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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 9 CASE NO. 3:25-cr-00012 RFL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 10 VIOLATIONS: Plaintiff, 18 U.S.C. § 1343 - Wire Fraud; 18 U.S.C. § 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78ff and 17 C.F.R. VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, 13 § 240.10b-5 - Securities Fraud; a/k/a Valerie Lau, 18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy to Commit Securities 14 18 U.S.C. § 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Bank 15 Defendants. Fraud; 18 U.S.C. § 1014 - False Statement to a Bank or Other Federally Insured Institution; 18 U.S.C. § 1957 – Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity; 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1) - Aggravated Identity Theft; 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1) - Obstruction of Justice; 18 U.S.C. § 2 - Aiding and Abetting; 19 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(1), 982(a)(2) and 20 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) - Forfeiture Allegation SAN FRANCISCO VENUE 22

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Introductory Allegations

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

Overview

- 1. From at least in or about September 2018 through in or about July 2024, defendant ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN used his position as GameOn, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer and one of its founders to defraud GameOn investors through a series of lies, half-truths, and misleading statements and representations about GameOn's business. GameOn was a private business that offered a software program commonly known as a chatbot that claimed on its website to be "the industry leading enterprise-grade conversational AI platform, trusted by the world's leading brands in retail, sports, and media & entertainment." Its customers included prominent American professional sports teams, associations, and leagues as well as leading brands in fashion and retail. During the fraud scheme alleged in this Indictment, BECKMAN raised over \$60 million from GameOn investors, and he raised a total of over \$80 million since GameOn's 2014 founding.
- 2. BECKMAN's fraud scheme was brazen and wide-ranging. BECKMAN's statements to GameOn investors often described revenue that never existed, cash balances that were vastly inflated, and customer relationships that were not real and otherwise greatly exaggerated. BECKMAN lied about his credentials, too, telling investors that his prior company was sold for far more than it actually was. To further the scheme, BECKMAN used the names of at least seven real people—including fake emails and signatures—without their permission and without lawful authority to distribute and share false and fraudulent GameOn financial and business information and documents with the intent to defraud GameOn investors and GameOn itself. BECKMAN also fabricated two GameOn audit reports using the names, signatures, and trademarks of reputable accounting firms to validate GameOn financial statements that BECKMAN knew to be false and fraudulent and created and distributed over a dozen fake bank statements for GameOn's accounts as part of the scheme. In addition, BECKMAN made false statements and promises to investors about how GameOn used and would use investor funds, diverting millions of dollars from investors and GameOn to pay for BECKMAN's personal expenses.

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- 3. Defendant VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau ("LAU"), was in a close personal relationship with BECKMAN for several years before marrying BECKMAN on a date known to the Grand Jury in October 2023. During the relevant period, LAU was an attorney who changed law firms multiples times before joining Venture Capital Firm 1 in or about September 2021, eventually becoming Venture Capital Firm 1's General Counsel. From at least in or about 2016 through in or about 2024, LAU worked on GameOn corporate and transactional matters.
- 4. Since at least in or about April 2022, LAU conspired with BECKMAN and knowingly and intentionally participated in the schemes to defraud alleged in this Indictment. LAU received fake documents from BECKMAN and reviewed them before he sent them and caused them to be sent to members of GameOn's board of directors and GameOn investors. LAU knew BECKMAN created a fake audit report for GameOn in or about October 2023, and she nevertheless distributed that fake audit report to a GameOn investor's representative in March 2024 to induce further investment into GameOn and saw BECKMAN distribute fake audit reports to other investors for the same purpose. When GameOn's investors serving on its board of directors began to push BECKMAN for transparency regarding its corporate accounts, LAU furthered the scheme to defraud by personally and knowingly delivering a fake GameOn account statement—one that listed GameOn's balance at Financial Institution I as over \$13 million when GameOn's true balance at Financial Institution I for that period was just \$25,93—to a bank branch in San Francisco and asking a bank employee to print the fake statement and keep it in an envelope at the bank for BECKMAN to pick up later that day. Later that afternoon, BECKMAN went to the same branch location with a GameOn director who wanted to see an account statement directly from the bank and picked up the fake statement knowingly planted there by LAU. Both LAU and BECKMAN knew this statement contained materially inflated balance information. When LAU's employer, Venture Capital Firm 1, approached her in or about August 2024 regarding GameOn, LAU lied to Venture Capital Firm 1 about her work for GameOn and then attempted to delete hundreds of files relating to that GameOn work from Venture Capital Firm 1's records at a time when a grand jury investigation into GameOn was pending and reasonably foreseeable to LAU.
- Both BECKMAN and LAU used GameOn investor funds for their own personal benefit,
 including to make payments to BECKMAN's minor children's private school and to make payments at

the social club that served as their wedding venue and jewelry stores. BECKMAN and LAU also used GameOn investor funds to pay for luxury vehicles, personal property taxes, and private club memberships. Among the most significant examples though was when BECKMAN and LAU used approximately \$4.2 million of GameOn investor funds in or about April 2022 to purchase a personal 4 residence in San Francisco. BECKMAN and LAU then tried to obtain a loan to pay back GameOn 5 some of the money they took out of GameOn's corporate account, and to obtain that loan from Financial 6 Institution 4, LAU knowingly created fake GameOn board of director meeting minutes falsely stating that GameOn's board had authorized BECKMAN to take out a multi-million-dollar personal loan pursuant to his status as a GameOn founder. The fake meeting minutes that LAU sent BECKMAN included the name and electronic signature of Board Secretary 1, a partner at Law Firm 1, where LAU 10 previously worked. Shortly after receiving the false and fraudulent minutes from LAU, BECKMAN 11 sent those minutes, which he knew to be false, to Financial Institution 4 so that Financial Institution 4

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Relevant Individuals and Entities

6. BECKMAN and LAU resided in the Northern District of California.

could finalize BECKMAN and LAU's loan application.

- GameOn, also known as GameOn Technology, changed its name to ON Platform in or 7. about October 2023, but the company continued to use the name GameOn in connection with investment contracts and corporate bank accounts into 2024. As a result, this Indictment uses the name GameOn to refer to the same company both before and after the October 2023 name change.
 - 8. Investor I was an investment firm based in San Francisco, California.
 - 9. Investor 2 was an investment firm based in New York, New York.
 - Investor 3 was an investment firm based in San Francisco, California. 10.
 - Investor 4 was an investment firm based in New York, New York. 11.
 - Investor 5 was an individual based in the Northern District of California. 12.
- Investor 6 was an investment firm based in the Northern District of California and 13. elsewhere.
- 14. Consultant 1, Contractor 1, and CFO 1 were real people who worked with and for GameOn.

