1 Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 10 CASE NO. MJ22-160 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 11 **Plaintiff** COMPLAINT for VIOLATIONS OF 12 Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 & 13 v. 2320(a)(1) 14 ROBERT VAN CAMP, 15 Defendant. 16 17 BEFORE, Brian A. Tsuchida, United States Magistrate Judge, U.S. Courthouse, 18 Seattle, Washington. 19 The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states: 20 **COUNT ONE** 21 (Conspiracy to Defraud the United States) 22 From in or around April 2021 through in or around April 2022, at King County, in 23 the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, defendant ROBERT VAN CAMP 24 knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with Co-Conspirator-1 and others, 25 known and unknown, to defraud the United States by impairing, impeding, obstructing, 26 and defeating through deceit, craft, trickery, and dishonest means, the lawful government 27 functions of the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and the 28 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), a department and agency, COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 1 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Case No. 1400 NEW YORK AVE., NW

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respectively, of the United States, in the administration and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 vaccination record cards, and the lawful government functions of other departments and agencies of the United States in administering and enforcing the government's federal employee vaccination mandate.

## A. <u>Purpose of the Conspiracy</u>

1. It was the purpose of the conspiracy for VAN CAMP, Co-Conspirator-1, and their co-conspirators to (a) fraudulently obstruct the government's administration and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the government's federal employee vaccination mandate, and to interfere with HHS and the CDC's lawful functions to administer the COVID-19 vaccines and ensure that all COVID-19 vaccines are accompanied by genuine COVID-19 vaccination record cards; and (b) conceal the manufacturing, distribution, and use of false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, and the receipt and transfer of the proceeds of the conspiracy.

## B. Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

- 2. The dishonest and deceitful manner and means by which VAN CAMP, Co-Conspirator-1, and others sought to accomplish the purpose and object of the conspiracy included, among other things, the following:
- a. VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1 obtained an electronic copy of a blank COVID-19 vaccination record card.
- b. The blank COVID-19 vaccination record card obtained by VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1 appeared visually identical to the official COVID-19 vaccination record cards designed and distributed by the CDC and included both HHS' and CDC's official government logos.
- c. VAN CAMP and others used the blank COVID-19 vaccination record card to make hundreds of false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination cards.
- d. In making the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, VAN CAMP and others intentionally made the false and fraudulent cards appear visually indistinguishable from the official COVID-19 vaccination record cards designed COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 2

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and distributed by the CDC, including by printing them in the same size and by using similar paper and ink, as official CDC vaccination record cards, and by printing them with HHS' and CDC's official government logos.

- e. VAN CAMP sold the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards for profit to purportedly unvaccinated persons, including Buyer-1, Buyer-2, and others, including several law enforcement officers acting in an undercover capacity, specifically Under Cover 1 ("UC1"), Under Cover 2 ("UC2"), Under Cover 3 ("UC3"), and Under Cover 4 ("UC4") (collectively, "buyers").
- f. VAN CAMP also sold the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards for profit to individuals who served as distributors for VAN CAMP to resell to other individuals ("distributors").
- g. VAN CAMP facilitated the sale of the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards by communicating with buyers and distributors through the use of interstate wire communications, including by telephone, text message, and email.
- h. Before distributing the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, VAN CAMP instructed buyers and distributors to provide him the names, dates of birth, and desired vaccination dates to write on the false and fraudulent vaccination record cards.
- i. VAN CAMP further instructed buyers and distributors to either identify a legitimate local CDC-authorized COVID-19 vaccination provider, or provide VAN CAMP with location information so that he could identify a local CDC-authorized COVID-19 vaccination provider, such as a hospital or pharmacy, to make the vaccination record cards falsely appear as if the purchaser had received a United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA")-approved vaccine from a legitimate vaccination provider.
- j. VAN CAMP also directed buyers and distributors to send him photographs of legitimate COVID-19 vaccination record cards so that he could obtain vaccination lot numbers from authentic COVID-19 vaccination record cards, issued by CDC-authorized providers, to make the cards falsely appear as if the purchaser had COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 3

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received an FDA-approved vaccine with an authentic lot number.

