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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No. CR04-00229-RMT
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER RE: DEFENDANT’S
)	MOTIONS TO DISMISS
vs.)	INDICTMENT FOR
)	OUTRAGEOUS GOVERNMENT
DAVID STRUCKMAN,)	MISCONDUCT AND
)	UNNECESSARY DELAY
Defendant.)	

This matter has come before the court on the motions by defendant David Struckman (“defendant”) to dismiss the indictment for outrageous government misconduct and for unnecessary delay in the trial procured by government misconduct. The court, having considered the record herein, including the pleadings, testimony and other evidence in this matter, finds as follows:

Procedural Posture

On May 11, 2004, defendant David Struckman was indicted in the Western District of Washington for conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

On July 20, 2005, a superseding indictment was filed, alleging nine counts of tax evasion under 26 U.S.C. § 7201 for the years 1999-2001 (Counts 2 through 10), in addition to the previously charged one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States

1 in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Count 1). The superseding indictment alleges that
2 defendant founded an organization called Institute of Global Prosperity (“Global
3 Prosperity”) which received \$40,000,000 during its existence and that defendant
4 Struckman himself received \$5,100,000 reportable income via nominee bank accounts.

5 On May 24, 2007, defendant filed a motion to dismiss the indictment for
6 outrageous government misconduct, Dkt. 361, and on May 10, 2007, defendant filed a
7 motion to dismiss the indictment for unnecessary delay in the trial procured by
8 government misconduct.

9 From July 9 through July 11, 2007, the court held an evidentiary hearing on
10 defendant’s motions.

11 ***Factual and Procedural Background***

12 **I. Anonymous Informant 1 (“AI-1”), also known as “Ted.”**

13 Sometime in 2000, Keith L. Chinn, then a Special Agent with the United States
14 Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), was assigned to the David
15 Struckman Global Prosperity investigations. As part of the assignment, Special Agent
16 Chinn (“SA Chinn”) was assigned “to do some background information on” the
17 defendant. 1 Transcript of Proceedings (“TP”) 263:16-18.

18 On August 7, 2000, SA Chinn sent a message by electronic mail (“e-mail”) to
19 Larry R. Bateman, the Supervisory Special Agent at the Seattle Field Office of the IRS.
20 In the e-mail, SA Chinn states:

21 Larry,

22 Please tell the boys that I need them to be available for trash runs and
23 surveillance during the next two or three weeks, this is high priority as we
24 need pc for the anticipated warrants, thanks.

25 Def.’s Ex. 221, AGT 015C¹

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27 ¹ Unless otherwise stated, all references to exhibits are to those exhibits admitted into
28 evidence during the evidentiary hearing conducted in this case on July 9-11, 2007.

1 In turn, Supervisory SA Bateman forwarded the e-mail to SA Michael D.
2 Hardaway (“SA Hardaway”) and Robert D. Manning (“SA Manning”), adding “I think
3 you are the boys that Keith is referring to . . . if there are conflicts give me a heads up as
4 soon as possible.” *Id.*

5 According to SA Chinn’s rough notes, on September 13, 2000, SA Chinn met
6 with a person Chinn designated as “anonymous informant ‘Ted.’” Def.’s Ex. 1(B).
7 According to the notes, Ted informed SA Chinn that, among other things, co-defendant
8 Dan Anderson lives in Boston; that Struckman has had four wives; that Struckman
9 bought a two bedroom home and two acres in Issaquah, Washington for \$600,000, in
10 the name of a trust and that Struckman “has a deal with a Canadian company to attach a
11 lien so that nobody can attach the house;” that there is a “private vault in Bellevue with
12 40K gold;” and although Struckman has no kids with Laura J. [Struckman], Laura has a
13 daughter called “Galadriel Imbler,” and proceeded to give SA Chinn her address and
14 phone number. According to the rough notes, Ted gave SA Chinn the name and address
15 of a bank in Panama, as well as an account number at such bank.² *Id.*

16 According to SA Chinn’s rough notes, SA Chinn had a contact with Ted on
17 September 15, 2000, where Ted told SA Chinn, among other things, that the “record
18 keeper is the daughter J.J.,” gave Chinn JJ’s address and the license plate number of a
19 “blue van,” and told SA Chinn that a Michael Bovee is Rachel’s husband. Def.’s Ex.
20 2(B). The Memorandum of Investigation (“MOI”) generated the same day as the
21 contact reflects the same information as the rough notes except it makes no reference to
22 a blue van. Def.’s Ex. 2(A).

23 SA Chinn’s rough notes dated September 18, 2000, in addition to web sites,
24 addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, contain the following remarks:

25 - Chase Manhattan Bank - Trust for trading stocks.

27 ² The MOI of that meeting indicates the bank a account was used by either “Struckman
28 or his daughters.” Def.’s Ex. 1(a)

- 1 - Struckman 3-1 Trust thing 17,000
- 2 swift: Chase US 33 ABA:021-000-021
- 3 - Chase Manhattan has lots of ATMs
- 4 - got password went behind the net

5 Def.'s Ex. 3(B).³

6 According to SA Chinn's rough notes dated September 21, 2000; November 8,
7 2000; November 13, 2000; November 15, 2000; November 27, 2000; November 30,
8 2000; December 11, 2000 and January 25, 2001; each beginning with the notation
9 "Ted", SA Chinn obtained detailed information concerning defendant's personal
10 information, that of his family, and information concerning his activities. Among the
11 information obtained and recorded on these rough notes, SA Chinn noted Laura
12 Struckman's Social Security Number; defendant's e-mail address; Jennifer Struckman
13 as the contact person; Struckman's use of his mother's maiden name; Struckman's use
14 of other names; Laura Struckman's purchase of an embroidery shop; a Social Security
15 Number for a Jacob or Jake Wininger; a Social Security Number for Jennifer; a Social
16 Security Number for a Mike Bovee, married to Rachel; references to Jacob Wininger's
17 child support problems; license numbers for vehicles at defendant's residence;
18 information concerning houses bought by defendant; references and locations to safe
19 deposit boxes; Jennifer's plans to move to a new house and the address of the new
20 house; possible names of trusts.

21 SA Chinn's rough notes dated November 20, 2000 contain the following remarks:

- 22 - She called the cops, ran the plates
- 23 - white mid-van
- 24 - Main Drag

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26 ³ Although the rough notes do not indicate a source for this information, subsequently,
27 when the MOI is prepared apparently on January 28, 2001, the information is then attribute to
28 Ted.

- 1 - Followed by van
- 2 - went down to boat to get light at boat.
- 3 - not doing this any more
- 4 - gave back endorsement stamps & deposit books
- 5 - Bus goes mid the house to pick up the records ["records" stricken over]
- 6 - Thinking having to do with Jake and his prior kid.

7 Def.'s Ex. 8(B).⁴

8 On December 11, 2000, SA Hardaway sent SA Chinn an e-mail titled
9 "STRUCKMAN Surveillance Logs and Memoranda." In the e-mail, SA Hardaway
10 stated:

11 Keith:

12 I have surveyed the case files you have given me, however, I have yet to see
13 anything regarding the extensive surveillance activity re STRUCKMAN.

14 Can you either show me where the info is, or provide to me as soon as
15 possible.

16 Thanks.

17 Def.'s Ex. 221, AGT-193.

18 SA Chinn replied to the e-mail by saying "I have the field note (sic) but need to
19 put them into usable form." *Id.*

20 On January 11, 2001, SA Jeffrey Holm sent SA Hardaway an e-mail titled "S.W.
21 Affidavit." In the e-mail, SA Holm stated:

22 Mike -

23 Can you email your latest updates to the S.W. affidavit at the end of Friday
24 (tomorrow) - I would like to work on the affidavit on Saturday and Patrick

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26 ⁴ Although the rough notes do not indicate a source for this information, subsequently,
27 when the MOI is prepared apparently on March 30, 2001, the information is then attribute to
28 Ted.

1 has asked that I email him the affidavit during the weekend.

2 I still need the following from you . . .

3 1. Description of Struckman and Wininger's residences.

4 2. Results of trash runs at Struckman and Wininger's residences.

5 3. Results of surveillance done on Struckman (and Wininger if appropriate)

6 to include him going to the bank, lack of a 9-5 job, and vehicles he is driving

7 (and anything else of note).

8 4. Information on assets owned by Struckman, including automobiles etc.

9 Patrick is asking for there to show lifestyles and therefore possible taxable

10 income.

11 5. Also, Patrick would like to have someone summarize the info that Keith's

12 CI is telling him. I've got quite a bit to do myself, so can you sit down with

13 Keith and have him detail the dates of his conversations w/the CI, what the

14 CI had told Keith and how the CI knows this information. If you can get

15 Keith to write this up for you, so much the better, but since you are the case

16 agent on Struckman I'm passing this job to you.

17 Let me know if you have any questions or need any help. Thanks.

18 Def.'s Ex. 221, AGT-194.

19 In an entry to his Agent's Diary, dated January 17, 2001, SA Hardaway noted:

20 "Trash run attempt. Pen register and trap and trace. Informant info from SA Chinn."

21 Def.'s Ex. 221, AGT-259.

22 Two sets of rough notes dated January 25, 2001 were introduced at the July 2007

23 evidentiary hearing. Def.'s Ex. 12(B). The first set of notes, under the heading "KC,

24 MH, 'Ted,'" contains, among other things, the following information:

25 - Laura in Hawaii

26 - Prostep - Struckman [unintelligible] getting \$25,000/month

27 - Last conversation was with J.W. and Struckman was there

28 - Web site GPMG set up in Sweden

- 1 - Struckman said he doesn't even have to work another day in his life
- 2 - Struckman rented a big house in (sic) Issaquah Highway 900
- 3 - Jennifer gets income from D.S.
- 4 - Jennifer renting the house from lady in Bellevue
- 5 - Called the fedex "the happy truck"
- 6 - Sounds like 3 bank accounts
- 7 - Advantage Consulting could be an account.

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9 Def.'s Ex. 12(B), AI1-017-019

10 The second set of notes, under the heading "Chinn, Hardaway, Ted," contains,
11 among other things, the following information:

12 Prostep 25,000/ month parts from Global to Prostep

13 Struckman is con, ripping people off, greedy sob

14 2 bedroom acreage 3 pieces of property, renovating architect

15 Foreign bank accts, debit cards offshore, gold Belize

16 3 Trusts

17 Millionaire "Doesn't need to work another day in my life"

18 Aviary, \$14 parrot, \$4 Elton John Bin

19 Jennifer still doing, gets mail banking, keep documents out of home

20 Rachel not into it, Boove looser, kissing Dave's butt

21 Jacob ex-painter, deadbeat

22 Jennifer not [unintelligible] convinced, turned on a dime when thought

23 followed

24 Bill Konlin Atty

25 Large amts of cash occasionally come to home

26 Tony, Michelle's & Dave's kid

27 Computer equipment, spamming e-mail to

28 Jennifer wedding, Issaquah house

1 Jennifer goes to dad's house a lot for business
2 CBS 48 hours, 3-4 more segments, govt behind it
3 Talk to Laura, Hawaii Maui
4 Jennifer gets paid by Dave for
5 3 endorsement stamps
6 Offshore seminar 2-3 months
7 Aruba, Belize, Cancun
8 Alternate Ventures
9 Crescent Moons
10 Advantage Consultants

11 Def.'s Ex. 12(B), AI1-020-022

12 In an entry to his Agent's Diary, dated January 25, 2001, but recorded on January
13 29, 2001, SA Hardaway noted: "Meeting with anonymous info source. Analysis of
14 evidence/info and affidavit." Def.'s Ex. 221, AGT-263.

15 On February 11 and 15, 2001, SA Holm received instructions via e-mail, to
16 change parts of a proposed affidavit. Def.'s Ex. 221, AGT-110-14. Holm was
17 instructed that "[i]f we know of criminal records for the CI's (sic) they must be
18 revealed. If we know how the anonymous Informant receives his information (does he
19 personally witness, get it from statements, etc. we must put it in)," and to "review the
20 trash updates prepared by Hardaway." *Id.*

21 On February 23, 2001 and February 28, 2001, search warrants were issued to
22 search the residences of David Struckman, Jeniffer Wininger, Struckman's daughter,
23 and other premises. August 31, 2004 Order to Unseal Search and Seizure Warrants and
24 Applications and Affidavits for Search and Seizure Warrants, Dkt. 70.

25 On or about February 28, 2001, defendant Struckman was served with a grand
26 jury subpoena for documents. Gov't Brief in Support of Evidentiary Hearing ("Gov't
27 Brief"), Ex. 2.

28 A MOI dated March 13, 2001 by SA Hardaway for the first time memorializes

1 SA Hardaway's contact with Ted, whom SA Hardaway refers to as Anonymous
2 Informant 1 ("AI-1"). The MOI states, in part:

3 Special Agent Michael D. Hardaway was contacted, by telephone, by an
4 anonymous informant (AI-1). SA Hardaway spoke with AI-1 regarding
5 DAVID A. STRUCKMAN (STRUCKMAN) and associates, and GLOBAL
6 PROSPERITY (GLOBAL). AI-1 has previously provided information to
7 C[rimina] I[nvestigation] regarding STRUCKMAN and associates, and
8 GLOBAL.

9 Def.'s Ex. 13 (emphasis in original).

10 The MOI describes, among others, defendant's reaction to the search warrants
11 and the grand jury subpoena, including the name of the attorney defendant contemplated
12 hiring.

13 On March 14, 2001, Supervising SA Bateman sends SA Hardaway and Chinn an
14 email titled "Ted," which states:

15 Definition of an anonymous informant and guidance for recordation of
16 informant contact. I would like all contacts written up in MOI format. For
17 purposes of the MOI use the name given by the informant "Ted." Also I
18 would like him encouraged to become a Confidential Informant so we have a
19 degree of control and the ability to contact him. If this is not possible we
20 will continue the anonymous designation but will properly document all
21 contacts.

22 Def.'s Ex. 219 (with a document attached to the e-mail).

23 Subsequent to the May 14, 2001 e-mail from Supervisory SA Bateman
24 concerning "Ted," SA Hardaway produced MOIs dated the same day as the rough notes
25 for nineteen contacts with Ted, whom SA Hardaway now calls "AI-1." Def.'s Ex. 15-
26 33. The MOIs span from April 17, 2001 through December 12, 2001 and contain
27 detailed information on both defendant himself and defendant's family, including
28 information on defendant's daughters, Rachel Struckman Moritz and Jennifer Wininger;

1 and his daughters' significant others, Mike Bovee and Jacob Wininger, respectively.
2 On one occasion, SA Hardaway stated AI-1 provided the Social Security Number and
3 address of Jacob Wininger's mother. Def.'s Ex. 33(A). The information on the MOIs
4 and rough notes also include reaction to grand jury appearances by defendant and
5 Jennifer Wininger, reaction to subpoenas by family members, Social Security Numbers,
6 addresses to residences, expenditures, phone and fax numbers, transfer of funds, and
7 arguments and marital problems among the family.

8 On December 17, 2001, SA Hardaway sent an e-mail to SA Chinn, stating:
9 "Keith, I am being asked, by the attorneys, to produce all memos regarding information
10 provided by "Ted." Now might be a good time to finally finish those memos." Def.'s
11 Ex. 221, AGT-228.

12 SA Hardaway prepared two more MOIs concerning AI-1, one dated January 3,
13 2002 and another dated January 8, 2002. Def.'s Ex. 34, 35. Both MOIs referred to
14 information concerning an internet website, and the latter mentions Jennifer and Jacob's
15 attempts at reconciliation. None of the MOIs prepared by SA Chinn concerning "Ted"
16 are dated as prepared after SA Hardaway's December 17, 2001 e-mail. The last MOI
17 attributing information to AI-1/Ted is dated January 8, 2002. Def.'s Ex. 35. There are
18 neither rough notes nor MOIs for any of the additional information the government
19 attributes to Ted after the January 8, 2002 MOI, including information as to defendant's
20 whereabouts in Panama from 2004 through 2006.

21 **II. Dave Bowden**

22 A MOI by SA Hardaway indicates that SA Hardaway contacted Dave Bowden
23 ("Bowden") at his residence, located at 18613 108th Avenue Southeast, Renton,
24 Washington, 98055. Def.'s Ex. 43. According to the MOI, the contact occurred on
25 Saturday, December 21, 2002. According to the MOI, Bowden "operated a detail
26 shop/business out of his residence" and met Struckman around 1996 when Bowden
27 detailed several of defendant's vehicles. *Id.* In addition to detailing vehicles, Bowden
28 also sold classic vehicles during that time. *Id.* Bowden stated that at one point,

1 Struckman “made a pitch” for Global products, . . . talked about investments and ‘never
2 paying taxes again.’” Bowden mentioned that he had “explored” Global products and he
3 and his wife Terri had attended a “Global G1 seminar in Cancun, Mexico.” *Id.* The
4 MOI further indicates that:

5 4. Bowden states that at the seminar he and is wife quickly realized
6 Global was “a bunch of bunk.”

7 5. Bowden stated in approximately February 1997 D-Struckman
8 purchased a 1932 Plymouth 4-door “hot rod” from him for
9 \$30,000.00. D-Struckman paid for the transaction with a paper bag
10 stuffed with currency. Bowden deposited \$25,000.00 of the currency
11 in his bank account located at U.S. Bank, Spring Glen branch, and
12 while doing so, he believes a Currency Transaction Report was
13 prepared by the bank.

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15 7. Bowden states D-Struckman talked him into investing the \$30,000 he
16 received for the Plymouth sale in some Global sponsored event.
17 Bowden lost the entire \$30,000.00. Apparently, D-Struckman felt bad
18 about what happened and in February 1998 he gave Bowden a check
19 for the full \$30,000.00 to make up for his loss.

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21 9. Bowden stated D-Struckman talked about, and frequently went to,
22 some sort of a safe deposit box vault, in Bellevue, Washington. This
23 box or vault was not at a bank.