- 15. Board Secretary 1, who was a partner at Law Firm 1, and Board Secretary 2, who was a former partner at Law Firm 1, were real people and attorneys who served at different times as secretary for GameOn's board of director meetings.
- 16. League 1 was one of the four major American professional sports leagues and was in a contractual relationship with GameOn through an entity that controlled League 1's media rights.
 League 1 Employee 1 was a real person who worked on matters relating to GameOn for League 1.
- Financial Institution 1, Financial Institution 2, Financial Institution 3, and Financial
 Institution 4 operated in the Northern District of California and elsewhere.
- Financial Advisor 1 and Financial Advisor 2 were real people who worked for Financial
 Institution 1 in the Northern District of California.
- Bank Employee 1 was an employee of Financial Institution 2 in the Northern District of California.

GameOn's Business

- 20. During the relevant period, GameOn was a private company with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. GameOn opened and maintained corporate bank accounts at Financial Institution 1, Financial Institution 3, and Financial Institution 4 in the Northern District of California.
- 21. GameOn offered its customers a software program claiming artificial intelligence or AI functionality that mimicked human conversation and interaction, commonly known as a chatbot or simply "chat." GameOn's chatbot responded to natural language inquiries and other inputs, allowing its customers to use the chatbot as a tool to engage with their own fans, customers, consumers, and other members of the public.
- 22. GameOn developed business relationships with multiple major American professional sports leagues, associations, and teams that used GameOn's chatbot. GameOn had contractual and business relationships with multiple major American professional sports leagues, including League 1. GameOn also had contractual and business relationships with multiple major American professional sports teams and organizations within these major American professional sports leagues as well as with other teams, companies, entities, and organizations in the sports and entertainment industry. Some of

 these contracts, including GameOn's contracts with League 1, were formally between GameOn and a firm that controlled, or was controlled by, the sports league, association, or team, or that controlled respective media rights for that league, association, or team. GameOn referred to its relationship as one with League 1, and this Indictment does the same. GameOn also had contractual and business relationships with brands in other industries, including a luxury fashion business located in Milan, Italy.

- 23. GameOn's business relationships were not all the same. In some cases, GameOn initially offered its chatbot as a free pilot without any contract between GameOn and the customer. Some customers had contracts that provided for the possibility of revenue sharing with GameOn only if certain conditions were met. Revenue sharing did not actually occur with nearly all GameOn customers. Other customers had contracts that called for the customers to pay flat fees to GameOn on a periodic basis or for a set term while the customer used GameOn's chatbot. In most cases, customers paid GameOn fees of no more than \$3,000 per month or an equivalent rate over a different period. In some cases, GameOn promised to pay select prominent customers large annual fees, and GameOn had rights to revenue sharing with these customers only if certain conditions were satisfied. For example, GameOn paid League 1 hundreds of thousands of dollars and received no payments and no revenue sharing from League 1 in return.
- 24. As a result of this business model, GameOn had limited revenues from sales and any other sources. GameOn's revenues did not exceed \$1,000,000 in any of the years from its founding in 2014 to the present. In most years, GameOn's annual revenue was materially less than \$500,000.
- 25. From in or about 2014 through in or about 2024, GameOn used independent contractors from Company 1 to work on GameOn financial matters. In or about October 2023, CFO 1 joined GameOn as a part-time or fractional chief financial officer to assist GameOn with its financial management. BECKMAN did not freely share information with other GameOn officers, employees, and contractors, including contractors from Company 1 and CFO 1. Instead, BECKMAN regularly provided false and otherwise incomplete information about GameOn's finances and his own financial management.
- Given its limited revenues, GameOn funded its operations in part through outside
 investment. GameOn raised a total of over \$80 million going back to its founding in 2014, with over

about June 2024. These investments were pursuant to a variety of investment vehicles, including convertible notes, a Series B Preferred Stock offering from in or about September 2021 through in or about December 2022, and Simple Agreements for Future Equity or SAFEs from in or about May 2023 through in or about June 2024. SAFEs are a type of investment contract that gives investors a right to later receive stock in a company. GameOn's SAFE included a \$400 million post-money valuation for GameOn. Investors in GameOn's Series B Preferred Stock offering between in or about September 2021 and in or about December 2022 were issued shares of GameOn stock, and those shares constitute securities under the provisions of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78j(b) and Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5. The Simple Agreements for Future Equity, or SAFEs, purchased by GameOn investors between in or about May 2023 and in or about June 2024 were investment contracts and constitute securities under the provisions of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78j(b) and Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5.

\$60 million of that total coming to GameOn from investors between in or about 2020 through in or

- 27. In addition to money raised from investors, GameOn regularly engaged in large financial transactions with individuals, including BECKMAN, LAU, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that gave GameOn at least temporary access to funds from those individuals. GameOn missed and was late to pay payroll for its own employees and to pay other bills on multiple occasions, and money sometimes was transferred to GameOn when the company needed money for expenses like payroll. At times, money flowed from GameOn back to these individuals after new funds from GameOn investors arrived. Personal credit cards were also used at times to cover GameOn expenses, and then those credit card balances were paid, including portions of the balances that involved personal expenses unrelated to GameOn, using GameOn investor funds after they arrived. The following examples demonstrate the pattern of money movement:
 - a. On or about May 4, 2021, a bank account controlled by LAU used the Fedwire system to transfer \$86,250 to GameOn's corporate bank account with Financial Institution 3, which had a negative balance before this transfer from LAU. On or about May 21, 2021, Investor 1 used Fedwire to send approximately \$2.5 million to GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 pursuant to an investment deal in

- which LAU served as GameOn's outside counsel while she was an attorney at Law Firm 2. On or about May 24, 2021, BECKMAN signed a check from GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 payable to LAU in the amount of \$111,250 with the memo line on the check stating "Reimbursement." On or about May 25, 2021, the \$111,250 check was deposited in a bank account controlled by LAU.
- b. On or about September 13, 2021, a bank account controlled by LAU used the Fedwire system to transfer \$155,000 to GameOn's corporate bank account with Financial Institution 3, which had a negative balance before this transfer from LAU. On or about September 14, 2021, GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 received over \$5 million from an investor based in Asia. On or about September 16, 2021, BECKMAN signed a check for \$185,000 payable to LAU from GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 with the memo line on the check stating "Repayment." On or about September 16, 2021, the \$185,000 check was deposited in a bank account controlled by LAU.
- c. In or about March 2024, one of LAU's personal credit cards incurred expenses relating to GameOn. In or about May 2024, new investor funds went to GameOn's account with Financial Institution 1. In or about May 2024, after knowingly causing money to be transferred between GameOn accounts, BECKMAN knowingly caused approximately \$270,000 of GameOn investor money to pay one of LAU's outstanding credit card bills, which included GameOn expenses but also personal expenses unrelated to GameOn's business.
- 28. From at least in or about September 2018 through his resignation from GameOn in or about July 2024, BECKMAN served as the primary point of contact for new and existing GameOn investors and its board of directors, and BECKMAN controlled and understood the financial information for GameOn that he shared with investors. BECKMAN and others had signatory authority over GameOn's accounts with Financial Institution 1, Financial Institution 3, and Financial Institution 4. LAU assisted BECKMAN by, among other things, sharing financial information, populating and providing access to GameOn's online data room containing investment materials, answering investor

questions, sharing wire instructions, and finalizing investment contracts between GameOn and investors.