- k. VAN CAMP used the information provided by buyers and distributors, and the information he obtained on his own regarding CDC-authorized vaccination providers and vaccination lot numbers, to completely fill out the false and fraudulent cards before distributing them to their intended recipients, including writing real names and dates of birth on the cards, along with inserting false information concerning vaccination dates, vaccination providers, vaccination sites, vaccination manufacturers, and vaccination lot numbers.
- 1. VAN CAMP distributed hundreds of completed false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to purchasers in the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, including by mailing the false and fraudulent cards to buyers and distributors located in the Western District of Washington and elsewhere.
- m. VAN CAMP sold and distributed false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to federal employees who were required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 pursuant to the federal employee vaccination requirement.
- n. VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1 made thousands of dollars from the sale of false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to purchasers in the Western District of Washington and elsewhere, including by receiving payments for the false and fraudulent vaccination record cards made in cash, by check, by money order, and through a Venmo account held in Co-Conspirator-1's name.
- o. In order to conceal and disguise the scheme, VAN CAMP used, and directed others to use, code names when communicating about the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, such as "gift card," "restaurant gift card," and "consulting." These and other similar code names were used to make false notations on payments made to VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1 for the false and fraudulent vaccination record cards, including on payments made in the Western District of Washington.
- p. To further conceal and disguise the scheme, VAN CAMP instructed COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 4
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buyers and distributors to delete their communications with him regarding the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards.

## **Overt Acts in Furtherance of the Conspiracy**

- In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects and purpose, the conspirators committed and caused to be committed, at King County, in the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, the following overt acts, among others:
- On or about April 14, 2021, VAN CAMP forwarded via email an a. electronic file of a blank COVID-19 vaccination record card to Printer-1, a printing and shipping store, for the purpose of having false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccinations record cards printed, noting in the email that he received the blank COVID-19 vaccination record card from Co-Conspirator-1.
- b. On or about September 20, 2021, VAN CAMP sold five completed false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to UC1.
- On or about September 29, 2021, VAN CAMP mailed five completed false and fraudulent vaccination record cards to UC2.
- On or about October 7, 2021, VAN CAMP mailed completed false d. and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to Buyer-1, to an address in Burien, Washington, in the Western District of Washington.
- On or about December 7, 2021, VAN CAMP mailed additional e. completed false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to Buyer-1 to the same address in Burien, Washington, in the Western District of Washington.
- f. On or about January 26, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed a completed false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card to Buyer-2, to an address in Woodinville, Washington, in the Western District of Washington.
- On or about March 7, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed a completed false g. and fraudulent vaccination record card to UC3.
- On or about April 11, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed a completed false h. and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card to UC4, to an address in Seattle, COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 5 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Washington, in the Western District of Washington.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

#### **COUNT TWO**

# (Trafficking in Counterfeit Goods)

On or about April 11, 2022, at Seattle, in the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, defendant ROBERT VAN CAMP did intentionally traffic in goods, specifically a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card bearing CDC's trademarked logo, knowingly using a counterfeit mark, namely U.S. Trademark Registration 6672285, on and in connection with such goods.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320(a)(1).

And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following information:

- I, LUSILLA PACHECO, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:
- 1. I am a Special Agent of the United States Department of Health and Human Services—Office of Inspector General ("HHS-OIG") currently assigned to the Kansas City Region and based in the Denver Field Office. I have been employed as an HHS-OIG Special Agent since 2016. My duties as a Special Agent include conducting criminal and civil investigations involving programs and operations of HHS, including both Medicare and Medicaid fraud. I have investigated criminal violations against the United States, including numerous and varied health care-related crimes. I have also attended basic and continued training on federal laws and have effectuated a wide range of law enforcement methods when conducting criminal and civil investigations.
- 2. The information contained in this Complaint is the result of my own investigation as well as information provided to me by others, including other investigators and law enforcement officers. In each instance when I recite information from such others, I have gained that information either by talking directly to such investigators and law enforcement officers or by reviewing written reports of their investigation, or both. This

Complaint accurately summarizes some of the evidence I discovered during my COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 6

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1400 NEW YORK AVE., NW WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005 (202) 514-2000 1 investigation; it does not, however, contain every detail known to me about the 2 investigation.