24 10. Bowden stated he saw Laura Struckman (L-Struckman) nearly every
25 day at the Spring Glen branch of U.S. Bank, in Renton, Washington,
26 doing banking business. L-Struckman was frequently withdrawing
27 currency. Bowden also did his banking at the same branch. . . .

28 Def.’s Ex. 43

1 On Thursday, January 16, 2003, SA Hardaway and SA Michael W. Grossman,
2 met Bowden at his residence to “follow-up to an earlier contact conducted by SA
3 Hardaway.” Def.’s Ex. 44. In addition to stating that Struckman “talked about the 1932
4 Plymouth as if it were his personal property and under his custody and control,” SA
5 Hardaway writes down that:

6 D[ave] B[owden] remembers a casual conversation with D[avid]
7 S[truckman], probably around early 98, when DS was bragging about
8 making big bucks.

9 Somehow the conversation turned to Laura going to the bank.

10 DB said DS said he “sent Laura to the bank nearly every day to take out [amt
11 10,000]* in cash.

12 *9,000 or 9,500, not sure which

13 DB remembers DS talking about sending bulk cash (\$100k) via Fedex to
14 destination unknown.

15 DB and wife Terri went to Dinner one time with DS and LS metropolitan
16 grill, Seattle

17 Tab approx \$1,200

18 DS paid cash.

19 Rough Notes to MOI dated January 16, 2003, identified as document 53, attached to
20 Government’s Request for *In Camera* Review, Dkt. 147.⁵

21 On February 20, 2003, Bowden testified before grand jury proceedings leading to
22 the indictment of Laura Jean Marie Struckman. Def.’s Ex. 47. Bowden testified that
23 both David Struckman and Laura Struckman “walked up to me and handed me a check
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25 ⁵ While the parties did not include these rough notes as part of the evidence admitted into
26 evidence during the evidentiary hearing conducted in this case on July 9-11, 2007, the rough
27 notes were found to be statements “under the Jencks Act and . . . therefore, required to be
28 produced, if the witness[] or agent[], whose statements are contained therein, are called by the
Government to testify at trial.” November 8, 2005 Order, Dkt. 150.

1 for \$30,000” to reimburse Bowden the money Bowden had invested at Struckman’s
2 prodding. *Id.* 13-14. Bowden testified that Struckman told Bowden that “Laura was [in
3 the bank] every morning at 9:00 o’clock drawing out \$10,000 or 99 – \$9,000 a day.” *Id.*
4 18:19-20. Bowden further testified that:

5 Bowden: Because I would see Laura at the bank every morning just
6 about, you know, him or her. I would see him a few times too,
7 but her mostly would get the money.

8 Counsel: Did she ever talk about going to the bank?
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10 Bowden: Yeah. Yeah. She would say she was there every day, you
11 know, and Dave told me he would go there even at night with
12 his debit cards and empty out the cash machines.

13 Counsel: Anything significant to the amount of money why it was you
14 said under 10,000?

15 Bowden: Oh, yeah. It was because they wouldn’t take a record of it.
16 You know, the bank wouldn’t –

17 Counsel: That’s what he told you?

18 Bowden: Yeah. See, I never knew nothing about that. I would never had
19 \$10,000 to put in there, so he told me that you would have to
20 sign a form if you put in any more than that.

21 *Id.* 18:24 - 19:15.

22 Counsel: Did he ever mention anything about shipping money?

23 Bowden: Oh, yeah. Um, well, he told me that he had a safe in the house
24 too and he usually kept 100,000 in the safe. And he said that
25 they shipped - - they were shipping money. . . .

26 But he said that they were shipping money back, at least this is
27 what he told me, and then it would go over to the Bahamas or
28 somewhere, and I don’t know if it was Michigan, somewhere

1 back there, Iowa. I don't know.

2 *Id.* 21:9-13.

3 After government counsel asked if the grand jurors have any questions, a grand
4 juror ("GJ") asked:

5 GJ: Did Laura ever tell you directly about the \$10,000 cash
6 transaction forms?

7 Bowden: Not really, the amount. Dave told me the amount that she went
8 there every day and got the \$9,900 over whatever, you know, at
9 that time. And Laura just said she had to go to the bank every
10 day.

11 *Id.* 25:13-18.

12 Bowden testified that the check he had received from Struckman for \$30,000.00
13 was written "from a trust, this trust - - this is the one that I noticed was on (sic) his cars
14 later on when I was detailing them." *Id.* 14:25-15:2.

15 Counsel: Crescent Moon?

16 Bowden: Because that's when I – after this I started to - - I would detail
17 their cars, and their kids, and his little sidekick would come and
18 have his car done every so often, and that's when I started - -
19 any kind of paperwork I found with names and stuff on it, I had
20 a copy machine at the house, so I started copying stuff.
21 I knew this was starting to be a scam, so I started getting stuff
22 out of their cars and coping (sic) it. And I gave that all to the
23 detective. Everything they did was in cash.

24 *Id.* 15:4-12.

25 Upon being questioned by a grand juror about his trip to the Cancun seminar,
26 Bowden testified:

27 GJ: So did you buy the ticket or did Dave make some arrangement?

28 Bowden: No, I bought. I mean Dave actually bought it, it wasn't –

1 GJ: Dave brought (sic) --

2 Bowden: No. Well, no, I bought the ticket, but I – I was using the money
3 from what he pretty much gave me off the detail. I figured I
4 didn't lose nothing and I can go to Cancun on a vacation.

5 GJ: But you just kind of figured out, well, Dave is bringing me so
6 much business that I'm really not –

7 Bowden: Right.

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9 GJ: And how much money a month do you figure he was spending
10 on just getting those cars detailed?

11 Bowden: It varied. Quite often it went from - - anywhere from 1,000 to
12 2,5000, 3,000.

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14 And on one – now this – one of the trips that he went on, this is
15 after I went to Cancun and I wasn't planning on going on any
16 more, . . . he wanted a bunch of work done on [different
17 vehicles] And the bill came to a little over \$18,000. . . . I was
18 the same story . . . took out 18, 000.

19 Counsel: Cash?

20 Bowden: Cash

21 Def.'s Ex. 47 at 16:18-17:5.

22 Bowden also testified that although he had bought a ticket to a seminar in
23 Cancun, Mexico, he had “already figured it was a scam from here.” *Id.* 8:23.

24 On the same day, February 20, 2003, the grand jury returned an indictment
25 against Laura Jean Marie Struckman charging her with one count of knowingly,
26 intentionally, and unlawfully conspiring and agreeing with an un-indicted co-
27 conspirator to agree to structure, or assist in structuring, a currency transaction for the
28 purpose of evading the reporting requirement a financial institution has to file for each

1 exchange of currency or other payment which involves a transaction of more than
2 \$10,000. February 20, 2003 Indictment, *United States v. Laura Jean Marie Struckman*,
3 No. 03-0088 (W.D. Wash. 2003).

4 On May 27, 2003, Bowden testified at Laura Struckman's trial. Among his
5 testimony, Bowden testified that:

6 Counsel: Did Laura Struckman ever tell you about her banking practices?

7 Bowden: Well, yeah, during the conversations between her and Dave and
8 me, you know, . . . they'd mention that they'd go down to the
9 bank every day and get under \$10,000 because the government
10 wouldn't find out about it. They wouldn't have to fill out some
11 forms, or something, I don't know.

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13 They both mentioned that they did have a banking account or a
14 safe deposit box in Bellevue.

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16 Counsel: What did they tell you they did with that safe deposit box?

17 Bowden: Just put money in it, I guess. You know, other that - - you
18 know, they said they were shipping out a hundred, two hundred
19 thousand dollars at a time in paper bags. . . And it was going
20 back East and down South and Denver, and I don't know
21 where.

22 2 TP 110:21-24; 111: 3-15, Dkt. 110, *United States v. Laura Jean Marie Struckman*,
23 No. 03-0088 (W.D. Wash. 2003)

24 On May 28, 2003, Laura Struckman was found guilty of count one.

25 **III. Events in Panama**

26 At some time, David Struckman left the United States and went to Panama.

27 On June 21, 2004, Michael Heineman, Trial Attorney with the Office of Internal
28 Affairs with the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, sent Timothy W.

1 O'Brien an e-mail. The e-mail stated:

2 Tim O'Brien:

3 David Wattley told me that your office was working with Panamanian
4 officials to try to have David Struckman expelled from Panama. At your
5 convenience, could you let Jo Mazurek . . . know by reply e-mail what the
6 outlook is for Struckman being expelled? If he is not going to be expelled
7 then Jo will need to have a provisional arrest request in place in Mexico but
8 we would rather not do that if it can be avoided. If you have any questions. .
9 . . Thank you.

10 Def.'s Ex. 89(c).

11 Timothy O'Brien ("O'Brien), then the regional security officer ("RSO") at the
12 United States Embassy in Panama City, replied:

13 Mike,

14 No Problem. Dave is right, my office is working the expulsion
15 situation, via our Criminal Investigations Liaison Branch. What we're
16 hoping to do is find him and have him deported vice going the provisional
17 arrest warrant route. The reasons for this are simple – a PAW will mean that
18 extradition proceedings begin, and a 60 clock starts to tick here in Panama.
19 There's a Section of the CFR . . . that allows the USG to revoke a passport of
20 an individual who is the subject of an outstanding Federal Felony arrest
21 warrant - - which Struckman has. We know he's got a U.S. ppt., and if we
22 revoke it he's undocumented. Which means he's immediately deportable.

23 There's also the possibility that the Panamanians can decide he's an
24 undesirable and revoke his visa (Struckman has a valid Panamanian visa,
25 good until August 2004, and has applied for an investment visa), so we'll
26 have to see at this point. We just had a meeting with the Panamanian
27 National Police about this case this morning, and provided information that
28 we hope will assist them in finding him, but we'll have to see at this time

1 whether they can. . . .

2 Def.'s Ex. 89(c)

3 On August 25, 2004, the Ministry of Government Affairs and Justice, National
4 Immigration and Naturalization Directorate of the Republic of Panama, denied
5 defendant Struckman's application to change his immigration status in Panama from
6 that of a tourist to an investor. Resolution Number 10885, Gov't Ex. 12. In arriving at
7 such decision, the national Director of Immigration and Naturalization took into
8 consideration the arrest warrant issued by the District Court of the Western District of
9 Washington against David Struckman "for the violation of code 18, section 371,
10 conspiracy and fraud before the United States of North America." *Id.*

11 On the same day, the same Panamanian authorities issued a deportation resolution
12 against the defendant. Resolution Number 10886, Gov't Ex. 13. The Ministry of
13 Government and Justice based its decision, in addition to the pending arrest warrant
14 against the defendant in the U.S., on the finding that reasons of security and public order
15 demanded such action "with the purpose of fighting the delinquency." *Id.* The legal
16 bases for the deportation resolution were grounded on Article 36 and 37 of the Law
17 Decree No. 16 of June 30, 1960. Thus, defendant Struckman was ordered arrested "for
18 reasons of security and public order" through Resolution 10877 by the same authorities.
19 Resolution Number 10887, Gov't Ex. 14.

20 On June 23, 2005, RSO O'Brien sent SA Hardaway an email, which stated,
21 Mike,

22 . . . I have no idea about timelines. But based on past fugitive
23 experience, we've done a turnaround in less than 24 hours. That's why I'm
24 trying to get as much lined up as possible. Now, there's lots of jokers in that
25 deck that can derail it – Panamanian Immigration can suddenly decide they
26 want to be obstreperous. . . .He may be able to get a lawyer to slow things
27 down (but that's a big reason we want to move quickly if we nab him – we
28 don't want to give him that chance, especially with that much money

1 available to him). But we're trying to plan for all that. . . . TOB

2 Def.'s Ex. 89(v).

3 On December 20, 2005, Mari A. Aponte, a Trial Attorney with the Office of
4 International Affairs with the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, sent an e-
5 mail titled "Panama Question: Expulsion: David Struckman" to RSO O'Brien.

6 Greetings,

7 I am writing you to see if you can help me out with a question coming from
8 the Tax Division requesting to find out whether the expulsion order for
9 Struckman was still active. The Tax Division in (sic) aware Struckman has
10 an investor visa in Panama and would like to know if we can proceed to ask
11 for expulsion. Please advise.

12 Thank you!

13 Def.'s Ex 89(s).

14 On December 21, 2005, RSO O'Brien replies,

15 Mari,

16 Hmmm, "expulsion." What we have set up, and still in place, is a
17 revocation letter to be served on Struckman whenever he gets arrested. This
18 revocation letter will be served by a consular officer, formally revoking his
19 U.S. passport - which technically makes him an undocumented alien in
20 country. We also have a deportation/expulsion letter from Panamanian
21 Immigration ready to go. His deportation is strengthened by the fact that he
22 has apparently gotten a Venezuelan passport under a false identity - which
23 we have dutifully passed on to Panamanian authorities.

24 That's the plan as of today. It's been in place for a while, it's just
25 putting the **habeas grabbus** on him that's holding up executing everything.

26 With luck, we'll have success soon. TOB.

27 *Id.* (emphasis added).

28 On December 27, 2005, Mari Aponte responded: "Greeting, many thanks for your

1 reply. I'm copying the prosecuting attorney so she can ask questions if any." *Id.*

2 On January 6, 2006, RSO O'Brien sent a letter to Licenciado Tomas García
3 Tobar, Sub Director of Immigration and Naturalization, whereby RSO O'Brien
4 informed Licenciado García Tobar that David Struckman, a "fugitive required by
5 judicial authorities of the state of Washington" was then present in Panama and using a
6 false identity supported by a false Venezuelan passport. Def.'s Ex. 57(g). RSO O'Brien
7 also informed Licenciado García Tobar that the U.S. would revoke Struckman's
8 passport. *Id.*

9 On January 11, 2006, the Sub-commissioner Humberto Brid, National Director of
10 Information and Police Investigation of the National Police, informed RSO O'Brien that
11 a person claiming to be a Venezuelan citizen who could barely speak Spanish but was
12 fluent in English, had been arrested. Def.'s Ex. 57(h). Sub-commissioner Brid
13 informed O'Brien that he believed the person arrested could be David Struckman and
14 sent the fingerprints of the person arrested to RSO O'Brien to determine if the person
15 arrested was Struckman. *Id.* According to the letter, the police entered and searched the
16 property owned by Michelle Lynn Mollenberg, an American citizen, due to the
17 "frequency of shotgun fires" coming from the property. *Id.*

18 On the same day, RSO O'Brien in his response to Sub-commissioner Humberto
19 Brid, stated the fingerprints sent by Sub-commissioner Humberto Brid corresponded to
20 those of David Struckman, a U.S. citizen. RSO O'Brien stated it was worth mentioning
21 that Struckman "[had been] sentenced and at this moment is a fugitive of the federal
22 authorities and is [awaiting] to serve his sentence." Def.'s Ex. (57(i).

23 On January 11, 2006, the United States' Department of State revoked defendant's
24 United States Passport. Gov't Ex. 16.

25 Also on January 11, 2006, Attorney Renaldo Millwood filed a habeas corpus
26 petition of behalf of David Struckman before the Supreme Court of Justice of the
27 Republic of Panama. Def.'s Ex. 59(b). The petition contended that (1) Struckman had
28 not been informed of the reason for his arrest, (2) no proper authority had issued an

1 order of detention; and (3) that Struckman had been apprehended inside a residence,
2 without an arrest warrant or a search warrant, and without probable cause, thereby
3 violating legal rights under the Constitution of Panama. *Id.*

4 On January 12, 2006, RSO O'Brien sent a facsimile transmission to Mark Odulio,
5 one of the prosecutors in this case. The fax stated,

6 A lawyer for Struckman came sniffing around police HQ this morning, the
7 race has begun the PNP has turned Struckman over to immigration, so
8 they'll refer the lawyer to them some time today.

9 Def.'s Ex. 89(w).

10 On January 12, 2006, the National Director of Immigration and Naturalization,
11 through Detention Number 0036-DMYN, ordered Struckman detained based on his
12 possession of "irregular documents" within Panama and based on a pending detention
13 order emanating from his status as a fugitive of U.S. authorities. Def.'s Ex. 57 (j).

14 On January 13, 2006, at 9:15 a.m., David Struckman signed a preprinted note
15 notifying him of Detention Number 0036-DMYN. *Id.* On the same day, Struckman
16 was deported from Panama.

17 On April 4, 2006, in response to the habeas corpus petition filed on behalf of
18 David Struckman, the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Panama found that
19 although it could not rule on the legality of defendant's arrest because he was no longer
20 within Panama, it found his deportation effectuated on January 13, 2006 in compliance
21 with Resolution Number 10886 of August 24, 2004. Ex. G attached to Gov't Post-
22 Evidentiary Hearing Brief, Doc 436.

23 **IV. Defendant's Motion to Disclose Identity of AI-1**

24 On November 15, 2006, defendant filed motions to compel disclosure of
25 exculpatory material with respect to relevant records, government witnesses, informants
26 and government cooperators under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 87(1963), and a
27 motion to compel disclosure of *Jencks* material. Dkt. 242-246.

28 On November 20, 2006, the court ordered government and defense counsel to

1 meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the said motions, and to file a joint statement
2 setting forth (1) the extent to which counsel had resolved said motions and (2) a list of
3 all issues which counsel had been unable to resolve. November 20, 2006 Order.

4 On December 1, 2006, counsel timely filed their joint status report regarding
5 discovery. Dkt. 253. Among the unresolved issues, defense counsel sought the identity
6 of three confidential informants, including the informant otherwise known as
7 “Anonymous Informant 1.”

8 On December 8, 2006, the government filed its response opposing disclosure of
9 the identity of AI-1/Ted, stating that “AI-1 is not a confidential informant of the type
10 contemplated” by *Roviaro v. United States*, 353 U.S. 53, 59-61 (1957) and its progeny
11 “because AI-1 did not directly or indirectly participate with defendant Struckman during
12 the course of the charged criminal activity. Rather AI-1 was a tipster, and as such AI-1
13 is not necessarily an ‘informant’ whose identity must be disclosed.” Gov’t Consolidated
14 Response to Def.’s Motion to Compel, Dkt. 259, at 8.