LAU also assisted BECKMAN by creating and modifying financial spreadsheets to share with investors and in causing fake documents to be created. LAU was often the only person associated with GameOn other than BECKMAN communicating with and copied on communications with GameOn investors prior to their investments.

Defendants' Scheme to Defraud Investors

- 29. Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than in or about September 2018, and continuing through in or about July 2024, BECKMAN knowingly devised, intended to devise, participated in, and engaged in a scheme, plan, and artifice to defraud GameOn investors as to a material matter, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission and concealment of material facts with a duty to disclose.
- 30. Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than in or about April 2022 and continuing through in or about July 2024, LAU knowingly joined in a conspiracy with BECKMAN to defraud GameOn investors and also knowingly devised, intended to devise, participated in, and engaged in a scheme, plan, and artifice to defraud GameOn investors as to a material matter, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission and concealment of material facts with a duty to disclose.
- 31. BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements to GameOn investors about, among other things, GameOn's revenues, sales, profits, cash balances, customers, use of investor funds, and other aspects of GameOn's business to induce investment in GameOn.
- 32. When pushed for additional support for their fraudulent claims, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations through false and fraudulent documents, false and fraudulent email addresses using the names of real people, and false and fraudulent email correspondence.
- 33. As part of the scheme to defraud, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements to investors and failed to disclose material

facts, using the following means and methods, among others: (1) materially false and misleading written and verbal communications, including in emails and investment materials available in an online data room; (2) materially false and misleading financial statements, models, and other information; (3) materially false and misleading statements and representations in investment contracts, notes, and agreements; (4) the impersonation of real individuals and use of false and fraudulent email addresses and communications to create and distribute materially false and fraudulent GameOn financial and business information; (5) materially false and misleading audit reports, board meeting minutes, bank and investment account statements, invoices, diligence memos, and other documents; (6) communications and processes that siloed information at GameOn and provided materially false and misleading information to GameOn directors, officers, employees, contractors, and customers; and (7) the use of significant amounts of GameOn and investor funds for BECKMAN and LAU's personal benefit without disclosing that use to GameOn's investors, shareholders, and board of directors with a duty to disclose.

To perpetuate the scheme, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally distributed 34. and caused to be distributed financial and business information about GameOn that they knew to be materially false and fraudulent to new potential investors and also to certain investors and investors' representatives serving on GameOn's board of directors, investors and investor representatives observing GameOn's board of director meetings, and other individuals attending GameOn's board meetings. The materially false and fraudulent statements and representations to potential and existing investors were designed and intended to induce new investment into GameOn. The materially false and fraudulent statements and representations to existing investors were also designed and intended to lull existing investors, including Investor 1, Investor 2, Investor 3, Investor 4, Investor 5, Investor 6, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, into a false sense of security and to postpone any investigation into BECKMAN and LAU's scheme to defraud. These continued lies allowed BECKMAN and LAU to continue to raise money for GameOn through their scheme to defraud from other existing and new investors. BECKMAN and LAU also designed and perpetrated their scheme understanding that certain major existing investors were a source of additional potential investment in future fundraising rounds that they would go back to later to ask for additional investments. In fact, existing investors that received periodic financial updates after their initial investments often

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participated in subsequent GameOn fundraising rounds, including Investor 1, Investor 2, Investor 4, Investor 5, Investor 6, and other investors known and unknown to the Grand Jury.

- 35. As further described in this Indictment, after receiving materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations from BECKMAN and LAU regarding GameOn's business, Investor 1, Investor 2, Investor 3, Investor 4, Investor 5, and other GameOn investors known and unknown to the Grand Jury gave money to GameOn using electronic wire transfers that traveled between one state and another state. Specific wire transfers are described in paragraph 102 and incorporated here by reference. BECKMAN and LAU also knowingly transmitted and caused to be transmitted email and other electronic communications with GameOn investors and their representatives that originated from individuals in the Northern District of California and traveled through servers outside California and in foreign countries and were received by individuals outside California and in other countries.
 - Parts of BECKMAN and LAU's scheme to defraud and examples are described below.
 - A. Materially False, Fraudulent, and Misleading Statements and Representations About GameOn's Revenue, Cash, Customers, and Other Financial Matters
- 37. As part of the scheme, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations to investors regarding GameOn's historical financial performance and its projected future performance.
- 38. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than September 2018 and continuing through in or about June 2024, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally created and caused the creation of materially false and fraudulent unaudited financial statements for GameOn. These unaudited financial statements purported to show GameOn's profit and loss statements with, among other things, GameOn revenues (including revenues from sales and any other sources), profits, and net income on quarterly bases. These financial statements also included GameOn's balance sheets which purported to show, among other things, GameOn's balances of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable as of specific dates in time. BECKMAN knew that these unaudited financial statements materially inflated and changed important financial information to make GameOn appear more successful than it actually was and more attractive to investors. LAU assisted BECKMAN with creating and manipulating these

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financial statements going back at least to October 2019.

- 39. During the scheme, BECKMAN and LAU distributed these materially false and fraudulent unaudited GameOn financial statements directly to potential and existing investors via email and made them available to investors through GameOn's online data room knowing the financial statements were materially false, fraudulent, and misleading and intending to defraud GameOn investors.
- 40. GameOn investors were led to believe that these financial statements were accurate and reliable. For example, the Series B Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, signed by BECKMAN on behalf of GameOn, and also by representatives of Investor 1, Investor 2, Investor 4, and Investor 6, and by Investor 5 and others as purchasers under the agreement, contained false and misleading representations regarding GameOn's business, financial condition, financial statements, and liabilities. Among other things, the Series B Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement represented that GameOn's unaudited financial statements as of June 30, 2021, and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 "fairly present in all material respects the financial condition and operating results of the Company . . . subject in the case of the unaudited Financial Statements to normal year-end audit adjustments."
- 41. The following are examples in which BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally sent and caused to be sent materially false, fraudulent, and misleading unaudited financial statements at a time when an investor was considering investing in GameOn:
 - a. On or about February 24, 2020, BECKMAN emailed an Investor 4 representative and attached a spreadsheet containing materially false and fraudulent unaudited financial statements for GameOn through December 2019 and a materially false and fraudulent balance sheet for GameOn through September 2019. According to the spreadsheet's metadata, LAU is the author of the spreadsheet, and it was created on or about October 14, 2019. BECKMAN knew this spreadsheet contained materially false and fraudulent representations regarding GameOn's cash balances, revenue (including sales), and other measurements of financial performance and financial health. At the time of this February 24, 2020 email exchange with BECKMAN, Investor 4 was considering investing in GameOn and did so through an entity formed for the purpose

- of investing in GameOn securities in or about June 2020 pursuant to a convertible promissory note in the amount of \$500,000. Following this initial investment, Investor 4 continued to receive false and fraudulent information about GameOn and made subsequent investments of \$500,000 in or about January 2021 and \$1,000,000 in or about October 2022.
- b. On or about May 18, 2021, two weeks after sending GameOn \$86,250 from her personal bank account as set for in paragraph 27.a, LAU sent an email to Investor 1's Chief Financial Officer copying into the body of the email "April financials" that she claimed she had pulled herself. LAU sent this email from her email account with Law Firm 2, where she worked at the time, and represented GameOn as outside counsel in the negotiations with Investor 1. LAU's email included a table with materially false and fraudulent financial information for GameOn from April 2021, including over \$4 million in total sales and approximately \$1.9 million in gross profit. In reality, GameOn's revenues figures (including sales) did not exceed \$1 million in all of 2021. Investor 1 was at the time considering investing in GameOn pursuant to a convertible promissory note and did send GameOn approximately \$2.5 million from several funds managed by Investor 1 three days later on May 21, 2021.
- c. On or about May 19, 2021, BECKMAN provided Investor 1's CFO another version of the unaudited quarterly financial statement that contained materially false and fraudulent revenue, cash, and other financial information. In addition to false information about revenue and profits like the information that LAU sent to Investor 1 on or about May 18, 2021, BECKMAN's financial spreadsheet stated that as of May 15, 2021, GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 had a balance of approximately \$5.96 million and that GameOn had approximately \$2.89 million in funds with Financial Institution 1. In reality, BECKMAN knew these balances were materially inflated. In fact, GameOn's account with Financial Institution 3 had a negative balance as of May 15, 2021, and its account with Financial Institution 1 had less than approximately \$2,350 as of May 15, 2021.

- d. On or about September 21, 2021, LAU, using her email address at Law Firm 2, sent Investor 1's Chief Financial Officer a copy of GameOn's unaudited quarterly financial statement updated through June 2021. At the time, Investor 1 was considering investing in GameOn's Series B Preferred Stock Offering, and LAU, while an attorney at Law Firm 2, represented GameOn in those negotiations with Investor 1. Among other false and fraudulent statements, this spreadsheet described over \$6 million in total sales for GameOn's second quarter in 2021 and over \$4 million in gross profits for this same period. The balance sheet also materially overstated GameOn's balances of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. After receiving this and other false and fraudulent information about GameOn from BECKMAN and LAU, in or about November 2021, Investor 1 made additional investments in GameOn pursuant to the Series B Preferred Stock Offering from three funds that Investor 1 managed in the total amount of approximately \$3.2 million.
- e. On or about November 23, 2021, BECKMAN sent an email to Investor 2 partners, copying LAU, and attaching GameOn's unaudited financial statement through the third quarter of 2021 as well as other false and fraudulent financial and customer documents. At the time, Investor 2 was considering investing in GameOn's Series B Preferred Stock Offering. For example, among other false and fraudulent information in this version of the quarterly financial statements, the balance sheet represented that GameOn had approximately \$17.8 million as of September 30, 2021, in a specific account with Financial Institution 3. BECKMAN knew that representation and others in this financial statement, including statements regarding revenue and profits, were materially false. In fact, GameOn had approximately \$340,000 in that specific Financial Institution 3 account and approximately \$5.1 million in another account with Financial Institution 3 as of September 30, 2021. The balance sheet also represented that GameOn had approximately \$3.9 million in funds with Financial Institution 1, which BECKMAN knew to be materially false. In reality, GameOn had approximately \$2,350 in its Financial Institution 1 account as of September 30, 2021.

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After receiving this and other false and fraudulent information about GameOn, in or about January 2022, Investor 2 invested \$2.25 million in GameOn pursuant to the Series B Preferred Stock Offering.

- f. On or about June 8, 2023, BECKMAN emailed an Investor 3 partner a copy of GameOn's unaudited financial statements through the first quarter of 2023. LAU was the only other person copied on this email. As with other instances in which BECKMAN and LAU sent unaudited financial statements to potential and existing investors, this version contained materially false and fraudulent financial information relating to GameOn. Among other things, this version of the financial statement falsely stated that GameOn had approximately \$68.6 million in total sales for all of 2022, approximately \$54.1 million in gross profit for all of 2022, approximately \$25.7 million in funds with Financial Institution 1 as of March 31, 2023, and approximately \$24.3 million in accounts receivable as of March 31, 2023. As noted above, BECKMAN knew that GameOn did not have revenue, let alone gross profits, over \$1 million in any year since its founding, knew GameOn had materially less in accounts receivable, and also knew that its Financial Institution 1 account did not have anywhere close to \$25 million in it. In truth, as of March 31, 2023, GameOn's Financial Institution 1 account had a balance of approximately \$590,000. After receiving this and other false and fraudulent information about GameOn, in or about July 2023, Investor 3 used two funds that it managed to invest approximately \$3 million in GameOn pursuant to the SAFE Offering.
- g. On or about November 1, 2023, BECKMAN emailed partners from Investor 2 who were considering an additional investment in GameOn's SAFE Offering.
 BECKMAN's email attached a version of GameOn's quarterly financials, which stated that GameOn had approximately \$72.4 million in total sales for January through September 2023. The spreadsheet also stated GameOn had approximately \$56.8 million in gross profits for this same period. BECKMAN knew these figures were materially overstated, with neither GameOn's actual revenue (including sales)

nor its gross profits exceeding \$1 million for all of 2023. BECKMAN also knew the balance sheet was materially false, fraudulent, and misleading by claiming that GameOn's account balance with Financial Institution 4 was approximately \$14.1 million and its balance with Financial Institution 1 was approximately \$24.9 million as of September 30, 2023. In reality, as of September 30, 2023, GameOn's account balance with Financial Institution 4 was approximately \$5.3 million, and GameOn's balance with Financial Institution 1 was \$0. Investor 2 invested \$100,000 in or about January 2024 pursuant to GameOn's SAFE Offering.

- 42. BECKMAN and LAU's scheme involved other verbal and written statements in which BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally gave GameOn investors materially false, fraudulent, and misleading information about GameOn's financial performance and projections, including knowing and intentional materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations to new and existing investors about how GameOn made its money and misleading statements about revenue sharing.
- 43. The scheme involved BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally making materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations to investors, both express and implied, that GameOn was presently a financially strong and stable company, with large growing revenues, projected growth, significant reserves of cash and cash equivalents, and an extended runway to continue operations. In truth, BECKMAN and LAU knew that GameOn depended on new investor funds to operate, burned through its funds, received overdraft notices from banks, was delinquent in paying certain customers, and often was on the brink of not having enough money in the bank to operate and make payroll. BECKMAN and LAU knew that GameOn was late to pay payroll on multiple occasions and used individual bank accounts and credit cards to pay their employees.
- 44. In addition, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations about GameOn's business relationships and customers to GameOn investors. In some instances, BECKMAN made statements and representations to GameOn investors characterizing certain entities as GameOn customers when BECKMAN knew those entities were never GameOn customers at all. In other instances, BECKMAN

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27 28 made statements and provided documents to investors that exaggerated GameOn's customer relationships by describing specific revenue and payments from customers to GameOn that did not actually exist. BECKMAN further misled GameOn investors by describing certain customer relationships as producing revenue for GameOn when in fact BECKMAN knew that GameOn owed those customers money and was regularly late in paying them.

- 45. For example, in or about June 2023, BECKMAN emailed an Investor 3 partner and attached a breakdown of GameOn revenue by customer that included significantly overstated revenue figures for particular GameOn customers. The breakdown document also included companies like Beverage Company 1 that BECKMAN knew was not a GameOn customer responsible for any GameOn revenue. Later that month, the Investor 3 partner asked BECKMAN questions about specific customers and specific revenue from those customers. In response, BECKMAN provided false and fraudulent information about GameOn's relationship with League 1 and others. When the Investor 3 partner asked BECKMAN to send a redacted bank statement supporting BECKMAN's claims regarding GameOn's revenue from League 1 as reflected in the aforementioned breakdown document, BECKMAN emailed the Investor 3 partner, copying LAU and other Investor 3 representatives, and attached a fake Financial Institution 3 statement for GameOn's account there. The fake bank statement that BECKMAN sent included a wire transfer of \$3.28 million from an entity associated with League 1, but in truth, BECKMAN knew that bank statement was materially false, fraudulent, and misleading and that the \$3.28 million transaction relating to League 1 never happened.
 - B. Materially False and Fraudulent Statements, Representations, and Promises About How Investors' Money Would Be Used
- It was part of the scheme that BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made 46. and caused to be made materially false and fraudulent statements, representations, and promises regarding how GameOn, BECKMAN, and LAU would use investor funds.
- 47. GameOn investors understood that their investments would go to GameOn's business, not personal expenses associated with BECKMAN, LAU, and others, but BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally diverted fraudulently obtained investor funds for their own use and benefit throughout the scheme to defraud.

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48. BECKMAN also affirmatively told some investors that GameOn would use new investment for specific purposes associated with growing GameOn's team, expanding into new business verticals beyond sports, and making acquisitions.

- 49. Despite these statements, representations, and promises, BECKMAN and LAU regularly used investor funds for personal expenses. Among other things, BECKMAN and LAU used GameOn funds from investors to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to BECKMAN's minor children's school, hundreds of thousands of dollars to a social club where BECKMAN and LAU hosted their wedding in or about November 2023, hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments to jewelry and luxury retail businesses, hundreds of thousands of dollars on luxury vehicles, and over \$100,000 in personal property taxes. BECKMAN and LAU also used new investor funds to pay personal credit card balances that were used in part to pay for GameOn expenses and in part to pay for BECKMAN and LAU's personal expenses.
- 50. In addition, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally used GameOn investor funds to purchase San Francisco residences on Street and Street. The full addresses of the Street residences are listed in the forfeiture allegation of this Indictment and are incorporated by reference here. In or about December 2020, BECKMAN and LAU used approximately \$360,000 in GameOn investor funds to put toward the purchase of the Street residence. In or about April 2022, BECKMAN and LAU used approximately \$4.2 million in investor funds to purchase the residences. As part of their purchase of the Street residences, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly caused wire transfers from GameOn's account with Financial Institution 4 to BECKMAN and LAU's joint personal bank account at Financial Institution 4 in the amount of \$4,100,000 and \$100,000, both occurring on or about April 18, 2022. Before transferring this money from GameOn's corporate account, BECKMAN and LAU's joint personal account with Financial Institution 4 had a balance of approximately \$35,000. On or about April 18, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU caused a wire transfer of \$127,500 from their joint personal account at Financial Institution 4 to the title company for the purchase of the Street residences, and on or about April 26, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly caused a wire transfer of \$4,131,009.09 from their joint personal account at Financial Institution 4, knowing that the money was proceeds of the scheme to defraud GameOn investors, for the

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board of directors.

51. As part of the scheme, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally used names and initials of real people affiliated with GameOn and fake GameOn email accounts in their names without their permission and without lawful authority to make materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations about GameOn business and financial matters to GameOn investors and GameOn's

C. Impersonation of Real People Affiliated with GameOn to Share False and Fraudulent

Information Regarding GameOn's Finances and Business

- 52. For example, in or about October and November 2019, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally used the name and initials of Consultant 1, a real person who consulted for GameOn in or about 2019, and a fake GameOn email account using Consultant 1's name and initials to send materially false and fraudulent financial information about GameOn to potential GameOn investors in Asia.

 BECKMAN also used the fake Consultant 1 email account to youch for materially false and fraudulent financial statements for GameOn that BECKMAN knew had been manipulated and altered by BECKMAN and LAU in or about October 2019.
- 53. In another example from in or about February 2023 and continuing through at least in or about May 2024, BECKMAN used the name and initials of Contractor I, a real person working on GameOn financial matters for Company I, and fake GameOn email accounts using Contractor I's name and initials to send materially false and fraudulent financial information and documents about GameOn to investors, including representatives of Investor I, Investor 6, and others serving on GameOn's board of directors. In total, BECKMAN knowingly used the fake Contractor 1 email account to distribute multiple false and fraudulent versions of GameOn's unaudited financial statements, at least nine false and fraudulent bank statements, and one false and fraudulent audit report. BECKMAN knew that the false and fraudulent bank statements distributed through the fake Contractor I email account misrepresented specific transactions between GameOn and its customers and other third parties to make GameOn's revenue streams appear more significant than they were. False and fraudulent bank statements also misrepresented the cash available in GameOn's accounts. In July 2023, BECKMAN sent a series of bank statements that he knew to be materially false and fraudulent to LAU before

causing those bank statements to be sent from the fake Contractor 1 email accounts back to BECKMAN, which BECKMAN then forwarded to representatives of Investor 6 along with false and fraudulent correspondence impersonating Contractor 1. BECKMAN's objective was to give false and fraudulent financial information about GameOn the appearance of coming from a person who approved and validated the financial information other than BECKMAN.

- 54. In a third example occurring between on or about October 23, 2023, and continuing through in or about April 2024, BECKMAN used the name and initials of CFO 1, a real person who served during that time as GameOn's part-time or fractional CFO, and an email address using CFO 1's name and initials to distribute materially false and fraudulent financial information to Investor 1 and an Investor 1 partner serving on GameOn's board of directors. Around this time, BECKMAN and LAU were working to raise new money for GameOn through its SAFE Offering. On or about November 9, 2023, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally caused the fake CFO 1 email account to send Investor 1 GameOn's unaudited quarterly financial report, knowing it contained false and fraudulent information relating to GameOn's finances, forecasts, and business. BECKMAN deleted the fake CFO 1 email account in or about April 2024.
- 55. BECKMAN created additional fake emails and email correspondence in and using the names of real people throughout the scheme without their knowledge and without lawful authority.
 - D. <u>Creating and Distributing Materially False, Fraudulent, and Misleading Audit Reports Supporting GameOn Financial Information</u>
- 56. As part of the scheme, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally created and distributed, and caused the creation and distribution of, materially false, fraudulent, and misleading audit reports and other false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations about auditors who purported to support, validate, and certify GameOn's financial information and statements. As further described below, in some instances, BECKMAN and LAU sent these audit reports and statements and representations regarding auditors to GameOn's board of directors, board observers, and investors in furtherance of the scheme to defraud.
- 57. On or about June 20, 2022, LAU, who was an attorney working for Venture Capital Firm 1 at the time, sent BECKMAN a copy of a genuine audited financial statement for a company with no

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connection to GameOn that was in fact prepared by Professional Services Company 1 ("Genuine Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report"). The Genuine Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report that LAU sent to BECKMAN included a watermark bearing an email address associated with Venture Capital Firm 1. LAU had access to the Genuine Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report through her work at Venture Capital Firm 1.

- On or about June 21, 2022, BECKMAN sent a fake audit report purporting to be written 58. by Professional Services Company 1 for GameOn's 2021 financial statements to GameOn's board of directors and board observers, including representatives of Investor 1, Investor 4, and Investor 6 (the "Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report"). BECKMAN knew that Professional Services Company 1 did not author the Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report, and BECKMAN knew that Professional Services Company 1 did not perform any audit services for GameOn. The Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report was similar in style, form, structure, and substance to the Genuine Professional Services Company I Audit Report that LAU sent to BECKMAN the day before. The Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report included Professional Services Company 1's name, logo, and signature and falsely claimed to be an audit performed by Professional Services Company 1 of GameOn's 2021 financial statements with an unqualified opinion regarding those financial statements. The GameOn financial figures contained in the Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report were also materially false, fraudulent, and misleading. Among other things, BECKMAN knew that the Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report materially overstated GameOn's revenue and sales figures, bank account balances, accounts receivable, and gross profits.
- 59. Beginning in or about July 2023, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made materially false and fraudulent statements and representations to, and knowingly and intentionally shared materially false and fraudulent information with, GameOn's board of directors and board observers, including representatives of Investor 1, Investor 4, and Investor 6, regarding GameOn's work with Professional Services Company 2, a Big Four accounting firm. On or about July 27, 2023, LAU sent BECKMAN a genuine audit report for another company's financial statements performed by Professional Services Company 2, which LAU had access to because her employer, Venture Capital Firm 1, had considered investing in the company that was the subject of the genuine audit report (the

- 60. Beginning in or about September 2023 and continuing through in or about November 2023, LAU met and corresponded with Professional Services Company 2 representatives regarding the possibility of Professional Services Company 2 performing audit services for GameOn. LAU arranged for a meeting in or about early October 2023 that was attended by BECKMAN, LAU, a Professional Services Company 2 audit partner, and another Professional Services Company 2 employee.

 BECKMAN and LAU knew that Professional Services Company 2 never agreed to perform audit services for GameOn during their correspondence and meetings.
- 61. Rather than actually engage and pay Professional Services Company 2 to audit GameOn, BECKMAN created a fake audit report using Professional Services Company 2's name. On or about October 19, 2023, BECKMAN sent LAU via email an audit report for GameOn's 2022 financial statements purportedly authored by Professional Services Company 2. BECKMAN created this fake audit report by modifying the Genuine Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report that LAU had sent BECKMAN by email on or about July 27, 2023, as described in paragraph 59. On or about October 23, 2023, BECKMAN sent LAU an email with the subject line "attached please take look," attaching a revised version of the audit report for GameOn's 2022 financial statements purportedly authored by Professional Services Company 2 along with other GameOn board materials containing false and fraudulent information (the "Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report"). At the time of the emails described in this paragraph, BECKMAN and LAU knew that Professional Services Company 2

had not actually authored the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report, and BECKMAN and LAU also knew that Professional Services Company 2 had not begun performing audit services for GameOn. The Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report included Professional Services Company 2's name, logo, and signature, and it was similar in style, form, structure, and substance to the Genuine Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report. The Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report materially overstated key financial figures for GameOn as of December 31, 2022, including, for example, GameOn's gross sales and revenues, income, balances of cash and cash equivalents, and accounts receivable, and provided an unqualified opinion supporting those figures. The Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report stated that GameOn's Gross Sales for the Year Ended December 31, 2022, were approximately \$68.6 million, when in reality, BECKMAN and LAU knew that GameOn's gross sales or revenue for this period was less than \$1,000,000.

- 62. Later that morning, on or about October 23, 2023, and before BECKMAN distributed the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report to anyone else, BECKMAN emailed LAU again, this time attaching the Genuine Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report that LAU had sent him originally on or about July 27, 2023.
- described in paragraphs 61 and 62, BECKMAN emailed the Fake Professional Services Company 2

 Audit Report to GameOn's board of directors and board observers, including representatives of Investor 1, Investor 4, Investor 6, and other investors and investor representatives, including a representative of at least one investor that invested approximately \$3.1 million in or about May 2024 after receiving the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report. BECKMAN also included Board Secretary 2 on the email correspondence with GameOn's board and blind copied LAU and his own personal email on the correspondence. This email originated from, and was received by individuals in, the Northern District of California and also was received by individuals outside California.
- 64. Later, in or about January and February 2024, BECKMAN acknowledged to at least one GameOn consultant that the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report did not contain accurate financial information. BECKMAN attempted to shift blame to others for the inaccuracies.
 - 65. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about March 2024 and continuing

 through at least in or about May 2024, BECKMAN and LAU distributed the Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report and the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report to potential and existing GameOn investors and their representatives intending to induce their investment in GameOn's SAFE Offering and to give existing investors a false sense of security regarding GameOn's business and financial health. For example, on or about March 19, 2024, a wealth advisor for Investor 5 emailed LAU asking for a copy of GameOn's audited financial statements. At the time, Investor 5 expressed an interest in investing in GameOn's SAFE Offering out of a retirement account, and Investor 5's wealth advisor had indicated that audited financial statements would be necessary to hold the SAFE in the retirement account. Later that evening, LAU sent the wealth advisor via email a copy of the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report intending for the wealth advisor to rely on it despite LAU knowing it contained materially false and fraudulent information and knowing that Professional Services Company 2 did not author the report. Unbeknownst to LAU, the wealth advisor did not rely on the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report because Investor 5 decided not to invest from the retirement account. LAU's email to Investor 5's wealth advisor originated in the Northern District of California and was received Investor 5's wealth advisor outside California.

- 66. On or about May 30, 2024, BECKMAN wrote to the Professional Services Company 2 audit partner that he and LAU met with back in October 2023, asking for "an update from you on what we got done in our last back and forth and where we had planned to head next."
- 67. During this part of the scheme, BECKMAN received questions about the Fake
 Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report from GameOn's board of directors, officers, and
 advisors, including from CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2. BECKMAN falsely blamed Company 1,
 GameOn's outside financial contractors, for the creation of the Fake Professional Services Company 2
 Audit Report even though BECKMAN knew neither Company 1 nor any of its contractors was
 responsible for the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report.
 - E. Creating, Sending and Delivering Materially False and Fraudulent Statements Regarding GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 1, Including Use of Fake Emails and Fake Account Statements
 - a. Creating and Sending Fake Emails
 - As part of the scheme, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made and

caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations regarding GameOn's account with Financial Institution 1 to GameOn's board of directors, investors, officers, and contractors. To deflect questions and pressure from GameOn's officers while BECKMAN and LAU continued to raise new money through GameOn's SAFE Offering based on false and fraudulent pretenses, BECKMAN created email addresses in the names of real people who were employees of Financial Institution 1, including Financial Advisor 1 and Financial Advisor 2, and knowingly and intentionally caused materially false and fraudulent account statements and information to go to GameOn's CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2 using these fake email accounts. In doing so, BECKMAN intended to make false and fraudulent statements and representations to CFO 1, Board Secretary 2, and the investors represented on GameOn's board of directors and observing GameOn's board of directors. BECKMAN knew that Board Secretary 2 had performed the role of GameOn board secretary and therefore understood that information conveyed to Board Secretary 2 would be conveyed to GameOn's board of directors and board observers.

- 69. On or about April 10, 2024, BECKMAN created a fake email account using the name of Financial Advisor I and began an email chain with that fake account, BECKMAN, CFO I, and Board Secretary 2. At the time, CFO I and Board Secretary 2 were seeking to use money that BECKMAN had falsely led them to believe existed in GameOn's Financial Institution 1 account and that GameOn needed to meet its business expenses. BECKMAN paid for the fake Financial Advisor I email account and domain using BECKMAN's personal credit card. BECKMAN used this fake email account to send false and misleading explanations to CFO I and Board Secretary 2 relating to Financial Advisor I, GameOn's balance and holdings at Financial Institution 1, activity in GameOn's account, and other false and fraudulent information.
- 70. On or about April 17, 2024, BECKMAN created three additional fake email addresses in the names of real individuals working for Financial Institution 1. BECKMAN paid for the fake email addresses and associated domain using his personal credit card. BECKMAN tried to make these later-created accounts and their domain appear like professional work emails for Financial Advisor 1 and Financial Advisor 2, another employee of Financial Institution 1. In the following days and weeks, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally used these fake email accounts to cause false, fraudulent, and

misleading information, documents, and explanations to be sent to CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2, who were still seeking information about GameOn's account with Financial Institution 1 and access to 2 GameOn funds that they believed existed. For example, on or about April 17, 2024, BECKMAN told 3 CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2 that BECKMAN was able to download a statement that had been made 4 available by the fake email for Financial Advisor 1 and then sent the statement to CFO 1 and Board 5 Secretary 2 via email. The statement that BECKMAN sent to CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2 showed a balance for GameOn's account at Financial Institution 1 of approximately \$13.2 million as of March 31, 7 2024, including several Certificates of Deposit or CDs, even though BECKMAN knew that GameOn actually had \$0 in its account with Financial Institution 1 on or about March 31, 2024. BECKMAN also knowingly and intentionally used the fake email accounts to provide materially false, fraudulent, and 10 misleading information to CFO 1 and Board Secretary 2 regarding obstacles to GameOn obtaining 11 money supposedly held by Financial Institution 1, ranging from difficulty breaking Certificates of 12 Deposit early to an investigation of Financial Advisor 1 for misconduct to an armed robbery of 13 BECKMAN in Menlo Park after receiving cashier's checks from Financial Institution 1, none of which 14

71. Eventually, in or about May 2024 and continuing through in or about June 2024, the GameOn board of directors learned about these communications supposedly with Financial Institution 1 employees and questioned BECKMAN about them. BECKMAN continued to lie to perpetuate the scheme at a time when BECKMAN and LAU continued to raise money for GameOn from outside investors through June 2024.

b. Delivery of Fake Bank Statement to Financial Institution 2 Branch

72. On or about June 3, 2024, an Investor 1 partner serving on GameOn's board of directors arranged to go with BECKMAN to a Financial Institution 2 branch location in the Chinatown neighborhood in San Francisco, California, near GameOn's San Francisco office. Financial Institution 1 was a subsidiary of Financial Institution 2. The Investor 1 partner wanted to see a statement directly from the bank to know GameOn's true account balance with Financial Institution 1. At approximately 9:43 am on or about June 3, 2024, BECKMAN sent the Investor 1 partner the following message, which

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were true.

BECKMAN knew to contain false and fraudulent information:

Mon, Jun 3 at 9:43 AM

HI - went to bank. We are still on security lock however they can arrange for a statement to be available for pickup today. Let's plan to meet at office and walk together to the bank and we can grab it.

73. In the afternoon of June 3, 2024, BECKMAN and the Investor 1 partner arrived at the Financial Institution 2 branch location and picked up an envelope from Bank Employee 1. The envelope contained a statement for GameOn's account at Financial Institution 1 showing a closing balance of \$13,353,194.01 as of May 31, 2024. BECKMAN knew this account statement was false and fraudulent and that it did not reflect GameOn's true account balance and account activity. BECKMAN intended to provide that account information, knowing the account balance, holdings, and activity to be materially false, fraudulent, and misleading, to GameOn's board of directors and the investors represented on GameOn's board of directors as part of the scheme to defraud. In reality, GameOn's balance in the account with Financial Institution 1 was \$25.93 as of May 31, 2024. The fake account statement that BECKMAN and the Investor 1 partner obtained on or about June 3, 2024, also omitted and modified other account activity that actually occurred in GameOn's account in May 2024, including a \$320,000 wire transfer to a member of BECKMAN's family that BECKMAN knowingly caused to occur in May 2024. The Investor 1 partner believed the statement was real and shared pictures of it with other members of GameOn's board of directors.