## **FACTS ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE**

# The Federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program

- 3. In or around January 2020, the Secretary of HHS declared a national public emergency under Title 42, United States Code, Section 247d, as a result of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 within the United States. On or about March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued Proclamation 9994 declaring a national emergency beginning on March 1, 2020, as a result of the rapid spread of COVID-19.
- 4. To help combat COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic, in May 2020, the United States initiated Operation Warp Speed, later renamed HHS-DOD COVID19 Countermeasures Acceleration Group ("CAG"), a partnership between HHS, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies, which existed through December 31, 2021, to make safe and effective vaccines available as quickly as possible. The principal purpose of CAG was to ensure that every American could receive a COVID-19 vaccine by supporting the acceleration of vaccine development, manufacturing, and distribution to states, other jurisdictions, and federal agencies and programs for vaccine administration.
- 5. Upon awarding contracts and providing funding, by September 2021, the federal government had acquired over 673 million doses of vaccines developed by Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson, which was sufficient to fully vaccinate 373 million people, in line with CAG's overall goal of making sufficient adult vaccines available free of charge for the American public.
- 6. In order to enable their rapid distribution upon the development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the Secretary of HHS issued a notice, pursuant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, that there was a public health emergency that had a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad and that circumstances existed justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 7

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- pandemic. Pursuant to the authority granted under this declaration, the United States Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use on or about December 11, 2020, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use on or about December 18, 2020, and the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use on or about February 27, 2021 (together, the "COVID-19 vaccines").
- 7. To ensure that each American could receive a COVID-19 vaccine, the CDC prepared for widespread administration, distribution, and tracking of the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccine allocation and centralized distribution utilized HHS's Vaccine Tracking System (VTrckS), a secure, web-based system that integrated the entire publicly funded vaccine supply chain from purchasing and ordering, through distribution to participating state, local, and territorial health departments and health care providers.
- 8. The CDC controlled the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 vaccination record cards, distributing them only to medical providers that were eligible to administer the COVID-19 vaccines.
- 9. To be eligible to administer the COVID-19 vaccines, medical providers and other administers of COVID-19 vaccines were required to enter into provider agreements with the CDC ("COVID-19 Provider Agreement").
- 10. Additionally, per the COVID-19 Provider Agreement, medical providers and other administers of COVID-19 vaccines agreed, and were required, to "provide a completed COVID-19 vaccination record card to every COVID-19 [v]accine recipient, the adult caregiver accompanying the recipient, or other legal representative" ("COVID-19 vaccination record card").
- 11. The COVID-19 vaccination record cards were designed and printed according to CDC specifications and requirements, and contained both HHS' and CDC's official government logos. The COVID-19 vaccination record cards recorded the name and date of birth of the individual receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the name of the manufacturer of the COVID-19 vaccine administered, the date when each dose was administered, the location where each dose was administered, and the lot number of the COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 8

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vaccine dose. A lot number is a unique number given by vaccine manufacturers to a specific batch of a vaccine.

12. The CDC mandated that valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination, specifically, the COVID-19 vaccination record card, could only be provided to individuals by authorized providers administering COVID-19 vaccines.

## Federal Employee Vaccination Requirement

Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees, which required all federal agencies to implement a policy requiring all federal employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The Executive Order stated that the CDC "has determined that the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent infection by the Delta variant or other variants is to be vaccinated" and that "to promote the health and safety of the Federal workforce and the efficiency of the civil service, it is necessary to require COVID-19 vaccination for all Federal employees."

# The Defendant and Other Relevant Individuals and Entities

- 14. Defendant VAN CAMP was a resident of Parker, Colorado and Bulverde, Texas. VAN CAMP published magazines which contained advertisements and promotions from various businesses. VAN CAMP also headed the business networking associations Parker Best Leads Group in Parker, Colorado, and Castle Rock Best Leads Group in Castle Rock, Colorado.
- 15. Co-Conspirator-1 was a resident of Parker, Colorado and Bulverde, Texas. VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1 resided together. Co-Conspirator-1 was employed by a private contractor in the defense industry and had a Top Secret security clearance.
- 16. The CDC was a federal agency under HHS. The CDC was established to protect public health through the prevention of disease.
  - 17. Buyer-1 was a resident of Burien, Washington.
  - 18. Buyer-2 was a resident of Woodinville, Washington.

