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Homeland Security Task Force Investigation Leads to Multi-Defendant Indictment for Gold Bar Scheme to Defraud Elderly Victims

Gainesville, Florida – Gurpinder Singh, 20, Yashdeep Singh, 20, Kuljeet Singh, 22, Navjeet Singh, 25, Akashdeep Singh, 25, Harshdeep Kaur, 24, and Manpreet Singh, 26, all of California; Sierra Stites, 35, and Carissa Snow, 37, both of Deland, Florida; and Reese Lightner, 39, of Pennsylvania have been indicted in federal court for one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. John P. Heekin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida announced the charges.

All defendants have appeared in federal court for their arraignment before United States Magistrate Judge Midori A. Lowry in Gainesville, Florida. Jury trial is scheduled for December 30, 2026, at 8:30 am before Chief United States District Court Judge Allen C. Winsor in Gainesville, Florida.

If convicted, each defendant faces up to 20 years' imprisonment on the conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud count and up to 20 years' imprisonment on the conspiracy to commit money laundering count.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Gainesville Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Adam Hapner.

An indictment is merely an allegation by a grand jury that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This prosecution is part of the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) initiative established by Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion. The HSTF is a whole-of-government partnership dedicated to eliminating criminal cartels, foreign gangs, transnational criminal organizations, and human smuggling and trafficking rings operating in the United States and abroad. Through historic interagency collaboration, the HSTF directs the full might of United States

law enforcement towards identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the full spectrum of crimes committed by these organizations, which have long fueled violence and instability within our borders. In performing this work, the HSTF places special emphasis on investigating and prosecuting those engaged in child trafficking or other crimes involving children. The HSTF further utilizes all available tools to prosecute and remove the most violent criminal aliens from the United States. HSTF comprises agents and officers from multiple agencies with the prosecution being led by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida is one of 94 offices that serve as the nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General. To access public court documents online, please visit the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida website. For more information about the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Florida, visit https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl .