor with a script to follow during conference calls with the victim business owners, and hold sham conference calls where she would

pretend to represent the business owners and the actor would pretend to be either the wealthy investor or the investor's representative.

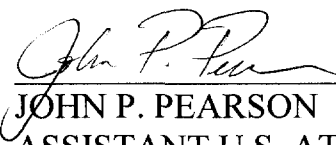
6. To avoid detection, Defendant **FONTENOT** would and did require potential Stellar Grants clients to sign a Master Consulting Agreement. These agreements included a penalty clause which imposed heavy financial penalties if the victim business owners contacted any of the wealthy investors.

Execution of the Scheme

7. On or about July 19, 2012, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas, and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and intending to do so, Defendant **FONTENOT** knowingly caused the following interstate wire communication: a payment of \$5,000 sent by an investment representative of a Stellar Grants client to defendant **FONTENOT**'s Amegy bank account ending in -6269, which was located in the Southern District of Texas.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

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