## Overview of the Scheme

19. As described further below, evidence obtained in this investigation demonstrates that, from in or around April 2021 through in or around April 2022, VAN CAMP, Co-Conspirator-1, and others engaged in a scheme to produce, sell, and distribute false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to hundreds of individuals in at least a dozen states, including to individuals in the Western District of Washington. Among other things, VAN CAMP and others intentionally produced the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to make them appear visually indistinguishable from the legitimate vaccination record cards designed and distributed by the CDC. Furthermore, VAN CAMP filled out the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards completely before distributing them to their intended recipients, inserting real names and dates of birth on the cards along with false vaccination date, vaccination provider, vaccination site, vaccination manufacturer, and vaccination lot number information.

20. The evidence obtained in this investigation further demonstrates that VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1, among others, agreed to work together in advancing the purpose of the conspiracy. As described herein, among other things, Co-Conspirator-1 obtained a blank COVID-19 vaccination record card. Co-Conspirator-1 then provided that blank COVID-19 vaccination record card to VAN CAMP, which VAN CAMP then sent to Printer-1 on several occasions for the purpose of having false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards printed. Based on the investigation, it appears that the blank COVID-19 vaccination record card obtained by Co-Conspirator-1 served as the template for the hundreds of false and fraudulent vaccination record cards produced and sold in the scheme. Moreover, Co-Conspirator-1 personally profited from the scheme because numerous payments for the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards were made to a Venmo account held by Co-Conspirator-1. In addition, at least one witness heard VAN CAMP state that he had inside knowledge about COVID-19 vaccination record cards

#### Witness-1 and Witness-2

- 21. Federal agents interviewed Witness-1 and Witness-2, both of whom attended meetings of the business networking associations headed by VAN CAMP.
- 22. Witness-1 saw VAN CAMP offering to sell false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards at a meeting that occurred in or around April or May 2021 and observed that VAN CAMP had a pile of false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards in his possession. Witness-1 confronted VAN CAMP at the meeting, telling VAN CAMP that he should not be selling the cards, but VAN CAMP responded that he did not care what Witness-1 thought.
- 23. Witness-2 also saw VAN CAMP offering to sell false and fraudulent COVID vaccination record cards at a separate meeting that occurred in or around March or April 2021. According to Witness-2, VAN CAMP had a two-inch stack of false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards and was offering to sell the cards for \$17 to \$20 each. Witness-2 heard VAN CAMP say that he had inside knowledge about COVID-19 vaccination record cards because Co-Conspirator-1 had a security clearance.

# Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Cards to UC1

- 24. On or about September 13, 2021, VAN CAMP offered to sell false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to UC1, an undercover federal agent. VAN CAMP began the discussion by stating, "How are you guys doing that whole vaccine bullshit?" VAN CAMP then said, "I kinda have a hookup on the real, real 'V' card, you know what I'm saying? Like I can hook you and all of your employees up so if anybody asks you can show them the card. I've done it for about 700 of my customers." VAN CAMP told UC1 to refer to the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards as "restaurant gift cards." VAN CAMP instructed UC1 to provide the first name, middle initial, last name, and birth date of each individual who wanted to buy a false and fraudulent vaccination record card. VAN CAMP told UC1 to send this information to VAN CAMP's email address, which VAN CAMP provided to UC1.
- 25. On or about September 20, 2021, at or near Castle Rock, Colorado, VAN COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 11