15 On January 26, 2007, defendant filed a motion for an *in camera* evidentiary
16 hearing to ascertain whether the identity of unidentified informants should be disclosed.
17 Dkt. 275. Defendant argued, in part, that AI-1/Ted had provided so much information to
18 the government, “from the mundane to the most intimate about Global and Struckman
19 and his family” that unless AI-1 is in a very close relationship with defendant, the
20 government would not have been able to obtain such information but for the use of
21 illegal wiretaps. Defendant’s Joint Reply In Support of Defendant’s Motions to Compel
22 Discovery, Dkt. 266 at 11-13. According to defendant, the identity of AI-1 would be
23 relevant to the defense of government misconduct, which could rise to the level required
24 for a dismissal. *Id.* at 11.

25 On February 7, 2007, finding that the defendant had shown that the identity of
26 AI-1 would be relevant to at least one defense as required by *United States v. Spires*, 3
27 F.3d 1234, 1238 (9th Cir. 1993), the court granted defendant’s motion for an *in camera*
28 hearing as to AI-1. The court therefore ordered the government to produce AI-1 “to

1 allow the court to examine the basis for the informant's intimate knowledge of
2 defendant's personal matters and his activities." February 7, 2007 Order at 5, 7.

3 On February 15, 2007, the government produced for defense counsel, SA
4 Hardaway's rough notes from a January 16, 2003 interview of Bonita Moritz and Gary
5 Moritz. February 15, 2007 Letter from Larry J. Wsalek and Mark T Odulio to Robert
6 Bernhoft, attached as Ex. A to Def.'s Mot. to Compel Immediate Disclosure of all
7 Exculpatory Material, Dkt. 352. According to the notes, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz "do not
8 see much of Dave. They have no idea why Michelle left Dave, nor why Laura left."
9 Def.'s Ex. 39.

10 On February 21, 2007, the government filed its *ex parte* request for *in camera*
11 review of materials related to AI-1. Dkt. 303. According to the government and a MOI
12 from SA Hardaway, on February 20, 2007 at approximately 11:30 a.m, SA Hardaway
13 served a subpoena for the *in camera* hearing on AI- 1, who then told SA Hardaway that
14 AI-1 had fallen off the roof of AI-1's residence and faced "significant medical problems
15 that may restrict his ability to travel." MOI by SA Hardaway, attached to Gov't *Ex*
16 *Parte* Request. At 11:45 a.m. on the same day, AI-1's spouse called SA Hardaway
17 asking for further information after receiving the subpoena and SA Hardaway's business
18 card from AI-1. *Id.* At that moment, "SA Hardaway explained the situation to him/her,
19 and reiterated that they needed to secure a letter from one of AI-1's physicians which
20 articulated his/her current medical condition and his/her inability to travel." *Id.*
21 According to SA Hardaway, later that day, at 6:40 p.m., AI-1's spouse called SA
22 Hardaway again to inform the agent that the spouse had been unable to secure a letter
23 from a physician but would try to obtain an appointment with a physician the following
24 morning to examine AI-1 and thus obtain the letter. *Id.*

25 According to SA Hardaway, the following day, on February 21, 2007, the spouse
26 called SA Hardaway to inform the agent the earliest appointment possible with a
27 physician was February 28, 2007 but that the spouse had been able to procure AI-1's
28 Discharge Summary, which detailed AI-1's fall, which the spouse then faxed to the

1 agent. *Id.*

2 In absence of a letter from a physician, SA Hardaway asked the spouse of
3 AI-1 to write a letter articulating his/her assessment of AI-1's current
4 condition and why he/she feels he/she is unable to travel. The spouse of AI-
5 1 agreed to do so and subsequently faxed SA Hardaway such a letter.
6 The spouse of AI-1 went on to stress with SA Hardaway that if the
7 information regarding AI-1's medical condition was to become known by
8 defendant Struckman and/or his family, it would in effect disclose the
9 identity of AI-1 to defendant Struckman and/or his family. The spouse of
10 AI-1 asked that the medical information be withheld from defendant
11 Struckman.

12 *Id.* at 2.

13 On February 23, 2007, after finding good cause as to why AI-1 should be excused
14 from attending the *in camera* hearing and granting a protective order as to AI-1's
15 medical information, the court ordered the government to file, under seal and *in camera*,
16 "a declaration stating the identity of Anonymous Informant No. 1, describing his/her
17 connection to defendant Struckman and how the informant came about his/her
18 knowledge concerning defendant." February 23, 2007 Order at 2. The previously
19 scheduled *in camera* hearing was, thereupon, vacated.

20 The government failed to file the declaration as ordered. Instead, on February 28,
21 2007, the government submitted a document titled Sealed *Ex Parte, In Camera*
22 Declaration Regarding Anonymous Informant No. 1, Dkt. No. 321. In a MOI attached
23 to the government's purported declaration, SA Chinn stated:

24 During the investigation, I was randomly contacted by an anonymous
25 informant known as "Ted." During 2000 and 2001, AI-1 contacted me
26 many times. I documented approximately 13 contacts.

27 AI-1 never communicated his identity to me or anyone else with IRS-CI, to
28 my knowledge.

1 I never directed any of AI-1s activities, let alone direct him to conduct
2 wiretaps, access personal bank accounts, etc., or anything illegal or
3 improper.

4 MOI by SA Chinn, attached as Ex. B to Dkt. 321.

5 SA Hardaway similarly stated:

6 AI-1 never communicated his identity to me or anyone else with IRS-CI, to
7 my knowledge. However, there came a point in the investigation, on
8 January 16, 2003, where I confirmed his identity. AI-1 is Gary D. Moritz
9 Gary D. Moritz is married to David A. Struckman's first wife, Bonnie.

10 Bonnie and David A. Struckman have two children, Jennifer and Rachel.

11 MOI by SA Hardaway, attached as Ex. A to Dkt. 321.

12 The government also provided a statement signed by Gary D. Moritz stating:

13 "I have no recollection regarding any of the information in the attached
14 documents," referring to a questionnaire created by SA Hardaway concerning the
15 information the government asserted AI-1 had provided. Ex. C. Finally, the
16 government submitted a brief statement by Bonnie Moritz, stating "I'm sorry but he
17 doesn't have any answers. He doesn't understand what any [of] this is or what it is
18 for?" Ex. D.

19 On April 4, 2007, the court issued an order, under seal, finding that the statements
20 submitted by the two agents concerning AI-1 were not declarations and as such, the
21 court was unable to ascertain the trustworthiness of such statements. April 4, 2007
22 Order, at 4. The court then ordered the government, one more time, to file "a
23 declaration or other evidence setting forth the identity of Anonymous Informant No. 1,
24 describing his/her connection to defendant Struckman and how the informant came
25 about his/her knowledge concerning defendant" so that the court could carry its
26 mandate, under *Roviaro* and its progeny, to balance the government's interest against
27 the defendant's right to prepare his defense. *Id.* at 4-5.

28 The government again failed to file the declaration ordered. Instead, on April 16,

1 2007 the government filed another document apparently signed by SAs Hardaway and
2 Chinn, stating:

3 3. During the investigation, SAs Chinn and Hardaway were randomly
4 contacted by an information source who wished to remain anonymous. This
5 source became known as “Ted” and/or “AI-1.” AI-1 never communicated
6 their identity to SAs Chinn or Hardaway, however, there came [a] point in
7 the investigation, on January 16, 2003, when SA Hardaway conclusively
8 learned AI-1s (sic) identity. AI-1 is Gary D. Moritz.

9 4. Gary D. Moritz is currently married to Bonita Moritz, who was formerly
10 married to David A. Struckman. Bonita and David had two daughters,
11 Rachel (Bovee) and Jennifer (Winger), both of whom are now married and
12 have families. Although Gary D. Moritz never specifically attributed
13 information to a specific source, and neither SAs Chinn [n]or Hardaway
14 inquired as to the source, Gary D. Moritz made comments such as “the girls
15 were here this weekend,” that led both SAs Chinn and Hardaway to believe
16 Gary D. Moritz obtained most of the information passed along to the
17 government simply by listening to conversations during family gatherings,
18 and telephone conversations between Bonita and Jennifer or Rachel. It is
19 also the recollection of SAs Chinn and Hardaway that Gary D. Moritz may
20 have had personal contact on a few occasions with David A. Struckman, and
21 that some of the information passed along to the government may have come
22 from Struckman himself. Furthermore, it is also the recollection of SAs
23 Chinn and Hardaway that Gary D. Moritz may have obtained some of the
24 information passed along to the government by perusing documents that
25 were easily viewable, for example, while visiting Jennifer and her family at
26 her residence.

27 5. SA Chinn was the contact for Gary D. Moritz from on or about
28 September 13, 2000 through January 25, 2001, when a physical meeting

1 between Gary D. Moritz and SAs Chinn and Hardaway occurred, and again
2 on March 15, 2001. SA Hardaway attended the aforementioned January 25,
3 2001 meeting and was the contact for Gary D. Moritz on March 13, 2001
4 and from April 17, 2001 forward. There were later occasions when an
5 anonymous source would telephone and leave information with others, and it
6 is believed that the caller was most likely Gary D. Moritz.

7 Exhibit A attached to Gov't Sealed *In Camera* Declaration Regarding Anonymous
8 Informant No. 1, Dkt. 346

9 On April 23, 2007, defendant filed his Sealed Response to Court's Order
10 Concerning AI-1. Dkt. 356. In addition to citing to a number of discrepancies
11 concerning the government's handling of AI-1, defendant filed declarations by Gary D.
12 Moritz (Ex. B), Bonnie Moritz (Ex. C), and Jennifer Winger (Ex. D). Each declarant
13 declared, under penalty of perjury, that except where explicitly noted to the contrary, the
14 declarant had personal knowledge of the facts set forth in his or her declaration and, if
15 called upon to testify to said facts, could do so competently.⁶

16 Gary Moritz declared: "I do not recall giving any information to [SA] Hardaway
17 concerning David Struckman, did not recognize [SA] Hardaway when he served me
18 with a subpoena, and do not remember David Struckman." *Id.* Ex. B

19 Bonnie Moritz' declaration states, in part:

20 2. I was contacted by Special Agent Michael Hardaway on February 20,
21 2007. He served my husband, Gary Moritz, with a subpoena at my house,
22 and he gave my husband his contact points. . . .

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24 ⁶ Although defense counsel was still under the protective order not to reveal the identity
25 of AI-1 as Gary Moritz to anyone at this time, the government itself revealed the alleged
26 informant's identity to Gary Moritz and Bonnie Moritz when SA Hardaway served the subpoena
27 on Mr. Moritz on February 20, 2007. According to Bonnie Moritz, SA Hardaway did not tell
28 either Mr. Moritz or Mrs. Moritz that the information was confidential and should not be
communicated to anyone else. Ex B, ¶ 2-3, Dkt. 356.

1 3. I contacted Michael Hardaway and I asked him why Gary had been
2 subpoenaed. Special Agent Hardaway . . . told me that Gary was and had
3 been an anonymous informant for years for the government against David
4 Struckman, my ex-husband. Special Agent Hardaway claimed he had only
5 identified Gary as the informant “recently” but also told me he had
6 personally met with Gary and spoken to him numerous times. First, Agent
7 Hardaway said “Didn’t Gary tell you what he was doing?” Then, after I
8 questioned Agent Hardaway, Agent Hardaway said Gary was scared I would
9 find out. Special Agent Hardaway left the impression that my husband Gary
10 could get in trouble with a judge unless I submitted a doctor’s note to excuse
11 him from appearing at the hearing he was subpoenaed to.

12 4. I did not find the allegation of Gary being an informant to be credible,
13 since Gary hardly knew Dave, knew very little about Global, never
14 associated with Dave, never worked with Global, rarely attended family
15 functions. . . Gary did not even know Dave’s home address, never visited
16 Dave at his home, never talked with Dave during this time, never visited
17 either of my daughters, Jennifer or Rachel at their homes, rarely had
18 discussions with my daughters, and any information he knew about Dave
19 would only be information I told him, which was very limited. Gary did not
20 solicit information from me about Dave or Global, and Gary did not even
21 know how to use a computer or would even know the difference between a
22 browse and an operating system. Gary lives a low profile life, avoids being
23 part of anything, and goes out of his way to avoid involvement whenever
24 possible. Gary rarely saw or talked to my children, never visited them at my
25 house, their house, Dave’s house, or anyone else’s house, and is not socially
26 involved with Dave or my daughters. I do not believe Gary would do
27 anything to place myself, or my daughters, in difficulty.

28 5. On February 26, 2007, Special Agent Hardaway called me again and

1 wanted me to agree to let him come to my house to talk with Gary. Agent
2 Hardaway implied this was an order from a Judge, but Agent Hardaway
3 produced no such order for me. I informed Agent Hardaway that Gary does
4 not remember ever being an informant or giving them any such information
5 at any time. When I told Agent Hardaway I wanted to protect Gary's legal
6 rights, Agent Hardaway implied the judge might force him to talk to the
7 judge. I interpreted this as a threat against my husband if I did not agree to
8 let Agent Hardaway speak to him in private. I again refused Agent
9 Hardaway's request. Then Agent Hardaway said the judge might issue a
10 bench warrant for Gary's arrest. I interpreted this as another threat. I
11 terminated the phone call and contacted attorneys to give me and Gary legal
12 counsel in this matter, as I did not trust Agent Hardaway.

13 6. At 4:30 p.m., on February 26, 2007, Agent Hardaway called me again,
14 asking me if he could fax me a questionnaire with questions for Gary to
15 answer. I agreed, and upon receipt of the questions, I knew right away that
16 Gary could not have provided most of the information contained in the
17 questions. He simply did not have access to that information, as I did not
18 even know it. I presented the questions to Gary and he could not make any
19 sense out of what they were asking for and denied knowing any of the
20 information in the questions. I informed Agent Hardaway of this fact.

21 7. On March 1, 2007, Special Agent Hardaway called me . . . and wanted to
22 know how my daughters would react to hearing Gary was alleged to be the
23 informant. . . . He then asked me if I might fear for Gary's life, and I said
24 "from my ex????!!NO! Not at all!"

25 8. After Hardaway's phone call, I called my daughter, Jennifer, to let her
26 know the government was accusing Gary of being the informant. I was
27 concerned that Agent Hardaway was trying to create family divisions based
28 on untrue information because of his past interactions with me. I had been

1 previously interviewed by Agent Hardaway in 2003 when Agent Hardaway
2 threatened to subpoena me to a grand jury and demanded an interview with
3 me. He saw Gary there in the house and this had no effect on his demeanor.
4 Agent Hardaway continued to interrogate me and continued to brag about
5 the personal, intimate information he knew about my family, including
6 intimate information about my daughters' family life. I felt Agent Hardaway
7 was trying to threaten my family if I did not give him negative information
8 about Dave. Due to my concerns with what I believe are untrue allegations
9 against Gary, I retained an attorney, David Tingey, to represent Gary.

10 9. Any information Gary could have had would have had to come from me,
11 and any information I had usually came from my daughter Jennifer. Gary
12 did not interact with David Struckman at all and rarely interacted with
13 Jennifer. Jennifer never visited Gary at our house or her house and never
14 brought documents of Dave's to our house. Gary never visited Jennifer's
15 house or Dave's house.

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17 28. Jennifer never told me, I never knew, and I never told Gary, David had
18 an account with Chase Manhattan Bank or the numbers of such accounts.
19 Gary would not be capable of 'going behind the net' to obtain passwords
20 into Chase Manhattan's website as I had to set up Gary's computer for him
21 to look at the internet. . . .

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23 33. Jennifer never told me, I never knew, and I never told Gary that David
24 used his mother's maiden name as an alias. I do not even know David's
25 mother's maiden name. We had been divorced for fifteen years prior to his
26 involvement with Global in 1997.

27 *Id. Ex. C.*

28 Bonnie Moritz contradicts almost every single statement attributed to her husband

1 as AI-1 in the same manner as above, and in addition, states that she and Jennifer
2 discussed over the phone much of the private, family related information attributed to
3 Gary as AI-1 and that she believed her “phones were tapped in some manner during this
4 time.” *Id.* at ¶ 91.

5 Jennifer Winger’s declaration states, in part:

6 2. My mother, Bonnie Moritz, contacted me and informed me that the
7 government had identified Gary Moritz as an informant in the case against
8 David Struckman, my father.

9 3. I do not believe Gary could have provided much information to the
10 government, if any, because Gary was not a participant in Global, did not
11 interact much at all with me, and did not interact with David whatsoever.

12 Dkt. 356, Ex. D.

13 On April 26, 2007, the court found that the government’s April 16, 2007
14 submission suffered from the same infirmities as its previous submission since nowhere
15 in the government’s submission did the agents state under penalty of perjury that the
16 contents of their statements were true and correct. April 26, 2007 Order, Dkt. 467 at 2.
17 The court thereupon found that “without the proper attestation, the purported declaration
18 is merely hearsay evidence which the court cannot consider for the truth of the
19 statements therein.” *Id.* citing to *see e.g., Finch v. Barnhart*, 463 F.Supp.2d 1002, 1003
20 n.2 (9th Cir. 2006); *see also Schroeder v. McDonald*, 55 F.3d 454, 460 n.10 (9th Cir.
21 1995); *Hayes v. Garcia*, 461 F.Supp.2d 1198, 1201 (S.D.Cal. 2006). The court further
22 found that the government had thus “not made any showing that would allow the court
23 to balance the government’s interest in withholding the identity of Anonymous
24 Informant No. 1 against the defendant’s right to prepare his defense.” *Id.* at 3. The court
25 therefore granted defendant’s motion to disclose the identity of AI-1 and vacated the
26 protective order placed on defense counsel not to disclose the identity of AI-1 as Gary
27 D. Moritz. *Id.*

28 **VI. Defendant’s Motion to Compel Discovery**

1 On April 18, 2007, defendant filed a motion to compel disclosure, under
2 *Brady/Giglio*, of exculpatory material concerning four government witnesses, including
3 Dave Bowden. Def.'s Mot. to Compel Immediate Disclosure of all Exculpatory
4 Material and Relevant Gov't Records, Dkt. 351. Specifically, the defendant sought as to
5 Bowden:

6 IRS records (such as tax returns, audit file, IRS and IMF information) of
7 Dave Bowden, necessary to each of the following - 1) Bowden's motivation
8 for illegal black bag operations at the behest of the government; 2)
9 Bowden's motivation to lie about Struckman in this case; and 3) Bowden's
10 past acts of perjury on tax forms and past acts of perjury in this very case
11 before the grand jury, perjury the government either did or should have
12 known was perjury.

13 *Id.* 2

14 On April 23, 2007 the government filed its response to defendant's motion.
15 Response to Defendant's Motion to Compel Immediate Disclosure of all Exculpatory
16 Material, Dkt. 355. In its response, the government stated it did not request tax returns
17 concerning Bowden and that "[m]oreover, there is no evidence that Mr. Bowden has
18 been audited or been non-compliant in his tax practices." *Id.* 3:23-4:1. As to the
19 allegation of "black bag operations," the government denied the allegation and stated
20 that "Mr. Bowden did not provide photocopied scraps of papers from Struckman's
21 vehicle to any IRS agent in this case." *Id.* 3:4-8. However, the government did state that
22 Bowden had provided to SA Hardaway "materials relating to his Global Prosperity
23 involvement (trust documents and Anderson, Ark, & Associates [(“AAA”)] manuals).⁷
24 *Id.* 3, n.2. Apparently, SA Hardaway kept the items received from Bowden "separate
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26 ⁷ Anderson, Ark & Associates, a sister case to Global Prosperity, "promoted offshore tax
27 schemes that specialize in the layering of entities including foreign trust." Anderson's Ark
28 Briefing 5-2003, Def.'s Ex. 51, DBKL076.

1 from this case investigation file” and had only recently disclosed their existence to the
2 prosecutors. April 25, 2007 Letter from Larry J. Wszalek to Robert Bernhoft, Def.’s Ex.
3 50. Among the documents provided by Bowden to Hardaway were (1) an AAA letter,
4 Def.’s Ex. 50(b), DB00002; (2) a document titled “Agency Agreement” signed by a
5 Colmada B. Williams, dated September 27, 1999, with Dave Bowden’s name and
6 address under the section “Agent’s Information,” *Id.*, DB00072; (3) a second “Agency
7 Agreement” signed by the same Colmada B. Williams, identifying a Dave K. Bowden as
8 an agent but dated January 20, 2001, *Id.*, DB00123; (4) trust documents concerning a
9 trust named “Consanguis Education Group identifying a Dave K. Bowden as the
10 treasurer/accountant and Terri L. Bowden as the secretary, *Id.*, DB00011; (5) US Bank
11 Statements for the Consanguis Education Group for different dates spanning from June
12 21, 1998 to October 1, 2001, *Id.*, DB00101-00113. The statement dated January 31,
13 2001 shows 3 transactions, a deposit of \$2,500.00 and two withdrawals, through a check
14 for the amount of \$1,000 and a second check for the amount of \$900. *Id.* DB00110; and
15 (6) a number of video and cassette tapes, including the Global Prosperity 2001 Course,
16 12 Cassette Tape.⁸ Def.’s Ex. 50(A), page 2.

17 On May 2, 2007, the court granted defendant’s motion to compel, reminding the
18 government that under this circuit’s precedent, “exculpatory evidence cannot be kept out
19 of the hands of the defense just because the prosecutor does not have it, where an
20 investigating agency does.” May 2, 2007 Order, *citing United States v. Blanco*, 392
21 F.3d 382, 388 (9th Cir. 2004).

22 On May 3, 2007, the government filed a motion to correct Docket 355. Dkt. 382.
23 In its motion, the government acknowledged it had made a “misstatement” concerning
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25 ⁸ The Global Prosperity tapes series, otherwise referred to as the G-1 product, are the
26 “products” the government alleges were sold by co-defendants and from which sale the
27 government alleges the defendants derived income that should have been reported. Govt’s
28 Opp’n to Defendant’s Motions In Limine, Dkt. 298 at 7. The government alleges Global
Prosperity sold the G-1 tape series from 1997 through 2001.

1 the existence of an audit on Bowden, since “[t]he fact of the audit was contained in the
2 government’s discovery disclosure to defense counsel on March 28, 2007. An IDRS
3 printout confirmed the existence of an audit.”⁹ *Id.* at 1.

4 On the same day, government counsel informed defense counsel that the
5 government now realized it had been in possession of additional impeachment evidence
6 relating to Bowden. The government informed defense counsel that:

7 Special Agent Hardaway reports that he was contacted by David Bowden
8 sometime in 2004 and was informed by Mr. Bowden that he was being
9 audited by the IRS. Special Agent Hardaway did not generate a
10 Memorandum of this contact.

11 Special Agent Hardaway reports that he had subsequent contact with the IRS
12 Revenue Agent on one occasion concerning Mr. Bowden’s audit. Special
13 Agent Hardaway did not generate a Memorandum of this contact.

14 Special Agent Hardaway reports that he orally disclosed this information to
15 the undersigned on several occasions after the one-time contact with the IRS
16 Revenue Agent. This should have immediately triggered a *Giglio*
17 disclosure.

18 Def.’s Ex. 88.

19 ⁹ The IRS web site states:

20 The Integrated Data Retrieval System (IDRS) is a mission critical steady state system
21 that consists of databases and operating programs that support [IRS] employees working
22 active tax cases within each business function across the entire [IRS]. This system
23 manages data that has been retrieved from the Tax Master Files allowing [IRS]
24 employees to take specific actions on taxpayer account issues, track status, and post
25 transaction updates back to the Master Files. It provides for systemic review of case
26 status and notice issuance based on case criteria, thereby alleviating staffing needs and
27 providing consistency in case control.

28 Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury, IDRS System Overview,
available at <http://www.irs.gov/privacy/article/0,,id=138125,00.html>

1 In a MOI written on May 4, 2007 by SA Hardaway, Hardaway stated:
2 SA Hardaway received a telephone call from Dave Bowden (Bowden) in
3 which he stated he was being audited by the IRS. SA Hardaway cautioned
4 Bowden regarding his witness status, and that it would not be proper for SA
5 Hardaway to get involved or do Bowden any favors. SA Hardaway's
6 recollection is that Bowden told SA Hardaway he told the revenue agent
7 who was conducting the audit that he had provided information to IRS
8 special agents for a case, and had testified for the government at a trial.
9 Furthermore, it is SA Hardaway's recollection that Bowden stated he gave
10 SA Hardaway's name and phone number to the revenue agent, told the
11 revenue agent SA Hardaway had his records, and asked the revenue agent
12 to contact SA Hardaway. Bowden may have given SA Hardaway the
13 revenue agent's name and telephone number. SA Hardaway did not
14 memorialize the contact at that time.

15 SA Hardaway's recollection is that the revenue agent subsequently
16 telephoned SA Hardaway and left a message, and that SA Hardaway
17 returned his telephone call, but it is possible SA Hardaway telephoned the
18 revenue agent. SA Hardaway recalls the revenue agent may have worked
19 out of a post-of-duty in the Tri-Cities, Washington area, and that his
20 working Bowden may have been part of some project.

21 The revenue agent wanted to know if SA Hardaway could help out with any
22 information, and SA Hardaway told the revenue agent the investigation
23 Bowden was involved with was grand jury, and that grand jury evidence
24 cannot be shared with the civil functions. It is SA Hardaway's recollection
25 that he admonished the revenue agent to do his normal "due diligence" and
26 that if he saw something that looked interesting he should "do his job."
27 Further, it is SA Hardaway's recollection he told the revenue agent to not
28 base any decision or action on the fact Bowden assisted the government

1 with a criminal investigation and trial.

2 It is SA Hardaway's recollection the revenue agent made some sort of
3 comment that Bowden's case didn't appear to be very interesting and there
4 "wasn't anything there." It is SA Hardaway's recollection he commented
5 something like "that is my impression as well." SA Hardaway did not
6 memorialize the contact at that time.

7 It is SA Hardaway's recollection these two contacts, which cumulatively
8 took approximately 5 minutes or so, occurred sometime in calendar year
9 2004.

10 Def.'s Ex. 53.

11 On May 4, 2007, at the request of government counsel, the court held a telephonic
12 status conference. May 10, 2007 Order Setting Status Conference, Dkt. 388. At that
13 time, government counsel informed the court the government would be unable to
14 produce the discovery requested by defendant before the trial set for May 7, 2007. *Id.* at
15 2. The court then reiterated it had granted an evidentiary hearing concerning
16 defendant's motion to take place before the commencement of trial. *Id.* Because the
17 court was under the impression defense counsel wanted to incorporate the *Brady/Giglio*
18 material in defendant's motion to dismiss for outrageous government misconduct, the
19 court vacated the trial set for May 7, continuing the hearing on defendant's motion to
20 dismiss to July 9, 2007. May 8, 2007 Order, Dkt. 385.

21 On May 10, 2007, defendant filed his Motion to Dismiss for Unnecessary Delay
22 in the Trial Procured by Governmental Misconduct. Dkt. 387

23 On May 11, 2007, in an attempt to take affirmative steps to protect defendant's
24 rights under the Speedy Trial Act, the court held an additional status conference to
25 ensure that defendant had agreed to the continuance of trial to July 9, 2007. At that
26 time, the court queried defendant, who agreed to the July 9 continuance. May 11, 2007
27 Minute Entry, Dkt. 390.

28 On June 22, 2007, Special Agent Summer Rose ("SA Rose") and Special Agent

1 Ben George (“SA George”), both with the Criminal Investigation of the IRS, conducted
2 a telephone interview of Dave Bowden. Def.’s Ex. 85. According to the MOI of the
3 interview, the agents telephoned Bowden with the purpose of taking statements to draft
4 a declaration. *Id.* The agents read “verbatim” parts of Bowden’s testimony to the Grand
5 Jury. *Id.* According to the MOI, Bowden stated he believed he received the \$30,000.00
6 check from Struckman, and that he may have received the check while out to dinner
7 with Struckman or at Struckman’s home. *Id.* Bowden stated the last time he detailed
8 cars for Struckman was at the end of 1996 or 1997, around the time that Struckman
9 moved to Issaquah, Washington. *Id.* Bowden stated he met SA Hardaway before his
10 grand jury appearance about three times: once at Bowden’s home, once at the IRS
11 office, and one other time prior to his grand jury testimony. According to Bowden,
12 “Bowden and Hardaway talked on the phone two or three times as well.” *Id.* ¶ 8.

13 The MOI goes on to state Bowden said:

14 9. Bowden first took documents to copy from Struckman’s car in late 1996 or
15 early 1997. . . . Bowden took and copied documents from Struckman’s car two
16 or three times in total. Bowden did not take and copy any documents from
17 Struckman’s car after Bowden stopped doing detail work for Struckman in
18 late 1996 or early 1997.

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20 11. Bowden remembers taking and copying from Struckman’s car what he
21 believes were telemarketer script and documents with the “Crescent Moon”
22 logo on them. Bowden would take and copy any documents that appeared to
23 concern the Global Prosperity group which were in the car when he took it for
24 detailing. Bowden took these documents because he knew that Struckman
25 was promoting a scam and because he believed that someone would be
26 contacting him in the future about this scam.

27 12. Bowden came up with the idea to take and copy documents from
28 Struckman’s car on his own. Bowden and several friends had lost money

1 because of Struckman's deal and Bowden wanted documents to prove what
2 was going on with Struckman.

3 13. When Bowden testified before the grand jury that he provided copies of
4 documents taken from Struckman's car to "the detective," Bowden meant that
5 he provided copies of these documents to Hardaway.

6 14. . . . Bowden told Hardaway that he had these documents and how they
7 came into his possession. Bowden also gave Hardaway documents that
8 Struckman had given to him that related to the Global Prosperity group.
9 Bowden is not certain which specific documents he gave to Hardaway.

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11 16. When Bowden found other documents in his possession related to
12 Struckman or the Global Prosperity group, he would call Hardaway.

13 Hardaway would tell Bowden to hold onto the documents until he came into
14 the office.

15 17. Bowden gave these documents to Hardaway because Bowden's friends
16 had been ripped off by Struckman and he wanted to help prevent Struckman
17 from ripping off others.

18 20. Hardaway did not ask Bowden to take documents from Struckman's car,
19 make copies of them, and turn these copies over to the government. These
20 documents had been taken years before Bowden met Hardaway. Hardaway
21 did not ask Bowden about these documents.

22 Def.'s Ex. 85.

23 The following day, On June 23, 2007, when SA George went to Bowden's
24 residence to . . . have Bowden sign the declaration, "Bowden showed S/A
25 George several pictures and a document which were in his possession which
26 Bowden said belonged to David Struckman. Bowden offered the pictures
27 and document to S/A George. . . . Bowden asked if he was going to get in
28 trouble for having taken documents from Struckman's car.

1 Def.'s Ex. 86.

2 **VII. Evidentiary Hearing**

3 On July 9, 2007, the court held an evidentiary hearing on defendant's motions.

4 **A. AI-1**

5 At the hearing, SA Robert Maning testified that SA Chinn told him that SA Chinn
6 was going to meet with an anonymous informant, and had asked SA Maning to attempt
7 to observe the informant in an attempt to determine how the informant left the premises
8 after speaking to SA Chinn. 2 TP 253-54.¹⁰ SA Maning testified that from some
9 distance, he had followed the informant through the mall after the meeting and had seen
10 the informant get into a vehicle. *Id.* 255: 16-25. SA Maning remembers making a note
11 "of either the license plate number or the other identifying number of the vehicle." *Id.*
12 SA Maning assumed SA Chinn had asked him to write down the license plate number to
13 identify the informant. *Id.* 258:17-21. Although SA Maning did not have a specific
14 recollection, he believes he gave SA Chinn the vehicle number. *Id.* 260:17-23. SA
15 Maning testified he himself had not run the vehicle number through the Department of
16 Motor Vehicles' database. *Id.* 261: 8-11. The best description that Maning could
17 provide of the informant from his vantage view at 150 feet away, was that the informant
18 was a middle age white male. *Id.* 262:3-10.

19 SA Chinn testified that he had received a call from an anonymous person who had
20 "gotten wind" that Struckman was under investigation and that he had some information
21 for SA Chinn. 2 TP 264:11-15. Although he does not remember doing so, SA Chinn
22 testified that procedurally, he would have "taken the [vehicle number] back to the office,
23 ran the plate through our DMV machine. Probably at that point came back with the
24 registered owner of that vehicle." *Id.* 268: 2-8. He testified that he believes the number
25 "came back to Gary Moritz." *Id.* 268:10. Although he does not remember if he kept

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27 ¹⁰ "TP" refers to Transcript of Proceedings, followed by page number and line number,
28 when necessary.

1 the DMV record in the case file for this investigation, SA Chinn testified that he made
2 available to the prosecuting attorneys everything he had. *Id.* 268:22

3 When confronted with a copy of an e-mail he had sent to SA Hardaway dated
4 May 14, 2004, SA Chinn testified that although he had submitted a declaration declaring
5 that his involvement with the Struckman investigation had ended in early 2001, he had
6 only meant his “formal” involvement. *Id.* 270:17-272:17. The e-mail stated:

7 Ted said Strucky might be at Bovee’s ranch in Idaho, doesn’t know where it
8 is but 10 aces (sic) and 3000 square feet[,] the phone # to the ranch is
9 [phone number given] and Rachel Bovee’s e-mail address is [address] about
10 a month ago strucky (sic) gave his 1997 expedition to Jennifer her address
11 is [address] Ted said that Struck might hide out at the cabin in Idaho.

12 Def.’s Ex. 93.

13 SA Chinn testified that when he first met the informant, Ted had not given him a
14 way to contact him, and that at no time had SA Chinn attempted to contact Ted. 2 TP
15 274: 8-13. SA Chinn testified that although he knew the anonymous informant called
16 Ted was Gary Moritz, SA Chinn had failed to register Ted as a confidential informant
17 because Ted wanted to remain anonymous. *Id.* 279-280. SA Chinn also testified that he
18 did not recall Ted telling SA Chinn that Ted “had gone behind the net, hacked in a
19 computer and got PIN codes, bank numbers, and all kinds of private information.” *Id.*
20 281:8-11.

21 SA Holm testified that although he had declared that he had “had no contact with
22 AI-1/Ted, either telephonically, in person, or otherwise from October 1997 to the
23 present,” Def.’s Ex. 203, when confronted with an e-mail sent by him to SA Hardaway
24 attributing information received via phone from “[t]he anonymous guy you’ve been
25 dealing with (who really isn’t that anonymous),” SA Holm testified that he was referring
26 to someone he thought was Ted, and thus, that he had had contact with Ted “not
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1 knowingly.” 2 TP 287:5-289:22.¹¹

2 When shown another e-mail from him to SA Hardaway dated May 23, 2005 and
3 titled “Your Informant on Struckman,” SA Holm testified that he had “no recollection of
4 this call at all.”¹² *Id.* 290:13-16.

5 When shown another e-mail sent by him to a number of recipients, including a
6 government attorney with the tax division and RSO O’Brien concerning information
7 received from an informant, SA Holm testified that he did not recall who was that
8 informant. *Id.* 291:221. SA Holm testified he did not “know what [he] had said about
9 AI-1 in the search warrant affidavit for sure.” *Id.* 296:10.

10 SA Hardaway testified that although SA Chinn had told him SA Chinn had
11 identified Ted as Gary Moritz through a vehicle identification number, SA Hardaway

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14 ¹¹ SA Holm’s e-mail to SA Hardaway, titled “Anonymous Call re: Struckman,” and
15 dated May 9, 2005, states:

16 The anonymous guy you’ve been dealing with (who really isn’t that anonymous) called
17 me this morning and gave me the following info:

- 18 1. Struckman’s daughter and brother-in-law have been visiting him recently in Panama.
19 His brother-in-law is Michael Bovee.
20 2. They saw Struckman twice recently (I got the impression within the last year and the
21 last trip was fairly recent-within the last month or two).
22 3. Struckman was bit (sic) by a scorpion and had to get medical treatment.
23 4. Bovee’s home phone number is [phone number]
24 5. Bovee’s home address is: [address given].

25 Def.’s Ex. 96

26 ¹² The e-mail stated:

27 Hey Mike -

28 he called me about 10 minutes ago. he says that it’s long distance for him to call
you in everett - so I think that is why he is calling me. anyway, he said Mike

Bovee is putting his house for sale and that he though he’d just let us know that.

Def.’s Ex. 97

1 continued to refer to the informant as AI-1. 2 TP 300-302. SA Hardaway testified that
2 in his procedure, he refers to someone who provides him information but wishes to
3 remain anonymous as “anonymous informant” even after he knows the informant’s
4 identity. “If it’s their wish to be anonymous, they’re anonymous.” *Id.* 338: 16-25. SA
5 Hardaway also testified that Ted never called him at his Everett office because Ted
6 “indicated he never wanted to make a long distance call. He was worried that a call
7 would show up on a bill and he would be found out.” *Id.* 341: 3-19.

8 Called by the government, Gary Moritz testified. 2 TP 352. When asked what he
9 did before he retired, Mr. Moritz said “I think I worked for a utility company.” *Id.*
10 353:10. When questioned why he had to stop and think about his statements, Mr.
11 Moritz testified:

12 I decided I was going to clean the gutters out, so I went and got my big
13 ladder. I got right up to the roof. That’s the last I remember. I hit the deck
14 and I don’t remember hitting the deck, but if my wife wouldn’t have been
15 out there I would be under the dirt.

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17 I ended up a brain bleed they call it.

18 I can’t remember things. I hit my face on the deck.

19 I have a hard time even recalling – maybe even half hour ago. I just forget.

20 *Id.* 353: 18-22.

21 Mr. Moritz also testified that he did not remember his birthday, but could find out
22 if he looked at his license, that he did not know if he could find his way back to his
23 house from the courthouse, and with obvious distress on his face at his lack of memory,
24 when asked if he had children, he said “Wife said they came to the Harborview Hospital
25 . . . I think I have an older daughter.” *Id.* 354:12-355:7. When asked what his
26 daughter’s name was, Mr. Moritz responded “I should know that. I should really know
27 that.” *Id.* 355:9.

28 When questioned about SA Hardaway by the government, Mr Moritz responded:

1 Counsel: Have you spoken to an IRS Special Agent since you had your
2 accident? Did they come to your house? Did they talk to you
3 and serve you with a subpoena to show up in court today?

4 Mr. Moritz: Yeah. That's it. I got one of those.

5 Counsel: You remember that occurring? You remember you got a
6 subpoena to show up for court today?

7 Mr. Moritz: Actually, yeah. I think I do remember that.

8 Counsel: Who was the person who served that subpoena on you?

9 Mr. Moritz: Hardwick (sic), I think

10 Counsel: Special Agent Hardaway?

11 Mr. Moritz: Yeah.

12 Counsel: You met him before; is that correct?

13 Mr. Moritz: Well, I think he came to the house a couple of times, but I can't
14 tell you when

15 *Id.* 356.

16 Counsel: Since [your fall from the roof] an IRS agent has come to visit
17 you at least a couple of times to serve you with subpoenas?

18 Mr. Moritz: I got a subpoena from him or somebody like him.

19 Counsel: What did this person look like?

20 Mr. Moritz: I have no recollection of what he looks like.

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22 Counsel: So why would you recognize an IRS Special Agent and not your
23 own daughter?

24 Mr. Moritz: I don't know if I recognize him.

25 Counsel: Why do you recall – why do you suppose it is that you recall and
26 IRS Special Agent giving you a subpoena –

27 Mr. Moritz: Pardon me?

28 Counsel: – but you don't recall your daughter coming to visit?

1 Mr. Moritz: I didn't look at it. I – it was cold and I put it in my pocket. And
2 I went into the house and told the wife I got a ticket.

3 *Id.* 357-58.

4 Counsel: Isn't that true, you've been giving the IRS information on
5 David Struckman for the last several years?

6 Mr. Moritz: I can't tell you that. I don't know.

7 Counsel: You don't know if it's yes or no?
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9 Mr. Moritz: Yeah, I don't.

10 *Id.* 358: 19-23.

11 **B. Bowden's Tax Audit**

12 **1. Revenue Agent's Testimony**

13 Defendant introduced a certified copy of documents from the administrative file
14 pertaining to the examination of Terri and Dave Bowden (the "Bowdens") for the tax
15 period ending December 31, 2001 (the "audit file"). Def.'s Ex. 51. The audit file
16 contains a letter addressed to the Bowdens and dated June 18, 2003 and signed by
17 Compliance Group Manager Rick O'Brien, informing the Bowdens they have been
18 selected for "examination" by the IRS, because the IRS has identified them "as . . .
19 holder[s] of an offshore payment cards(s) or a participant in offshore financial
20 arrangements." Def.'s Ex. 51, DBKL052-054. The letter extends the Bowdens a "final
21 opportunity to minimize [their] exposure to penalties by providing [the IRS] with
22 complete information to the [IRS] to determine the proper tax treatment of any
23 unreported offshore activity." *Id.* In exchange for the offer, the Bowdens were to
24 provide, among other documents, tax related documents for all tax years ending after
25 December 31, 1998; description of offshore payment cards and foreign and domestic
26 accounts of any kind; and "[d]escriptions of entities of any kinds (including but not
27 limited to corporations, . . . trusts and estates) and any nominees through which you
28 exercised control over foreign funds, assets, or investments at any time after December

1 31, 1998.” *Id.* DBKL053. The letter stated the Bowdens had only 30 days from the date
2 of this letter to contact the IRS. *Id.* DBKL054.

3 The Examining Officer’s Activity Record, in the contacts and Activities sections,
4 contains the following notations.

5 06/23/03 Re’cd call from TPH [taxpayer husband]- discussed
6 involvement and referred me to SA Michael Hardaway @
7 [phone number]. TPH stated he did no use abusive off-shore
8 scheme to evade taxes. Lost money. Is currently involved in
9 testifying for Govt in case against promoters. Requested
10 letter*

11 *called SA Hardaway - confirmed story

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13 06/27/03 Updated History Sections
14 *called TPH - left generic message to remind and clarify on the
15 letter requested to provide complete background of
16 involvement in schemes (AA/Global).

17 Def.’s Ex. 51, DBKL030

18 The file contains a letter addressed to Rick O’Brien and signed by Dave Bowden,
19 postmarked July 2, 2003 and stamped as received by IRS July 07, 2003. In the letter,
20 Bowden states, in part:

21 I did not understand anything about this scam when Dave Struckman took
22 me to U.S. Bank to set up a foreign trust, or G.P.G. until after we [went] to
23 Mexico on one of their seminars. I got into a couple of these investment
24 which I felt like it was legal, but later found out they were scamming people
25 . . . We have went (sic) before the Grand Jury against Lori Struckman and
26 told them everything we knew about what went on. She is waiting sentence
27 now. I have been working with Michael D. Hardaway Special Agent I.R.S.
28 and Grand Jury to help put the rest in jail. He has all trust papers and

1 everything I had on G.P.G. We lost a lot of our saving due to this and never
2 reeived a dime in return. . . . We just got scammed the same as 10s of 1000s
3 of people.

4 Def.'s Ex. 51, DBKL066.

5 Revenue Agent Joseph Michael Battaglino ("RA Battaglino") testified at the
6 evidentiary hearing that he was assigned to conduct a civil audit of Bowden around
7 August 2004. 1 TP 68:5-14. Although there were notes on the intake sheet indicating
8 prior contact with Bowden, RA Battaglino testified that such notes were not his, and that
9 it appeared that the case had been assigned to someone else before being assigned to
10 him. *Id.* 68:16-23.

11 According to RA Battaglino, although he does not remember receiving the
12 Anderson's Ark Briefing 5-2003 in Terri and Dave Bowden's audit intake file, the
13 briefing instructed him to focus on 2000 and 2001 in his initial audit review. *Id.* 25-26.
14 RA Battaglino testified that although the regular statute of limitations to audit a timely
15 filed tax return is three years, under reporting of income in excess of 25 percent of gross
16 income for a particular year could create a six-year statute of limitations. *Id.* 82:1-8.

17 The audit file also contains a letter dated August 17, 2004 addressed to the
18 Bowdens whereby RA Battaglino informed the Bowdens that their federal tax returns
19 for the year 2001 had been selected for examination. Def.'s Ex. 51, DBKL050; 1 TP
20 30-31.

21 RA Battaglino testified that according to his notes, when he called the tax payers,
22 the taxpayer "was very surprised and not real happy that we did not contact him in
23 almost a year," and that RA Battaglino had explained to Bowden he had just gotten the
24 case and needed "few items to finish on the case." 1 TP 59:11-18. The notes also state
25 that "all his records were in the possession of SA Hardaway." *Id.*

26 RA Battaglino testified that according to his notes, on September 15 and 22, 2004
27 he called and left messages for SA Hardaway. On October 7, 2004, he finally talked to
28 SA Hardaway, who confirmed that he had the taxpayers records and that RA Battaglino

1 [W]as more than welcome to come take a look at them. He said
2 there's not much there. He confirmed the taxpayer has cooperated on the
3 case, testified against promoters in the grand jury case and might testify in
4 the future. I told him I would talk to my Manager and get back to him next
5 week. There is nothing on the return that appears to need examination.

6 1 TP 61:5-11; Def.'s Ex. 51, DBKL034.

7 RA Battaglino testified that according to his notes, the manager told him to "go to
8 Seattle and review the records of Hardaway, [and] make a determination whether to
9 further proceed in case." 1 TP 61:24-62:1. RA Battaglino then called SA Hardaway and
10 left a message. *Id.*

11 RA Battaglino testified that according to his notes, on October 18, 2004, he set up
12 an appointment with SA Hardaway "in federal building room 310." *Id.* 62:17-20. RA
13 Battaglino testified that according to his notes, after realizing he had misunderstood
14 where SA Hardaway was, he called SA Hardaway and rescheduled. *Id.* 63:7-14.

15 RA Battaglino testified that according to his notes, he met SA Hardaway on
16 November 9, 2004. *Id.* 63:18. According to his notes, Battaglino:

17 RA Battaglino: Traveled to Everret via Kingston ferry. Met with SA
18 Hardaway at 3020 Ruckers Avenue Everett. Secured all
19 the records on AAA investments --

20 Def.'s Counsel: Could you read that again starting with He had --

21 RA Battaglino: He had secured all taxpayer records for AAA
22 Investments. Taxpayer had invested in the trust in '97.
23 Invested \$25,000, all of which was lost. Taxpayer
24 testified against promoter in two grand jury and one trial.
25 Per SA, the taxpayer had been very cooperative. Viewed
26 taxpayer's records provided. Taxpayer closed out trust in
27 '99. . . Getting ready to retire on disability past 25 years.
28 All records indicate taxpayer did possess disposed of

1 trust. Appears taxpayer had sufficient income to support
2 himself and his wife. Funds reported on the return.
3 Assembled the case, print out work papers. Appears to
4 be a no-change exam.¹³

5 1 TP 63:17-64:13.

6 RA Battaglino testified that it appeared that within a week or two after his
7 meeting with SA Hardaway, RA Battaglino had closed the audit. *Id.* 65:12-18. RA
8 Battaglino testified that he did not recall seeing any documents that demonstrated that
9 the taxpayer was still operating one of the Anderson Ark trust as of 2001. *Id.* 66:8-12.

10 When shown defendant's exhibit 50(b),¹⁴ RA Battaglino testified that he could
11 not testify whether those were the documents SA Hardaway had shown him to review.
12 *Id.* 54:23-55:20. He also testified that he could not remember the quantity of documents
13 that SA Hardaway had given him to review. *Id.*

14 When defense counsel asked RA Battaglino about the rate of no-change letters,
15 RA Battaglino responded:

16 Def.'s Counsel: Isn't it a rare event in a so-called tax protester abusive
17 trust scheme case to have a no-change? Isn't that a rare
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20 ¹³ Curiously, RA Battaglino makes no mention of ever seeing the Agency Agreement
21 identifying a Dave K. Bowden as an agent dated January 20, 2001; trust documents concerning a
22 trust named "Consanguis Education Group" identifying a Dave K. Bowden as the
23 treasurer/accountant and Terri L. Bowden as the secretary; and US Bank Statements for the
24 Consanguis Education Group for different dates spanning from June 21, 1998 to October 1,
25 2001; all of which were found among the documents SA Hardaway identified as having received
26 from Bowden and which SA Hardaway had "mistakenly maintained . . . under a different case
27 file." Dkt. 355, n.2.

28 ¹⁴ Exhibit 50(b) contains the items the government describes as having been received
from Dave Bowden in May 2003, and which the government produced for defendant's counsel
on April 25, 2007.

1 event?

2 RA Battaglino: They happen.

3 Def.'s Counsel: That's not what I asked.

4 Isn't it a rare event, in your experience?

5 Gov't Counsel: Objection.

6 The Court: Objections sustained. How many of such audits have
7 you handled? Talking about the tax protester.

8 RA Battaglino: We can't call them. Hundreds

9 The Court: How many no changes do you think you had,
10 approximation?

11 RA Battaglino: Probably couple percent of that. Probably four or five.

12 The Court: Thank you.

13 1 TP 82:21-83:12.

14 After RA Battaglino testified that SA Hardaway had not given him any direction
15 concerning the audit, had not asked to find a no-change, or appraised him of what was
16 going on with the case, 1 TP 77 defense counsel then asked RA Battaglino:

17 Def.'s Counsel: [Y]ou testified . . . that you didn't even recognize Special
18 Agent Hardaway out in the hallway; is that correct?

19 RA Battaglino: Correct.

20 Def.'s Counsel: But you never met him before that time November 9,
21 2004, in Everett?

22 RA Battaglino: Correct.

23 Def.'s Counsel: yet, [when government counsel] asked you two or three
24 specific questions about what Special Agent Hardaway
25 told you or didn't tell you, you gave crisp yes-or-no
26 answers.

27 Do you recall that?

28 RA Battaglino: I read the history sheet.

1 Def.'s Counsel: That was based on the history sheet?
2 RA Battaglino: My recollection of reading the history sheet.
3 Def.'s Counsel: Based on your interpretation of the history sheet?
4 RA Battaglino: Yes.
5 Def.'s Counsel: When you were answering [government's counsel]'s
6 questions on cross-examination, you weren't testifying
7 based on your recollection that Special Agent Hardaway
8 said or didn't say anything?
9 RA Battaglino: I would – I wouldn't have – it's not something I would
10 have ever done, to no-change a case because an SA is
11 telling you to.

12 1 TP 83:14-84:11.

13 **2. Dave Bowden's Testimony**

14 At the evidentiary hearing, Dave Bowden testified that at one point, he had gone
15 to the IRS building in downtown Seattle:

16 Def.'s Counsel: Mr. Bowden, have you ever been to the Jackson Federal
17 Building, 915 2nd Avenue in downtown Seattle?

18 Bowden: I'm not sure.
19 Is that where the IRS is?

20 Def.'s Counsel: It is.

21 Bowden: I was there.

22 Def.'s Counsel: What was the occasion of your being there?

23 Bowden: I was there after the indictment trial - - you know,
24 sometime after that.

25 Def.'s Counsel: What was the purpose of your visit . . .

26 Bowden: Just to go over some of the paperwork I gave them so
27 they understood.

28 Def.'s Counsel: Who did you go over that paperwork with?

1 Bowden: I don't know. There was several of them there.

2 Def.'s Counsel: Special Agent Hardaway?

3 Bowden: Yeah, he might have been there.

4 1 TP 92:7-23.

5 Bowden was then questioned about his involvement with Global Prosperity.

6 Def.'s Counsel: Did Special Agent Hardaway ever promise that you
7 wouldn't be criminally prosecuted for your involvement
8 with Anderson's Ark and Global?

9 Bowden: No.

10 Def.'s Counsel: Were you concerned about the possible criminal
11 prosecution?

12 Bowden: No.

13 Def.'s Counsel: Did you have Global meetings at your house at some
14 point in time, Mr. Bowden?

15 Bowden: Yes.

16 Def.'s Counsel: How many times?

17 Bowden: Twice.

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19 Def.'s Counsel: Did you ever sell Global products?

20 Bowden: Yes.

21 Def.'s Counsel: What did you sell?

22 Bowden: The tapes

23 Def.'s Counsel: How many of those tapes did you sell?

24 Bowden: Two or three and gave away a lot of them.

25 Def.'s Counsel: How much money did you make selling those tapes?

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27 Bowden: When it was all over, none. I gave back the money to the
28 people I sold them to.

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2 Def.'s Counsel: Did you ever sell tickets to Global seminars?

3 Bowden: No.

4 1 TP 100:8-101:13.

5 Defense Counsel then turned to the audit issue.

6 Def.'s Counsel: Have you eve been audited by the IRS?

7 Bowden: No.

8 Def.'s Counsel: I'm sorry?

9 Bowden: No. No. Never.

10 Def.'s Counsel: I would like you to reflect carefully. With counsel's
11 permission I'll ask that question again.

12 The IRS never audited you or your wife's tax returns?

13 Bowden: Never.

14 1 TP 101:14-21

15 After testifying that he had never seen the letter addressed to the Bowdens and
16 signed by a Rick O'Brien and then shown the letter addressed to Rick O'Brien and
17 signed by a Dave Bodwen, Bowden testified that although he did not recognize the
18 letter, the letter looks like it is in his handwriting. 1 TP 102-104.

19 Def.'s Counsel: Does this refresh your recollection as to writing that letter
20 to Group Manager O'Brien?

21 Bowden: Yes, but I don't know what his name is. I mean, I wasn't
22 - - I wouldn't remember it now, but I wrote the letter.