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- CAMP sold five false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to UC1, charging \$600 (or \$120 per card), which UC1 paid in cash. During the sale, VAN CAMP stated, "Pretty fucking nice, huh? I call them a work of art. I've been a printer for 30 years so this was easy for me." VAN CAMP also stated that the false and fraudulent cards were made with "real paper, size, weight, color, it's the real CDC logo print file" and that "I have the Pfizer lot numbers, the vials, for 9-1-21 . . . I get them every month."
- 26. VAN CAMP also made the following statements to UC1, "I've got people that are going to the Olympics in Tokyo, three Olympians and their coach in Tokyo, Amsterdam, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Honduras. I've got a company, a veterinary company, has 30 people going to Canada every fucking day, Canada back. Mexico is big. And like I said, I'm in 12 or 13 states, so until I get caught and go to jail, fuck it, I'm taking the money, (laughs)! I don't care. I've saved a thousand lives. I mean we're talking about people who can't go to work, can't go to school, and their losing their job, it's insane they can't travel because of this bullshit." VAN CAMP added, "And what they're doing is wrong, we know this, so how is what I'm doing wrong. If they're wrong, I'm just kinda fixing this wrong, is all I'm doing. It's not like I'm making hundred-dollar bills."
- 27. VAN CAMP filled out the five false and fraudulent vaccinations record cards completely before selling them to UC1, inserting the names and dates of birth previously provided by UC1, together with false vaccination date, vaccination provider, vaccination site, vaccination manufacturer, and vaccination lot number information.

# Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Cards to UC2

28. On or about September 23, 2021, VAN CAMP offered to sell false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards to UC2, another undercover federal agent. VAN CAMP told UC2 that his vaccination record cards were the "real deal" because they were made with the correct paper, ink, logos, and lot numbers. After VAN CAMP commented that some people were worried about the lot numbers that he was using on his false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, VAN CAMP stated, "If there comes a point where they're figuring out how to manage lot numbers and databases, we're COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 12

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all screwed, it's time . . . I've got guns and ammo ready to go for that day."

- 29. VAN CAMP told UC2 that his false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards have "been to the Olympics, Honduras, Costa Rice, Canada, France, Turks and Caicos, twelve different states, so my cards are fucking worldwide. I mean, these things are gold."
- 30. When UC2 asked VAN CAMP if the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards would be sufficient for the digital passport, VAN CAMP stated, "What's happening is there will be a digital passport that they'll sucker sheep into putting their, their vaccine cards onto, but just like the apps that are out there, it's all bullshit, don't do it."
- 31. VAN CAMP also said, "My cards are fucking beautiful. Now they are not fake. They're the exact perfect card. It's not even really a fake or a copy it's the card. It's just you didn't go to a hospital to get it, you got it from me. But it is the card."
- 32. VAN CAMP then stated that he was making thirty to forty false and fraudulent vaccination record cards a night and that making the cards was a full-time job.
- 33. VAN CAMP instructed UC2 to find a pharmacy near where UC2 lived that offered free COVID-19 vaccines and to provide VAN CAMP with that pharmacy's store number, which UC2 later did. VAN CAMP said that it would be even better if UC2 could take a photograph of a friend's legitimate COVID-19 vaccination record card so that VAN CAMP could obtain an authentic vaccination lot number. VAN CAMP also instructed UC2 to delete communications with him from UC2's phone.
- 34. Later that same day, on or about September 23, 2021, VAN CAMP spoke again with UC2. VAN CAMP asked UC2 if any of the individuals who wanted to purchase the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards wanted particular dates listed for when they purportedly received the vaccine, explaining that if any of these individuals were getting on an airplane soon, the airlines prefer that the second COVID-19 dose be administered fifteen days before the flight. VAN CAMP also asked if any of the individuals getting the false and fraudulent cards were married. When UC2 said that one COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 13

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of the individuals was UC2's romantic partner, VAN CAMP stated that he would create the false and fraudulent cards for UC2 and UC2's romantic partner to look different from one another, so that the cards would not look like they came off an assembly line when they travelled together.

- 35. In the same conversation with UC2, VAN CAMP stated the following, "Do you know the United States Post Office does not have to take the vaccine? Do you know that?" VAN CAMP then stated, "Yeah, neither does the fucking Congress. The Congress is exempt from the, from the vaccine. The Post Office, exempt. Are you fucking kidding me? What? Yeah, study that shit. That's because people don't study. I study. Like, I'm not making cards cause I'm bored, I'm making cards cause I'm in the middle of a fucking war and I, and I have a lot of guns and ammo, like an arsenal, and I'm trying not to kill anybody, so I'm, I'm exhausting myself doing cards, that I'm too tired to kill people, but people need to go, like this is some evil, it literally is good versus evil, this is bad. When the Congress and Post Office don't have to take it, but we, the sheeple, have to, come on man. It's red flag after red flag that these sheep don't see. I don't even get it." VAN CAMP subsequently said, "I love to fight, I want to fight."
- 36. VAN CAMP sold five false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination records cards to UC2, which VAN CAMP filled out completely, using information provided by UC2, before mailing them to UC2 on or about September 29, 2021. VAN CAMP charged UC2 \$750 (or \$150 per card). VAN CAMP told UC2 that UC2 could pay for the cards via Venmo and provided the user-name associated with the Venmo account held in Co-Conspirator-1's name. UC2 paid for the false and fraudulent cards using a money order.

# Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Cards to Buyer-1

37. As described in more detail below, federal agents conducted a trash pull at VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1's residence on October 14, 2021. Documents recovered in the trash pull included a "Card List" stating "[Buyer-1's first name]-Seattle-1x," a "Card Order\$" stating "[Buyer-1's first name]-2x-\$150," and a torn up COVID-19 vaccination record card in the name of Buyer-1, stating that Buyer-1 purportedly received COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 14

the vaccine at a specific pharmacy in Burien, Washington.

- 38. Shipment records obtained from a Google account belonging to VAN CAMP show that VAN CAMP mailed packages addressed to the "[Buyer-1's last name] Family" to an address in Burien, Washington on or about October 7, 2021 (with delivery confirmed on or about October 11, 2021) and on or about December 7, 2021 (with delivery confirmed on or about December 10, 2021).
- 39. In addition, records obtained from Venmo show that closely following each of VAN CAMP's shipments to Buyer-1 in Burien, Washington—specifically on or around October 13, 2021, and on or around December 18, 2021—Buyer-1 initiated wire transmissions, from an IP address located in the Western District of Washington, to make payments of \$485 and \$330, respectively, to the Venmo account held in Co-Conspirator-1's name.

## Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Card to Buyer-2

- 40. The records that federal agents obtained from VAN CAMP's Google account included a photograph of a completed COVID-19 vaccination record card in the name of Buyer-2, stating that Buyer-2 purportedly received the vaccine at a specific pharmacy in Woodinville, Washington. The handwriting used on the vaccination record card in Buyer-2's name resembles the same handwriting used on the vaccination record cards sold by VAN CAMP to undercover federal agents.
- 41. Shipment records obtained from VAN CAMP's Google account show that VAN CAMP mailed a package addressed to the "[Buyer-2's last name] Family" to an address in Woodinville, Washington on or around January 26, 2022.
- 42. In addition, records obtained from Venmo show that on the day before VAN CAMP's shipment to Buyer-2 in Woodinville, Washington—specifically on or around January 25, 2022—Buyer-2 initiated a wire transmission, from an IP address located in the Western District of Washington, to make a \$190 payment to the Venmo account held in Co-Conspirator-1's name.

## Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Card to UC3

- 43. On or about February 23, 2022, VAN CAMP offered to sell a false and fraudulent COVID-19 record vaccination record card to UC3, a third undercover federal agent. VAN CAMP directed UC3 to provide a first name, middle initial, and zip code. On or about February 24, 2022, VAN CAMP then identified a CDC-authorized vaccine provider near UC3's zip code to use on UC3's false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card.
- 44. During a phone conversation on or about February 24, 2022, VAN CAMP told UC3 that his customers can reference "consulting" when paying him for the false and fraudulent cards. VAN CAMP further told UC3 that he mailed false and fraudulent cards "all the time" to another individual who lived near UC3 and described that individual as one of his top producers.
- 45. VAN CAMP subsequently said that Co-Conspirator-1 was required to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment, stating that, "[Co-Conspirator-1] had a TS clearance for twenty-one years and they did not let [Co-Conspirator-1] get away with it so [Co-Conspirator-1] was like fuck you and quit [the] job after 21 years." VAN CAMP then stated the following, "One of my best friends here, he was going to term out, he's NSA, he's like, he goes Robbie, I got 3 kids, I just can't fucking quit yet. If the card doesn't work, well, I was going to quit anyway so let me try it and he called me back the next day almost in tears and he's like dude, it fucking worked. He was so happy. So he gets to keep his job for a few more years."
- 46. During that same phone call, VAN CAMP told UC3 that he had mailed false and fraudulent vaccination record cards to approximately fourteen different states. VAN CAMP also told UC3 to delete their communications regarding the false and fraudulent vaccination record cards.
- 47. VAN CAMP charged UC3 \$175 for the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card, plus \$15 for shipping, which UC3 paid via a money order. On or about March 7, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed the false and fraudulent vaccination record card COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp 16

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to UC3, which UC3 received on or about March 8, 2022. VAN CAMP filled out the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card completely before mailing it to UC3, inserting the name and date of birth that UC3 provided to VAN CAMP along with false vaccination information.

# Sale of False and Fraudulent Vaccination Record Card to UC4

- 48. On or about April 6, 2022, VAN CAMP offered to sell a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card to UC4, an undercover federal agent located in Seattle, Washington. UC4 sent a text message to VAN CAMP asking to get some "gift cards." VAN CAMP told UC4 that he needed UC4's "1st name, middle initial, last name and bday, zip code," which UC4 subsequently provided. VAN CAMP informed UC4 that the false and fraudulent vaccination record card cost \$175, plus \$15 for shipping, and said that he "can do it 2nite and mail ups tomorrow." VAN CAMP requested UC4's address and was provided an address in Seattle, Washington.
- 49. On or about April 7, 2022, VAN CAMP sent UC4 a photograph of a completely filled out false and fraudulent vaccination record card, bearing the name and date of birth that UC4 provided to VAN CAMP along with false vaccination information. As with the other false and fraudulent vaccination record cards produced and sold by VAN CAMP, the card VAN CAMP made for UC4 bore the CDC's official logo. On or about April 11, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed the false and fraudulent vaccination record card from Colorado to Seattle, which UC4 received in Seattle on or about April 12, 2022. UC4 paid for the false and fraudulent card using a money order, which UC4 sent from Seattle to Colorado, at the direction of VAN CAMP, on or about April 7, 2022.

# Evidence Recovered from VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1's Trash

50. On October 14, 2021, federal agents conducted a trash pull at VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1's residence in Parker, Colorado. Among other evidence, the following items were found in VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1's trash: (a) handwritten documents titled "Card List" and "Card Order\$" containing names of individuals, quantities, and dollar amounts; (b) other handwritten notes containing names and dates of COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 17

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birth, including one with the notation "First date of shot Oct. 4 – then three weeks later for

2nd;" and (c) numerous torn up COVID-19 vaccination record cards: Photographs of some

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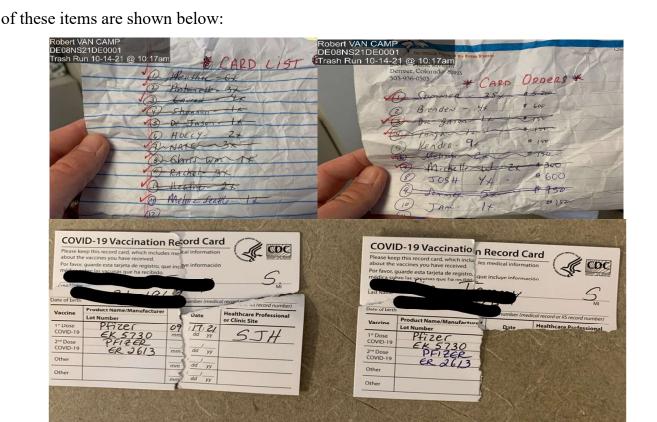
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## Venmo Records

- 51. As described above, VAN CAMP told UC2 that UC2 could pay for the false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards through Venmo and provided UC2 the user-name for that account, which is the same name as Co-Conspirator-1. Records obtained from Venmo corroborate that the account was created by Co-Conspirator-1.
- 52. Based on a review of the transactional data, law enforcement has identified at least approximately 74 payments made to this Venmo account between approximately June 22, 2021 and February 14, 2022 for the purpose of purchasing false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards, including payments made from numerous purchasers who initiated wire transmissions from IP addresses located in the Western District of Washington. There is probable cause to believe that these approximately 74 payments

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Google account include the following:

- a. On or about April 28, 2021, an individual sent VAN CAMP a job listing that included a proof of vaccination requirement, stating, "Excited to see the card you have made." VAN CAMP replied, "Wow, proof of Vac needed? Looks like the card may come in handy?"
- b. On or about June 20, 2021, an individual sent VAN CAMP eleven names, providing a date of birth for each name, stating in part, "They will all use the hospital code PHHS. (same as mine)."
- c. On or about August 10, 2021, VAN CAMP sent an email to Printer-1 with the subject line "Robbie needs 72 more cards please." In the body of the message, VAN CAMP wrote, "PURE INSANITY!!!! Dammit!!!!!"
- d. On or about August 23, 2021, VAN CAMP received a message with the subject line "Wedding list FINAL!!! :):)" containing 22 names, providing a birth date for each name. Listed next to each name was either two specific dates (three weeks apart from one another) or the notation "any date."
- e. On or about September 7, 2021, VAN CAMP sent an email to Printer-1 with the subject line "Robbie Special Gift Card." In the body of the message, VAN CAMP wrote, "I need 144 more of the Restaurant Gift Cards." In a subsequent message to Printer-1 sent that same day, VAN CAMP wrote, "here is the file . . . front and back," and attached the file of the blank COVID-19 vaccination record card that VAN CAMP obtained from Co-Conspirator-1.
- f. On or about September 7, 2021, VAN CAMP received an email with the subject "gift cards" attaching a file named "jab" that contained 14 names and dates of birth. VAN CAMP replied, "No custom dates?"
- g. On or about November 8, 2021, VAN CAMP received an email stating, "I had a friend inquiring about your business . . . Am I able to give her your info?" VAN CAMP replied, "Absolutely! She needs to say that she heard about my Restaurant Gift cards from u."

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- 56. In addition, VAN CAMP's Google account records include dozens of photographs of COVID-19 vaccination record cards that are completely filled out and written in handwriting that resembles the same handwriting used on the false and fraudulent vaccination record cards that VAN CAMP sold to the undercover agents. The vaccination record cards depicted in these photographs appear to have been produced using the blank COVID-19 vaccination record card that VAN CAMP said he obtained from Co-Conspirator-1, per the April 14, 2021 email described above.
- 57. Moreover, the Google records also contain a significant number of mail delivery receipts and confirmations, which in many instances list the last name and city of individuals for whom, based on additional evidence (*e.g.*, Venmo transactions, electronic communications, trash pull items), there is probable cause to believe purchased false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record cards from VAN CAMP and Co-Conspirator-1, including Buyer-1, Buyer-2, and other purchasers in the Western District of Washington and elsewhere.

# HHS' Registered Trademark for the CDC's Logo

- 58. Effective on or about March 15, 2022, HHS registered the trademark for the CDC's official logo on the principal register in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, pursuant to Registration Number 6672285, specifically listing "Printed vaccination record cards" as among the goods and services to which the trademark applies.
- 59. As described above, on or about April 11, 2022, VAN CAMP mailed a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card to UC4 to a Seattle address in the Western District of Washington, in exchange for a \$175 fee, plus \$15 for shipping, paid by UC4 via money order. The false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card that VAN CAMP transferred to UC4 contained the CDC's registered trademarked logo.

#### **CONCLUSION**

60. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that ROBERT VAN CAMP did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with Co-Conspirator-1 and others, known and unknown, to defraud the United States by COMPLAINT/United States v. Robert Van Camp - 21

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impairing, impeding, obstructing, and defeating through deceit, craft, trickery, and dishonest means, the lawful government functions of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a department and agency, respectively, of the United States, in the administration and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 vaccination record cards, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

61. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that ROBERT VAN CAMP did intentionally traffic in goods, specifically a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination record card, knowingly using a counterfeit mark, namely U.S. Trademark Registration 6672285, on and in connection with such goods, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320(a)(1).

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# LUSILLA PACHECO, Complainant Special Agent, HHS-OIG

The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the contents of the foregoing affidavit, and based on the Complaint and Affidavit, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant committed the offenses set forth in the Complaint.

Dated this  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$  day of April, 2022.

BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA United States Magistrate Judge