23 Def.'s Counsel: Why did you write this letter?

24 Bowden: Because they were - - sent me that first letter, now that I
25 remember. And they were going to audit me I told them
26 what happened and they said - - they sent back a letter
27 and said they weren't going to audit me at this time and it
28 was all dropped.

1 1 TP 107:4-13

2 Bowden testified that he remembered getting the August 17, 2004 letter and that
3 he remembered talking to RA Battaglino, the second one . . . [s]econd time they
4 contacted” him. *Id.* 108-109. Bowden testified that after receiving the letter, he called
5 them and told them he did not have the records and that he had given them to SA
6 Hardaway. *Id.* 109. Bowden testified that while he does not know what he gave SA
7 Hardaway, he did not give SA Hardaway his tax records but “the trust stuff that was set
8 up at the trust.” 1 TP 110: 1-7.

9 Bowden also testified that he stopped using the AAA trust in “‘98, I’m sure. I
10 mean, I kept it there, but I didn’t use it.” 1 TP 111:22-25. He continued paying the
11 yearly fee because he hoped “maybe somebody would send me back some of the money
12 I got screwed out of.” *Id.* 112: 1-8.

13 When shown the US Bank Statement for the Consanguis Education Group dated
14 January 31, 2001, Def.’s Ex. 50(b), DB-00110, Bowden testified:

15 Def.’s Counsel: Do you recognize that, Mr. Bowden?

16 Bowden: It looks like the bank statement for the trust.

17 Def.’s Counsel: Trust that you purchased from Anderson’s Ark?

18 Bowden: Right.

19

20 Def.’s Counsel: So you had a bank account with the trust as late as 2001?

21 Bowden: Must have.

22 1 TP 112:18-113:1

23 When questioned about specific dates, and after Bowden was seen referring to
24 some notes he had written down after looking as his wife’s journal, Bowden testified
25 that he no longer keeps track of days or weeks because he is “retired on a disability and
26 [has] had seven surgeries and takes a lot of pain pills.” 1 TP 115-118.

27 After being asked specific questions concerning the interview by SA Rose and
28 George before the hearing, Bowden stated that the dates in his declaration dated June

1 23, 2007, “are all wrong,” *Id.* 120:18, Bowden testified:

2 Def.’s Counsel: These dates here are all wrong?

3 Bowden: Yeah. I was just guessing, the best of my knowledge. I
4 don’t think there was too much if it was in ‘96, might
5 have been something in ‘96. Most was mostly in ‘97 and
6 ‘98.

7 *Id.* 120:20-22

8 When Bowden testified that he would make less than \$1,000 from Struckman
9 when he was detailing Struckman’s car, 1 TP 183, Bowden was then questioned about
10 his previous testimony before the Grand Jury in the case against Laura Struckman.

11 Def.’s Counsel: On this page a grand juror says, asking you a question,
12 How much money a month do you figure he was
13 spending on just getting those cars detailed?
14 And can you read your answer starting the very next
15 line?

16 Bowden: It varied quite often. It went anywhere from 1,000 to
17 2500 to 3,000.

18

19 Def.’s Counsel: Could you read that answer for me, please?

20 Bowden: “I figured I didn’t lose too much because he was
21 spending so much at the detail shop so I could invest
22 some because he really . . . my shop was looking pretty
23 good with his income coming in. And so I invested
24 \$30,000.”

25 1 TP 184:8-185:6

26 When then shown the Two Year Comparison Report page, Form 1040 that
27 Bowden had produced in response to a subpoena duces tecum, and that the form
28 indicated a business income for 1997 of \$814, but a business income loss of \$814 for

1 the year 1998, Bowden first tried to imply he had not provided that comparison report.

2 1 TP 187-191. Eventually, Bowden testified

3 Def.'s Counsel: But we have page 6 from Form 1040, which is a two-year
4 comparison report as you testified, correct, you listed a
5 total of \$814 in business income for \$1997 and zero for
6 \$1998.

7 Is that correct?

8 Bowden: That's what it looks like. I was having surgery during
9 that time so it dropped down to almost zero.

10 1 TP 191:20-25

11 Government counsel then queried Bowden concerning some of the transactions
12 listed on the US Bank Statement for the Consanguis Education Group dated January 31,
13 2001. 1 TP 200. Bowden testified that although he did not remember what the two
14 check transactions shown on the statement were for, he testified that "the only checks he
15 wrote on that account was for [Global Prosperity], something to do with that." *Id.*

16 200:11-14. When queried whether he remembered any of the transactions that occurred
17 during the months for which there were no statements, between March 1999 until 2001,

18 Bowden testified:

19 Gov't Counsel: Do you recall any - - just from your memory?

20 Bowden: Only one big investment with money that went in.

21 Gov't Counsel: What was that?

22 Bowden: That was 85,000, I think.

23 Gov't Counsel: What happened to the money?

24 Bowden: Well, it went gone.

25 Gov't Counsel: What do you mean by "gone"?

26 Bowden: It went to an investment of theirs. From the Cancun trip
27 one of the investments that he had there. I invested into
28 that. It's, you know, they said it's gone. They lost it.

1 They – phone e-mails that you get.

2 1 TP 201:16-25.

3 Bowden testified that he first invested \$30,000 for which he was reimbursed, and
4 then a check for \$85,000, which was lost. 1 TP 205:25-206:1. Bowden testified that
5 although he did not remember to whom exactly he wrote the two checks from the
6 Consanguis account:

7 Bowden: I bought a bunch of books at one time, then I bought a
8 bunch of tapes and I might have wrote it to either Mike
9 Fitzpatrick or somebody in Global Prosperity.

10 Def.'s Counsel: Could it have been the Global 2001 12 tape audio series?

11 Bowden: Could have been. I don't know. I would have to - - you
12 know, I could find - - you know, if I could find them
13 checks.

14 Def.'s Counsel: Do you recall giving the 12 tapes for the Global 2001
15 audio seminar to Special Agent Hardaway with the other
16 documents you gave him of your personal stuff?

17 Bowden: I gave him some tapes. I don't know how many.

18 1 TP 207

19 **3. SA Hardaway's Testimony**

20 SA Hardaway testified that Bowden gave him some documents on May 27, 2003,
21 the day of Laura Struckman's trial. 2 TP 305:24. However, SA Hardaway testified that
22 he does not remember receiving documents from Bowden that Bowden had said he had
23 taken and photocopied from defendant's cars:

24 SA Hardaway: I don't remember him offering documents that he copied
25 at Dave's cars. And I don't have any records. I have no
26 recollection of receiving any of those records.

27 When asked about Bowden's testimony before the grand jury that indicted Laura
28 Struckman, SA Hardaway testified as follows:

1 Def.'s Counsel: Did you prepare Mr. Bowden for his testimony before
2 that grand jury?

3 SA Hardaway I don't know that I did. Probably more the attorneys.
4 2 TP 308:4-6.

5 According to SA Hardaway, he first became aware that Bowden received an audit
6 notice when Bowden called him sometime in 2004. *Id.* 309:16-23. SA Hardaway
7 testified that Bowden expressed concern that the revenue agent would want to look at
8 the documents Bowden had given SA Hardaway. *Id.* 310:1-4. According to SA
9 Hardaway, he remembers Bowden telling him that Bowden had given Hardaway's
10 information to the revenue agent, explained "a little bit of the background and history."
11 *Id.* 310:6-10. When asked about the conversation with the revenue agent, SA Hardaway
12 testified:

13 SA Hardaway: I just recall making some, you know, admonitions. This
14 is a grand jury case. Grand jury cases, obviously there is
15 information which cannot pass, which we cannot share.
16 It's kind of, you know, some things we can and some
17 things we can't. Not a whole lot of information passed.

18 Def.'s Counsel: What do you mean by that?

19 SA Hardaway: Well, I mean the call was so quick I can't remember the
20 fellow's name. I recall that he said something that, you
21 know, Bowden got caught up in some kind of a project. I
22 assumed it had something to do with his being involved
23 in Global, maybe trusts, offshore credit cards, and said
24 something about not really being too excited about the
25 case or the potential of the case from his viewpoint.

26 Def.'s Counsel: Did you ever vouch for Dave Bowden's honesty or
27 integrity with the revenue agent?

28 SA Hardaway: That's possible. You know, I found - - I have found

1 Dave Bowden to be fairly pretty straightforward.

2 2 TP 310:16-311:11.

3 Def.'s Counsel: What would the purpose of that statement be?

4 SA Hardaway: I would have to - - I would have had to have heard what
5 kind of context it was. I mean - -

6 Def.'s Counsel: The context of speaking to a revenue agent that was
7 auditing someone who was providing information in a
8 criminal investigation.

9 SA Hardaway: He may have asked me, you know, what I thought of
10 him. Just as I said earlier, I mean, I've always found
11 Dave Bowden to be, you know, an honest fellow.

12 Def.'s Counsel: Do you recall confirming for the revenue agent in the
13 Bowden audit that Dave Bowden wound up his trust in
14 1999, closed them down? Do you recall telling him that?

15 SA Hardaway: No

16 Id. 312: 8-20

17 When asked about the May 2, 2007 court order granting defendant's motion to
18 compel *Brady/Giglio* material as to Bowden, SA Hardaway evaded a clear answer, 2 TP
19 313:5-315:17, until:

20 Def.'s Counsel: How did [the existence of the audit] come up?

21 SA Hardaway: It was just a conversation. Mark Odulio was there. I
22 think he went down to talk to Mr. Wszalek.

23 Def.'s Counsel: Out of which man in that conversation did the words
24 come out that Dave Bowden had been audited?

25 SA Hardaway: I'm the one that brought it up.

26 Def.'s Counsel: There we are.

27 SA Hardaway: Yes.

28 2 TP 315: 18-25

1 SA Hardaway: . . . When this issue came to the forefront I had - - we
2 were all sitting down and I said, It's my recollection that
3 -- that this is out. We've talked about this before. And
4 that is - - that is my understanding. It's my recollection
5 that the issue of the audit of Dave Bowden had been
6 talked about previously.

7 *Id.* 316:7-12

8 Def.'s Counsel: On the most recent occasion that you told the prosecuting
9 attorneys that Bowden had been audited, what was their
10 response to that?

11

12 Let's start with Mr. Wszalek.

13 SA Hardaway: It seemed like it came out of left field. He didn't seem to
14 have a recollection.

15 Def.'s Counsel: What was his recollection when you advised him that you
16 had previously told him about the Bowden audit?

17 SA Hardaway: You know, he wasn't particularly surprised, shocked. He
18 didn't have much of a reaction, to be honest with you.

19 Def.'s Counsel: Did he say, Oh, gee, Mike, sure I remember that? Is that
20 something he said?

21 SA Hardaway: No.

22 Def.'s Counsel: What did he say?

23 SA Hardaway: He seemed to be having a struggle.

24 Def.'s Counsel: He was struggling?

25 SA Hardaway: Yeah, with trying to remember.

26

27 But you have to understand that, you know, a zillion facts
28 have came (sic) across our screens. And some take hold;

1 some don't.

2 Def.'s Counsel: . . . What was Mr. Wszalek's reaction when you advised
3 him that not only had you previously advised him that
4 Bowden had been audited but that you had contact with
5 the revenue agent who audited Dave Bowden?

6 SA Hardaway: Well, regarding contact of the revenue agent, he wasn't
7 happy about that.

8 Def.'s Counsel: Was he struggling with that as well?

9 SA Hardaway: No.

10 Def.'s Counsel: Did he remember you advised him of that fact?

11 SA Hardaway: No, I don't believe so.

12 2 TP 317:5-318:21

13 SA Hardaway went on to testify that the statements attributed to him in the May
14 3, 2007 letter from the prosecutors to defendant's counsel, Def.'s Ex. 88, had been made
15 based on the conversation that the prosecutors had with SA Hardaway, and that SA
16 Hardaway had made those representations to the prosecuting attorneys. 2 TP 318:23-
17 320:19.

18 SA Hardaway was then asked about his May 4, 2007 MOI concerning his
19 contacts with the revenue agents conducting the civil audit on Bowden. 2 TP 321. SA
20 Hardaway testified that although Bowden had not asked him to do any favors, SA
21 Hardaway had "cautioned him about his witness status and that it would not be proper
22 for SA Hardaway get involved or do Bowden any favors." *Id.* SA Hardaway testified
23 that he had made those statement to Bowden [b]ecause [he] was aware of how it would
24 look. *Id.* 322:3. According to SA Hardaway, he cautioned Bowden because:

25 SA Hardaway: Well, the revenue agent might interpret it that way.

26 Def.'s Counsel: Did you think Bowden was thinking you would do him
27 favors, that is why you made that statement?

28 SA Hardaway: Favor might be a strong word.

1 Def.'s Counsel: Give me a word that works better.

2 SA Hardaway: I got the feeling that Dave thought I could intercede for
3 him.

4 Def.'s Counsel: In fact, didn't he expect you to intercede for him?

5 SA Hardaway: No, I wouldn't say that.

6 Def.'s Counsel: If you were so concerned about perception, why did you
7 call the revenue agent in the first place? Why didn't you
8 just not do it?

9 SA Hardaway: It's my recollection he called me.

10 2 TP 323:2-14.

11 SA Hardaway was then asked to refer to his May 4, 2007 MOI where he stated:

12 SA Hardaway: "Special Agent Hardaway's recollection is that the
13 revenue agent subsequently telephoned Special Agent
14 Hardaway and left a message and that Special Agent
15 Hardaway returned his telephone call but it is possible
16 Special Agent Hardaway telephoned the revenue agent.

17 *Id.* 324:3-7

18 Def.'s Counsel: All right. You testified previously you were concerned
19 with the perception of your having any contact with the
20 Bowden auditors; is that correct?

21 SA Hardaway: Not perception of contact. I don't want anybody
22 thinking I was trying to play some sort of undue
23 influence on anything.

24 Def.'s Counsel: Is that the product of a guilty conscience?

25 SA Hardaway: No, it's a product of a careful person.

26 Def.'s Counsel: If you were so concerned about that, why didn't you
27 record the memorandum of investigation or a
28 memorandum of activity regarding these innocent

1 contacts?

2 SA Hardaway: I've asked myself that same question a few times.

3 Def.'s Counsel: I'll bet.

4 SA Hardaway: At the time I thought I was doing everything exactly as
5 somebody would recommend I do it.

6 *Id.* 324:11-25.

7 Def.'s Counsel: Did you ever have a personal meeting with the revenue
8 agent who audited Dave Bowden?

9 SA Hardaway: I understand that I did, but I don't recall the meeting.
10 I've been told that I did.

11 Def.'s Counsel: Who told you that?

12 SA Hardaway: I'm not sure.

13

14 Def.'s Counsel: So you couldn't remember that you had a personal
15 meeting with this Bowden revenue agent on May 4 when
16 you drafted this memorandum of activity?
17 Do you suffer from a defective memory?

18 SA Hardaway: Not generally. My memory is pretty good. Quite good,
19 usually

20 *Id.* 327:4-25

21 Def.'s Counsel: As you sit here today you do not recall the revenue agent
22 driving to your Everett office and meeting with you for
23 about six hours to discuss and review documents in the
24 Bowden audit?

25 SA Hardaway: No, I don't.

26

27 Def.'s Counsel: Do you recall ever providing documents to the Bowden
28 revenue agent that Dave Bowden had given to you to

1 review?

2 SA Hardaway: I don't recall.

3 Def.'s Counsel: Do you recall giving any bank statements or other
4 financial records to the revenue agents who audited Dave
5 Bowden.

6 SA Hardaway: No.

7 2 TP 328-329.

8 Def.'s Counsel: Do you recognize this document that has been marked as
9 Defendant's 50(b) 00113?

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11 How do you recognize this document?

12 SA Hardaway: I think it was in the box of records that Dave Bowden
13 turned over to me.

14

15 Def.'s Counsel: Do your recall whether you provided this document for
16 review to the Bowden revenue agent that audited him?

17 SA Hardaway: I do not recall that.

18 2 TP 329.

19 SA Hardaway was then asked about the timing of his first contact with Bowden.
20 According to SA Hardaway, he first met Bowden when he went to Bowden's house on
21 18613 108th Avenue Southeast, Renton, Washington 98055. 2 TP 330. According to
22 SA Hardaway, SA Hardaway obtained the address by doing a real estate search for the
23 name that appeared on a check from Struckman to Bowden. *Id.* According to SA
24 Hardaway's testimony, he met Bowden at Bowden's house at the 108th Avenue address
25 twice, first on December 21, 2002 and then January 16, 2003. *Id.* 330-31. When shown
26 a recorded statutory warranty deed showing that the 108th Avenue house had been
27 conveyed by the Bowdens to a Timothy B. Isley on December 4, 2002, Def.'s Ex. 218,
28 SA Hardaway could not explain the contradiction. *Id.* 333. Similarly, when shown a

1 declaration signed by Mr. Isley stating that Bowden “did no longer reside at the address
2 [in question] after the property was conveyed to [Mr. Isley’s] ownership,” SA Hardaway
3 could not explain the contradiction.¹⁵ *Id.* 334, referencing Def.’s Ex. 218

4 On cross-examination, government counsel asked SA Hardaway to expand upon
5 his prior testimony.

6 Gov’t Counsel: When you answered counsel and said that you were
7 concerned about the perception of undue influence, what
8 did you mean?

9 SA Hardaway: Well, I was concerned about how any contact with the
10 revenue agent might look. But I was also concerned
11 about what - - I was also concerned about how Mr.
12 Bowden himself would perceive it. I can only speculate
13 as to exactly what Mr. Bowden’s state of mind was.

14 Gov’t Counsel: I don’t want you to speculate to that.

15 SA Hardaway: I understand. I think, as I responded earlier, I suspected
16 and I didn’t want it to appear - - I was worried about how
17 it may look.

18 2 TP 336

19 **C. Documents from Defendant’s cars**

20 Defense counsel then queried SA Hardaway about documents Bowden had
21 testified he had taken and copied from defendant’s cars.

22 Def.’s Counsel: Did there come a time when you received documents
23 from Dave Bowden that he indicated he had taken and
24 photocopied from David Struckman’s cars?

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26 ¹⁵ Government counsel attempted to explain the contradiction by pointing to a
27 discrepancy in the zip codes. However, a computer search for a map of the address with the
28 different zip codes reveals the same location.

1 SA Hardaway: No, I don't remember that at all.

2 Def.'s Counsel: That never happened?

3 SA Hardaway: I don't remember him offering documents that he copied
4 at Dave's cars. And I don't have any records. I have no
5 recollection of receiving any of those records.

6 2 TP 306:3-10.

7 *Analysis*

8 **I. Jurisdiction**

9 Defendant argues this court does not have jurisdiction over the defendant because
10 the government fabricated a deportation of defendant from Panama so as to sidestep the
11 provisions of the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of
12 Panama, Providing for the Extradition of Criminals, May 25, 1904, 34 Stat. 2851; T.S.
13 No. 445 ("the Treaty"). The defendant argues that because the crime of fraud on the
14 government is not an extraditable crime under the Treaty, prosecution of the defendant
15 in the United States would be barred by the principles of dual criminality and
16 specialty.¹⁶

17 In general, the means used to bring a criminal defendant before a court do not
18 deprive that court of personal jurisdiction over the defendant. *United States v.*
19 *Alvarez-Machain*, 504 U.S. 655, 661-62 (1992) (*citing and quoting Ker v. Illinois*, 119
20 U.S. 436 (1886); *Frisbie v. Collins*, 342 U.S. 519 (1952)). The *Ker/Frisbie* doctrine does
21 not apply, however, and a court is deprived of jurisdiction over an extradited defendant,
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23 ¹⁶ "Dual criminality requires that an accused be extradited only if the alleged criminal
24 conduct is considered criminal under the laws of both the surrendering and requesting nations. . .
25 . The doctrine of specialty provides that it is impermissible to try a defendant other than for the
26 crimes for which he has been extradited." *Anderson*, 472 F.3d at 670 -71 (internal citations
27 omitted).
28

1 if either: (1) the transfer of the defendant violated the applicable extradition treaty, or
2 (2) the United States government engaged in “misconduct ‘of the most shocking and
3 outrageous kind’” to obtain the presence of the defendant to face trial. *United States v.*
4 *Anderson*, 472 F.3d 662, 666 (9th Cir. 2006) *citing and quoting United States v.*
5 *Matta-Ballesteros*, 71 F.3d at 762-64 (*quoting United States v. Valot*, 625 F.2d 308, 310
6 (9th Cir.1980)).

7 Under *Alvarez-Machain*, a challenge to personal jurisdiction begins with the
8 express terms of the applicable extradition treaty. *Anderson*, 472 F.3d at 666. The court
9 concurs with the analysis in other circuits that “nothing in [the treaty between the United
10 States and the Republic of Panama] suggests that the countries involved must follow the
11 extradition procedures set out in the treaties when they return criminal defendants to the
12 United States.” *United States v. Cordero*, 668 F.2d 32, 37 (1st Cir. 1981). As other
13 courts have held, “[n]othing in the treaty prevents a sovereign nation from deporting
14 foreign nationals for other reasons and in other ways should it wish to do so.” *Id.*

15 Defendant argues that because defendant was deported at the request of the U.S.
16 government, the deportation of the defendant was a ‘ruse’ created to avoid the
17 limitations of the Treaty. However, “where no demand for extradition is made by the
18 United States and the defendant is deported by the authorities of the other country which
19 is party to the treaty, no ‘extradition’ has occurred and failure to comply with the
20 extradition treaty does not bar prosecution.” *United States v. Valot*, 625 F.2d 308, 310
21 (9th Cir. 1980).

22 Although here the U.S. government worked assiduously, to say the least, to assist
23 the Panamanian authorities in determining the whereabouts of defendant, ultimately, the
24 decision to deport defendant from Panama was within the prerogative of the
25 Panamanian authorities.

26 Defendant would like this court to challenge the interpretation of Panamanian law
27 by Panamanian authorities, and argues that Panamanian authorities misapplied Article
28 36 and 37 of the Law Decree No. 16 of June 30, 1960 to David Struckman. Under the

1 act of state doctrine, however, the court declines to second guess the interpretation by a
2 sovereign nation of its own law. “Every sovereign State is bound to respect the
3 independence of every other sovereign State, and the courts of one country will not sit
4 in judgment on the acts of the government of another done within its own territory.” *Liu*
5 *v. Republic of China*, 892 F.2d 1419, 1431-32 (9th Cir. 1989) citing *Alfred Dunhill of*
6 *London, Inc. v. Republic of Cuba*, 425 U.S. 682, 691 n. 7 (1976) (quoting *Underhill v.*
7 *Hernandez*, 168 U.S. 250, 252 (1897)). Thus, the court will not interfere with Panama’s
8 decision to deport David Struckman to the United States.

9 **II. Defendant’s Motions to Dismiss**

10 Defendant moves to dismiss the indictment with prejudice on four grounds (1)
11 Government misconduct in obtaining defendant’s presence to stand trial, (2)
12 unnecessary delay in bringing the defendant to trial, (3) government misconduct in
13 connection with Anonymous Informant No. 1, and (4) government misconduct in
14 connections with Dave Bowden.¹⁷

15 **A. Panama and Unnecessary Delay**

16 *1. Government misconduct in obtaining defendant’s presence to stand trial*

17 A court may use its inherent supervisory powers to dismiss a prosecution (1) to
18 implement a remedy for the violation of a recognized statutory or constitutional right;
19 (2) to preserve judicial integrity by ensuring that a conviction rests on appropriate
20 considerations validly before a jury; and (3) to deter future illegal conduct.

21 *United States v. Matta-Ballesteros*, 71 F.3d 754, 763 (9th Cir. 1995).

22 The defendant argues he was deprived of his right to counsel when Regional
23 Security Officer Timothy O’Brien interfered with defendant’s ability to meet with his
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28 ¹⁷ Although in his brief defendant had also argued the government had abuse the grand jury process, defendant failed to present any support for that allegation at the evidentiary hearing. Therefore, the court denies defendant’s motion to dismiss as to that argument.

1 counsel and with his due process rights to challenge his deportation from Panama.¹⁸

2 While the court does not condone the government's actions in procuring the
3 defendant's presence to stand trial, defendant forgets that the Panamanian government's
4 decision to deport defendant preceded any interference with defendant's communication
5 with counsel.

6 Defendant Struckman was ordered deported on August 25, 2004 through
7 Resolution Number 10886, the same day his application to change his tourist visa to an
8 investor visa was denied through Resolution Number 10885. Under the latter
9 Resolution, defendant Struckman was given a minimum of three days and a maximum
10 of thirty days to leave Panama. Defendant has failed to show he did not receive proper
11 notice of either the deportation resolution or the resolution denying his request for an
12 investor visa.¹⁹ Therefore, defendant has failed to show that by the time he was detained
13 under Detention Number 0036 on January 12, 2006, he still had any viable rights, under
14 Panamanian law or otherwise, to challenge his deportation order.

15 Second, defendant argues that what he calls a "*de facto* extradition disguised as a
16 deportation" constitutes a *jus cogens* violation giving the court the discretionary
17 authority to dismiss the indictment.²⁰ Defendant's argument is premised on the notion
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19 ¹⁸ The defendant also alleges RSO O'Brien violated Article 36 of the Vienna Convention
20 by preventing the United States Consulate from being notified of defendant's arrest. Assuming
21 the obligation to notify the U.S. Embassy fell on RSO O'Brien, rather than the Panamanian
22 authorities, the remedy for such a violation is uncertain. *See Sanchez-Llamas v. Oregon*, 126
23 S.Ct. 2669 (2006); *Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mex. v. US.)*, 2004 I.C.J. 128 (Mar.
24 31).

25 ¹⁹ Although Attorney Millwood testified that he had not seen Resolution 10886 before,
26 there is no evidence on the record that Struckman himself had not been notified before January
27 13, 2006 of the August 25, 2004 deportation resolution.

28 ²⁰ The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties defines *jus cogens* as "a norm accepted
and recognized by the international community of states as a whole as a norm from which no

1 that defendant's deportation from Panama was illegal notwithstanding the decision of
2 the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Panama to the contrary. For the same
3 reasons as above, this court refuses to second guess the findings of a Supreme Court of a
4 sovereign nation.

5 Defendant next argues that the actions of RSO O'Brien are so offensive that they
6 constitute a violation of due process. Although the court is disturbed by the conduct of
7 the government, "less-than-exemplary conduct of the government, sleazy investigatory
8 tactics alone--unless so offensive that they amount to a violation of due process--do not
9 provide the "clear basis in ... law required for the exercise of the supervisory power.
10 Unless the law enforcement officers break the law, the court has no authority to sanction
11 them." *United State v. Simpson*, 927 F.2d 1088, 1090 (9th Cir. 1991).

12 In *Simpson*, after receiving a tip that Darrel Simpson was suspected of being an
13 international drug smuggler, FBI agent Hamer began an investigation with the
14 assistance of Helen Miller as an informant. *Id.* at 1089. "Miller was a prostitute, heroin
15 user and fugitive from Canadian justice; but otherwise she was okay." *Id.* Hamer sent
16 Miller to meet up with Simpson, whereupon Simpson and Miller developed a "sexually
17 and emotionally intimate relationship of some duration." *Id.* At Miller's request or her
18 prompting, Simpson procured heroin. *Id.* Miller then introduced Simpson to Hamer,
19 who then made several purchases. *Id.* Simpson was then arrested. *Id.* "Throughout the
20 investigation, Miller engaged in pastimes unbecoming someone on the federal payroll:
21 prostitution, heroin use and shoplifting. In addition, the FBI allowed Miller to keep a
22 \$10,000 profit from one of the heroin sales she arranged." *Id.* Finding that law
23 enforcement had not broken any law, the Ninth Circuit reversed the lower court's
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27 derogation is permitted and which can be modified only by a subsequent norm of general
28 international law having the same character." *Siderman de Blake v. Republic of Argentina*, 965
F.2d 699, 714 -715 (9th Cir. 1992) *citing to* Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, art. 53,
May 23, 1969, 1155 U.N.T.S. 332, 8 I.L.M. 679.

1 decision to dismiss the indictment based on its supervisory powers. *Id.* at 1090.

2 Here, while the contempt for the sacred tradition of *habeas corpus* that RSO
3 O'Brien exhibited in his communications with Department of Justice officials, how ever
4 foolish and ill advised, does not violate the law. Although he misrepresented
5 defendant's status as an already sentenced individual who was a fugitive from federal
6 authorities and was awaiting to serve his sentence,²¹ his lies post dated Resolution 10866
7 ordering Struckman to be deported. Similarly, RSO O'Brien's letter to Licenciado
8 Gustavo A. Perez A., dated August 1, 2005 claiming defendant was charged with
9 "defrauding investors of over \$50 million" and accusing defendant of perpetuating the
10 "same kind of fraud scheme that he used with such success in the U.S." post dates the
11 deportation Resolution by over a year.

12 Because RSO O'Brien broke no law, the court has no authority to sanction the
13 government for O'Brien's activities.²²

14 While courts may exercise the supervisory power to "preserve judicial integrity"
15 by ensuring that a conviction rests on appropriate considerations, courts have interpreted
16 this power as substantial discretion over "what happens inside the courtroom."
17 *Simpson*, 927 F.2d at 1091 *citing United States v. Schwartz*, 857 F.2d 655, 660 (9th Cir.
18 1988) (Hupp, J., concurring). As none of the actions concerning defendant's removal
19 happened inside the courtroom, such actions are not a proper basis for the court's use of
20 its supervisory power to preserve judicial integrity.

21 A court may also use its supervisory power to deter future illegal conduct.
22 Having found no illegal conduct by the U.S. government in Panama's decision to deport

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24 ²¹ RSO O'Brien's attempts to pretend he did not understand the Spanish version of his
25 own letter dated January 11, 2006 were less than credible.

26 ²² Had there not been a valid deportation Resolution which the Supreme Court of Justice
27 of Panama found to have been properly issued, and had there been evidence that Struckman had
28 not been notified of the August 25, 2004 resolution, the repercussions of RSO O'Brien may have
been different. That issue, however, is not before the court.

1 defendant, the court finds no illegal conduct that need be deterred.²³

2 *2. Unnecessary Delay*

3 Defendant argues that the indictment should be dismissed, with prejudice,
4 because the delay was caused by the intentional withholding of Bowden's audit file
5 pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure, Rule 48(b)(3).

6 Under Rule 48(b), "if there is unnecessary delay in bringing a defendant to trial,
7 the court may dismiss the indictment."

8 Court have emphasized, however, that "although the rule confers discretion upon
9 the district judge, a Rule 48(b) dismissal 'should be imposed only in extreme
10 circumstances.' That is especially true when a dismissal is with prejudice." *United*
11 *States v. Yuan Qing Jiang*, 214 F.3d 1099, 1101 (9th Cir. 2000) (internal citations
12 omitted). Because dismissal is considered severe, a district court abuses its discretion if
13 it imposes the sanction of dismissal without first satisfying the requirements of 'caution'
14 and 'forewarning.' *Id. citing United States v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 877 F.2d 734, 737-
15 38 (9th Cir.1989). "The term "caution" is used "in a non-obvious, technical sense" and
16 "requires findings of prosecutorial misconduct and actual prejudice to the accused." *Id.*
17 *citing United States v. Huntley*, 976 F.2d 1287, 1292 (9th Cir.1992).

18 In *Yuan Qing Jiang*, the lead prosecutor left Guam for home leave in Minnesota.
19 214 F.3d at 1102. Before the prosecutor left Guam, she consulted with the district
20 court's clerk and was told the cases would not proceed to trial until after her return. *Id.*
21 However, the prosecutor failed to confirm such information with the district court itself,
22 nor did the prosecutor obtain confirmation in writing of such statements. *Id.* After the
23 prosecutor's departure, the court set trial for a date that would occur before lead counsel
24 was scheduled to return. *Id.* When the new prosecutor represented that the government

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28 ²³ Although defendant argues the revocation of his passport was illegal because the
government failed to provide him notice of his right to appeal such decision, defendant fails to
show why dismissal of the indictment would be a proper remedy.

1 was unprepared to go to trial without the lead prosecutor, the court denied a motion to
2 continue the trial and dismissed the case with prejudice. *Id.* On appeal, the appellate
3 court assumed that the lead prosecutor's failure to obtain written confirmation of a new
4 trial date and the failure of the government to provide a lawyer to commence trial on the
5 set date, constituted prosecutorial misconduct sufficient for a dismissal without
6 prejudice.

7 Although, as described below, the court does find that SA Hardaway prevented
8 the prompt disclosure of the audit file, unlike *Yuan Qing Jiang*, the court does not find
9 that the prosecutors were involved in that delay. While the prosecutors were negligent
10 in their analysis of the IDRS form, as soon as they realized their mistake, the
11 prosecutors informed the court. Furthermore, as soon as they realized that SA
12 Hardaway had previously mentioned the audit, and as soon as SA Hardaway disclosed
13 the extent of his contacts with the revenue agent, the prosecutors informed defense
14 counsel.

15 While the prosecutors may be blamed for faulty memory, it is likely they did not
16 remember SA Hardaway had mentioned the audit before the court granted defendant's
17 motion to compel. Unaware of the extent of SA Hardaway's involvement with the
18 revenue agents, it is likely the fact an audit took place was not foremost in their minds.
19 Finding no prosecutorial misconduct, the court need not analyze defendant's claim of
20 actual prejudice.

21 **B. *Brady/Giglio* Violations.**

22 "The suppression by the prosecution of evidence favorable to an accused upon
23 request violates due process where the evidence is material either to guilt or to
24 punishment, irrespective of the good faith or bad faith of the prosecution." *Brady v.*
25 *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 87 (1963).

26 *3. Misconduct in connection with Anonymous Informant No. 1*

27 The court does not take allegations of government misconduct lightly. After
28 examining the record to ensure defendant's accusation withstood close scrutiny,

1 however, the court is left with no recourse but to conclude that Gary Moritz cannot be
2 the source of all the information attributed to him.

3 Here, the sheer volume of discrepancies in the testimony of the agents who claim
4 to have handled the informant, the degree of irregularities in the record concerning the
5 alleged informant, as well as the uncontested testimony of two declarants testifying that
6 Gary Moritz could not have been the informant, lead the court to find that there was no
7 single source of information for all the information attributed to Ted, and that the source
8 of all that information could not have been Gary Moritz.

9 Of the twelve contacts for which Chinn produced rough notes dated before the
10 March 14, 2001 e-mail, MOIs were prepared dated after the March 14 e-mail for seven
11 of those contacts, with dates from March 27, 2001 through April 1, 2001.²⁴

12 Only four MOIs were produced on the same day as the rough notes indicate the
13 contacts took place.²⁵ Of this set, the MOI produced on January 25, 2001 remarkably
14 departs from the originating rough notes. Whereas there are two different sets of rough
15 notes for the January 25, 2001 contact, only one MOI was produced, that which was
16 signed by SA Chinn. Out of sixteen sentences written in the rough notes resembling SA
17 Chinn's handwriting, SA Chinn's MOI attributes only two pieces of information to Ted:
18 that Laura J. Struckman was then living in Hawaii and had purchased an embroidery
19 business in Lahaina, Maui; and that Struckman was working for ProStep and
20 getting \$25,000/month. Although the handwriting on the second set of notes resembles
21 that of SA Hardaway and although SA Hardaway's Agent Diary indicates he met with
22 an anonymous source, SA Hardaway did not produce a MOI for this date.

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24 ²⁴ MOI for the rough notes dated September 13, and 21 were prepared on March 27 and
25 28, 2001. MOI for the rough notes dated November 8, 13, 15, were prepared on March 29, 2001.
26 MOI for the rough notes dated November 20 and 27 were prepared on March 30, 2001 and April
27 1, 2001, respectively.

28 ²⁵ MOI for rough notes dated September 15, November 30, December 11, 2000 and
January 25, 2001.

1 Not only does the January 25 contact follow the January 11 e-mail from SA Holm
2 requesting more information in preparation for the upcoming search warrant affidavit,
3 but more tellingly, the rough notes reflect the type of information SA Holm identified as
4 “still need[ing]” from SA Hardaway.

5 In addition, MOIs from the rough notes dated September 18, 2000 and November
6 20, 2000 were prepared on January 28, 2001 and March 30, 2001, respectively.
7 Although neither of these two rough notes reference “Ted,” the later produced MOIs
8 attributed the information to Ted. Among the information now attributed to Ted is
9 information concerning a bank account at Chase Manhattan, that “Ted somehow got the
10 password into the website and went behind the net,” and that a Jennifer Struckman had
11 been followed by a “white van.” All other rough notes explicitly reference Ted.

12 Although both SA Hardaway and Chinn testified that but for two occasions Ted
13 always initiated the contact by phoning the agents, Ted phones the Agents when the
14 agents needed him the most. After SA Chinn announces on August 7 that he needs
15 personnel for surveillance with “high priority as we need pc for the anticipated
16 warrants,” Ted calls SA Chinn anonymously at Chinn’s place of employment. 1 TP
17 264:11-16. According to SA Chinn, the anonymous caller had “gotten wind that Dave
18 [the defendant] was under investigation and that he had some information for [SA
19 Chinn].” *Id.* Similarly, when the agents need information for a search warrant affidavit,
20 and after SA Hardaway informs SA Chinn that SA Hardaway “has yet to see anything
21 regarding the extensive surveillance activity” concerning Struckman, Ted either calls
22 both SA Hardaway and Chinn simultaneously on January 25, 2001, or the agents meet
23 him in person.²⁶ If the meeting was in person, there is no indication where the meeting
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25 ²⁶ During the evidentiary hearing, Chinn states:

26 Counsel: How many contacts did you have with Ted subsequent to
27 the September 13, 2000 personal meeting?

28 SA Chinn: Contacts telephonically or personally?

1 took place.

2 Although both SA Chinn and Hardaway testified that they had no way of
3 contacting Ted, the informant appears at the most propitious times for the investigators:
4 less than a month after SA Chinn announces surveillance activities on Struckman will
5 commence because they need probable cause for the upcoming search warrants, and
6 when SA Holm tells SA Hardaway he needs more information for the search warrant
7 affidavit.

8 The type of information attributed to Gary Moritz, the husband of a previous wife
9 of Struckman who divorced Struckman over fifteen years before Struckman's
10 involvement with Global, does not fit with the description of Gary Moritz' relationship
11 with Struckman nor with Struckman's daughters. Gary Moritz, according to the
12 government, knows bank account numbers and addresses of the banks where defendant
13 allegedly has accounts; Social Security Numbers for Laura Struckman, Jacob Wininger,
14 Jennifer Wininger, Mike Bovee, married to Rachel, and even Jacob's mother; the lawyer
15 Struckman was thinking about hiring for his grand jury appearance, Jennifer's marital
16 troubles, Ms. Mollenberg's and Struckman's whereabouts in Panama, the structure of
17 Global Prosperity and names of trusts defendant was suspected of using. Although
18 Bonnie Moritz' testimony may be biased and could be the result of trying to protect her
19 daughter, Jennifer, the government forewent the opportunity to impeach both Mrs.
20 Moritz and Jennifer Wininger by choosing not to cross examine them. Bonnie Moritz'
21 declaration is also supported by Jennifer's declaration.

22 Although alleged contacts with Ted occurred sometimes every other day in the
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24 Counsel: Both.

25 SA Chinn: One personally. Maybe - - maybe another occasion we had
26 a personal meeting with Ted with another - - with Agent
27 Hardaway, I believe. And then subsequently it was always
28 Ted calling me.

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1 months leading to the search warrants, the contacts subside after the warrant is executed
2 but increase around the time of Struckman's grand jury appearance.

3 Although there are no MOIs memorializing contacts with Ted after December 12,
4 2001, the government nonetheless attributes information to Ted as to Struckman's
5 whereabouts in Panama.

6 Although SA Chinn had apparently done extensive surveillance on Struckman,
7 when SA Hardaway reviews the file on or about December 11, 2000, SA Hardaway
8 "has yet to see anything" regarding such surveillance.

9 Although both Chinn and Hardaway testified that they learned Ted was Gary
10 Moritz by running his vehicle identification number soon after the first meeting, both
11 agents conveniently neglected to mention that fact in their first two submissions to the
12 court asserting Ted was Mr. Moritz.

13 While SA Maning testified that he saw SA Chinn with an alleged informant, and
14 that he took down the informant's vehicle number, he stopped short of saying he
15 remembered giving the number to SA Chinn. SA Maning testified he himself had not
16 run the vehicle number himself.

17 In spite of the amount of information provided by the informant, in spite of an e-
18 mail from their supervisor reminding them how to handle informants and asking them to
19 encourage Ted to become a confidential informant, and in spite of an instruction by the
20 government attorney reviewing the search warrant affidavit to indicate how the
21 informant came about his information, if known, neither SA Hardaway nor Chinn
22 produce any notes to indicate they attempted to obtain such information from the
23 informant. It was only when the court explicitly asked for the basis of the informant's
24 knowledge that SA Hardaway and Chinn state that Moritz would say "the girls came by
25 the house," or that they thought Moritz had seen documents lying around at Jennifer's or
26 Struckman's residence.

27 Although it could have been a perfectly innocent error on their part, in spite of the
28 court's repeated requests for "declarations," SA Chinn and Hardaway finally submitted

1 their declarations under penalty of perjury just days before the evidentiary hearing, and
2 such declarations were remarkably different from their previous statements when it
3 comes to details. SA Hardaway, for example, no longer conclusively establish Ted's
4 identity as Gary Moritz on January 16, 2003. January 16, 2003 is incidentally now the
5 date of a previously unknown interview of Bonnie and Gary Moritz by SA Hardaway, a
6 meeting from which notes were revealed to defense counsel on February 23, 2007.²⁷ SA
7 Chinn resorted back to his first statement when he did not explicitly state Ted was Gary
8 Moritz.

9 While the government tried to impeach Mr. Moritz, the court finds his lack of
10 memory genuine. By his demeanor, his obvious pain when unable to remember his own
11 daughter's name, and by the look of bewilderment about him, the court finds Mr.
12 Moritz' inability to remember whether or not he had provided the government with
13 information concerning Struckman to be truthful. The court does not share the
14 government's implication that Mr. Moritz was faking his condition.

15 While in isolation all these discrepancies could very well be attributed to sloppy
16 record keeping, faulty memories, simple misstatements or minor omissions, in the
17 aggregate, they add to nothing more than a house of cards built to support the illusion of
18 the existence of Anonymous Informant No. 1.

19 The court thus finds that by suppressing the source of the information attributed
20 to AI-1/Ted, information that would be material to a defense of government misconduct,
21 the government has committed a *Brady* violation that would result in a due process
22 violation at trial.

23 4. *Government misconduct in connections with Dave Bowden.*

24 The discrepancies concerning whether SA Hardaway interfered with the Bowden
25 audit fare no better.

27 ²⁷ Curiously, such notes were not included in the government's September 30, 2005 *in*
28 *camera* submission as to Jencks Act material.

1 In spite of the continuous request for *Brady/Giglio* material from the defense, SA
2 Hardaway does not find it necessary to remind the prosecutors Bowden had been
3 audited until the court's May 2, 2007 order granting defendant's motion to compel such
4 disclosure. Not only did SA Hardaway fail to remind the prosecutors of the audit until
5 then, but he had apparently neglected to mention the extent of such contact.
6 Furthermore, when he does tell the prosecutors about the "one-contact" with the revenue
7 agent and although on his May 4 MOI SA Hardaway extensively narrates all the
8 disclaimers and admonitions he gave to Bowden and the revenue agent, somehow SA
9 Hardaway does not remember he personally met with RA Battaglino, nor that he
10 provided RA Battaglino with the documents Bowden had entrusted to SA Hardaway.
11 The court simply finds it unbelievable that, on the one hand SA Hardaway is so
12 concerned about the perception of improper interference with an audit and on the other
13 hand, SA Hardaway forgets that the revenue agent had not one, but two appointments
14 with SA Hardaway.

15 The discrepancies between SA Hardaway's recollection of his contacts with the
16 revenue agents and those agents' notes are very telling. While SA Hardaway claims he
17 admonished the revenue agent to do "his due diligence," the revenue agent writes
18 "called SA Hardaway - confirmed story." While SA Hardaway claims he told the
19 revenue agent "not to base any decision or action on the fact that Bowden assisted the
20 government with a criminal investigation and trial," RA Battaglino writes: "The
21 taxpayer had testified against the promoters in the two Grand Jury and in one trial."

22 While RA Battaglino states that he specifically went to SA Hardaway's place of
23 employment to review the documents Bowden stated had been given to SA Hardaway,
24 SA Hardaway does not remember if he made any documents available to the revenue
25 agent, and if he did, what those documents may have been. The revenue agent's notes,
26 by comparison, clearly state that not only SA Hardaway confirmed he had the
27 documents that Bowden was referring to, but that the revenue agent "was more than
28 welcome to come look at them."

1 The gradual development of Bowden's statements concerning the extent of Laura
2 Struckman's involvement in Struckman's enterprises and activities indicate a more than
3 reasonable explanation for SA Hardaway's behavior concerning Bowden's audit.

4 While Bowden first said Struckman had talked him into investing \$30,000.00,
5 Bowden testified to the grand jury that Struckman had "let him ride along on his wife's
6 investment that she put in so I could put it in on hers. And she would just pay me out
7 through that, through Laura Struckman." Def.'s Ex. 47 at 13:22-25.

8 While in his first statement to SA Hardaway, Bowden states Struckman gave him
9 the \$30,000.00 check to reimburse him back for his loss, by the time Bowden testifies to
10 the grand jury, both Laura and Struckman came up to him and gave him back the check.

11 While Bowden first stated Struckman talked about and frequently went to some
12 sort of a safe deposit box or vault, at Laura Struckman's trial, Bowden testified that
13 "they both mentioned that they did have a banking account or a safe deposit box."

14 Although Bowden told SA Hardaway that when he deposited the cash he had
15 received from Struckman from the sale of the 1932 Plymouth the bank had generated a
16 "currency transaction report," to the grand jury, Bowden testifies that "yeah. See, I
17 never knew nothing about that. I never had \$10,000 to put in there, so he told me that
18 you would have to sign a form if you put in more than [\$10,000]."

19 Bowden stated to SA Hardaway that he saw Laura Struckman at the bank nearly
20 everyday withdrawing currency, and later added that Dave Struckman had told Bowden
21 Struckman sent Laura Struckman to the bank nearly everyday to withdraw \$9,000 or
22 \$9,500 in cash from the bank. Upon being questioned by a grand juror, Bowden
23 testified that Laura Struckman did not directly tell him about the \$10,000 cash
24 transaction forms, and that Dave had told him about the amount. However, at trial,
25 Bowden's recollection is that both Dave and Laura Struckman told him about the
26 amount: "Well, yeah, during the conversations between her and Dave and me . . . they'd
27 mention that they'd go down to the bank every day and get under \$10,000 because the
28 government wouldn't find out about it. They wouldn't have to fill out some forms, or

1 something.”

2 Although to SA Hardaway, Bowden states that David Struckman talked about
3 sending bulk cash shipments, at trial and upon being asked by government counsel if
4 Laura Struckman had told him anything about what they did with the money, Bowden
5 testified that “[t]hey said they were shipping out a hundred, two hundred thousand
6 dollars at a time in paper bags.”

7 The court does not consider the changes in Bowden’s testimony insignificant. In
8 a case where a defendant was charged with knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully
9 conspiring and agreeing to structuring, changes in testimony that satisfy such elements
10 become very significant.²⁸

11 Although Bowden testified during the evidentiary hearing that he did not fear
12 prosecution for his involvement with Global Prosperity, his visible agitation when
13 shown his 97-98 two year income comparison report belied that statement. Bowden
14 resented the fact that he had been found to have misstated his income to the grand jury
15 in comparison to what he had reported on his tax return form. Bowden was so agitated
16 by the discovery that he went as far as to imply that the document had not come from
17 his own files in response to the defendant’s subpoena duces tecum.

18 Not only was Bowden not prosecuted, but in return for his testimony in the Laura
19 Struckman trial, and in the upcoming trial of David Struckman, SA Hardaway prevented
20 a proper audit of Dave Bowden by the civil branch of the IRS. SA Hardaway vouched
21 for Bowden’s honesty and integrity to the revenue agents. Although SA Hardaway
22 apparently had in his possession documents to the contrary, SA Hardaway confirmed to
23 the revenue agents that Bowden had ended his trust activities and had closed his trust in
24 1999. While neither the bank statements showing bank activity in the name of the
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27 ²⁸ The court does not decide whether there was a *Brady/Giglio* violation in the Laura
28 Struckman case, only that the change in Bowden’s testimony is meaningful for purposes of the
case in front of this court.

1 Consanguis Education Group as late as January 2001, nor the Agency Agreement dated
2 the same year, nor the Global Prosperity 2001 course tapes constitute conclusive
3 evidence of Bowden's continuous involvement with so called abusive trusts, their
4 existence may have given a revenue agent pause to conclude the taxpayer involvement
5 had ceased in 1999, and thus that his activities did not fall within the statute of
6 limitations, without further investigation.

7 While it may be a coincidence that the box of documents Bowden gave to SA
8 Hardaway were simply kept out of the knowledge of the prosecutors, it is more likely
9 that SA Hardaway was trying to maintain those records separate from the investigatory
10 file in this case.

11 In order for the court to conclude there was no secret deal between SA Hardaway
12 and Bowden, the court would have to explain away, let alone ignore, all the above
13 discrepancies, contradictions and Bowden's changing testimony. Given all this
14 evidence, the court is compelled to conclude the government, in the person of SA
15 Hardaway, has not disclosed its arrangement with Bowden.

16 The court thus finds that by suppressing evidence tending to impeach a
17 government witness, the government has committed a *Brady* violation, as extended by
18 *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), that would result in a due process
19 violation at trial. *See United States v. Kojayan*, F.3d 1315, 1323-24 (9th Cir. 1993)
20 ("where prosecutor knowingly uses perjured testimony, error is not harmless unless
21 there is no reasonable likelihood that the misconduct influenced the verdict.") *citing*
22 *United States v. Augurs*, 427 U.S. 97, 103 (1976).

23 In addition, the government has yet to produce the documents Bowden asserted,
24 on numerous occasions and under different circumstances, he took and copied from
25 defendant's cars. Although the time frame of the taking has not been established, as
26 recent as days before the evidentiary hearing, Bowden attempted to give yet another SA
27 documents Bowden claimed belonged to the defendant. When the SA did not take the
28 document and photographs, Bowden asked if he would get in trouble for taking

1 documents out of defendant's cars. Yet, SA Hardaway to this day denies he received
2 any documents from Bowden which Bowden claimed to have taken from defendant's
3 car.

4 When defense counsel demanded the documents Bowden testified he had given to
5 SA Hardaway, SA Hardaway happens to remember there was a box containing 'some'
6 documents which, for an unexplained reason, SA Hardaway kept separated from the file
7 in this case and of which the prosecutors were unaware.

8 Given that the government has yet to produce the documents Bowden took and
9 copied from defendant's cars, and given the pattern of misconduct in the case, the court
10 finds that the government should not be allowed to introduced those documents at trial.

11 **III. Remedy**

12 In general, "remedies should be tailored to the injury suffered from the
13 constitutional violation and should not unnecessarily infringe on competing interests."
14 *United States v. Morrison*, 449 U.S. 361, 364 (1981).

15 Our approach has thus been to identify and then neutralize the taint by
16 tailoring relief appropriate in the circumstances to assure the defendant the
17 effective assistance of counsel and a fair trial. . . . The remedy in the criminal
18 proceeding is limited to denying the prosecution the fruits of its
19 transgression.

20 *Id.*

21 Here, the taint of the violation can be neutralized by excluding any evidence
22 attributed to AI-1/Ted; by excluding Dave Bowden as a witness against the defendant at
23 trial; and by excluding any evidence against the defendant that was procured from
24 defendant's car by Bowden and not already disclosed as such to the defendant.

25 Because trial has not occurred and the taint of the violation can be prevented, by
26 excluding the tainted evidence, thus preserving the defendant's right to a fair trial while
27 allowing the government to prosecute the accused, dismissal is not warranted.

28 *Morrison*, 449 U.S. at 366 n.3 citing *United States v. Blue*, 384 U.S. 251, 255 (1966).

1 Accordingly,

2 IT IS ORDERED that

3 (1) the government is precluded from introducing at trial any evidence previously
4 attributed to Anonymous Informant No. 1, also known as Ted, unless the
5 government shows an independent source for the information;

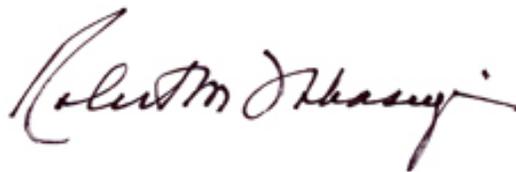
6 (2) the government is precluded from introducing Dave Bowden as a witness
7 against the defendant at trial, and

8 (3) the government is precluded from introducing any documents obtained from
9 defendant's car by Bowden, unless already disclosed to the defendant as such.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the government shall make a proffer before
11 introducing any evidence at trial to establish that the proposed evidence is not derived
12 from the suppressed evidence.

13 The government is HEREBY forewarned that the court may consider dismissing
14 the indictment with prejudice under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 48(b)(3) for
15 any further delay caused by the government's inability to comply with this order.

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17 Dated: October 16, 2007

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21 ROBERT M. TAKASUGI
22 United States District Sr. Judge
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