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The fake account statement that BECKMAN and the Investor 1 partner picked up on or 74. about June 3, 2024, was planted at Financial Institution 2 by LAU. Earlier in the day on or about June 3, 2024, LAU went into the same branch and met with Bank Employee 1. LAU sent the false and fraudulent GameOn account statement described in paragraph 73 to Bank Employee 1 via email, asking Bank Employee 1 to print it, even though LAU knew the statement to be false and fraudulent. LAU also knew and intended that the false and fraudulent statement would be picked up by BECKMAN and a GameOn director later that day and used as part of the scheme to defraud GameOn's board of directors and investors represented on GameOn's board. LAU sent her email to Bank Employee I approximately 20 minutes before BECKMAN sent the message described in paragraph 72 to the Investor 1 partner. LAU's email to Bank Employee 1 traveled through a server outside of California. Bank Employee 1 printed the fake statement and placed it in an envelope and kept it at the branch location until BECKMAN and the Investor 1 partner picked it up later that day. Security cameras at this branch captured some of the events from on or about June 3, 2024, showing BECKMAN and LAU at the aforementioned branch, including the following still image of LAU arriving there on the morning of June 3, 2024, before she emailed the fake account statement to Bank Employee 1:



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- 75. The following day, on or about June 4, 2024, as part of the scheme to defraud,
 BECKMAN knowingly emailed the same fake GameOn account statement depicting an account balance
 of \$13,353,194.01 described in paragraphs 73 and 74 to Board Secretary 2 and CFO 1.
 - F. Other Materially False, Fraudulent, and Misleading Statements
- 76. BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made other materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements and representations to GameOn investors that were part of the scheme to defraud.
- 77. In or about 2020 and in or about 2021, BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements to investors about BECKMAN's own experience and qualifications, including statements and representations regarding how much BECKMAN's prior company sold for to make investors believe BECKMAN had a successful prior startup exit. For example, in or about May 2021, BECKMAN told Investor 1's CFO that a company acquired BECKMAN's prior startup for "a little under 100m cash and stock," when in truth BECKMAN knew that another company acquired BECKMAN's startup for less than \$2 million.
- 78. BECKMAN and LAU also told investors about other purported investors that were participating in GameOn's investments and particular funding rounds that BECKMAN and LAU knew were not actually participating.

THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD GAMEON

- 79. In addition to, and in furtherance of, the scheme to defraud GameOn investors,
 BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally devised, intended to devise, and participated in a
 scheme, plan, and artifice to defraud GameOn as to a material matter, and to obtain money and property
 from GameOn by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and
 by omission and concealment of material facts with a duty to disclose, and, for the purpose of executing
 such scheme or artifice and attempting to do so, did transmit, and cause to be transmitted, by means of
 wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and
 sounds.
- 80. The object of the scheme to defraud GameOn was to deprive GameOn of money in corporate accounts and divert it for BECKMAN and LAU's personal use.

INDICTMENT

- 81. As the CEO of GameOn and a member of its board of directors, BECKMAN owed fiduciary duties of care and loyalty to GameOn and its shareholders, and BECKMAN had a duty to disclose to GameOn's board and shareholders each of the actions resulting in the diversion and misappropriation of GameOn funds for BECKMAN and LAU's personal use. LAU also had duties of care and loyalty to GameOn when she acted as GameOn's attorney.
- 82. BECKMAN knowingly and intentionally used his control and authority over GameOn's bank accounts to use GameOn's funds, including funds received from investors, for BECKMAN and LAU's personal purposes and expenses. During the relevant period, BECKMAN and LAU diverted millions of dollars from GameOn's corporate accounts to spend on personal expenses unrelated to GameOn's business.
- 83. Many aspects of the scheme to defraud investors overlapped with the scheme to defraud GameOn because most of GameOn's funds that BECKMAN and LAU diverted for their own personal use came from outside investors. In addition, GameOn's board of directors included multiple investors and investor representatives, and the board received many of the false and misleading statements relating to GameOn's financials and business that BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally made and caused to be made. The allegations set forth above in the scheme to defraud GameOn investors are therefore re-alleged here and incorporated by reference.
- 84. In particular, it was part of the scheme to defraud GameOn for BECKMAN and LAU to knowingly and intentionally make and cause to be made materially false, fraudulent, and misleading statements, representations, and promises to GameOn's board of directors, officers, other employees, and contractors, and to fail to disclose material information regarding BECKMAN and LAU's use of funds with a duty to disclose. As part of the scheme to defraud GameOn, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly and intentionally created false and fraudulent documents and records, forged documents and records, and false and fraudulent email correspondence using identities of real people. For example, on or about February 9, 2024, BECKMAN sent an email to Board Secretary 2, who was also serving as GameOn's in-house counsel and Chief Operating Officer, describing a \$5 million payment from League I that in truth did not actually exist. To further support BECKMAN's false statement to Board Secretary 2 regarding the League I payment, BECKMAN forwarded a 2022 email chain that contained a

message from League I Employee I's email address stating that League I would be sending a \$5 million wire to GameOn. At the time, BECKMAN knew that League I Employee I did not actually write that email to BECKMAN and also knew that the payment described in the email from League I to GameOn never was promised and never actually happened.

THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD FINANCIAL INSTITUTION 4

- As set forth above in paragraph 50, in connection with and as part of their schemes to defraud investors and GameOn, in or about April 2022, BECKMAN and LAU purchased residences located on Street in San Francisco, California, that they paid for in cash using approximately \$4.2 million of GameOn investor funds. On or about April 13, 2022, BECKMAN told a Financial Institution 4 representative that they obtained the house on Street that they wanted and "[w]e are going to need to move 4.25 from our GameOn account into our private account and then start the work on the most aggressive io loan we can have from you!!" On or about April 18, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU's joint account with Financial Institution 4 received transfers of \$4,100,000 and \$100,000 from GameOn's corporate account with Financial Institution 4. On or about April 18, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU's joint account with Financial Institution 4 sent the title company approximately \$127,500 relating to the purchase of the Street residences. On or about April 26, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU's joint account with Financial Institution 4 received an additional \$100,000 from GameOn's corporate account with Financial Institution 4. On or about April 26, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU's joint account with Financial Institution 4 transferred an additional \$4,131,009.09 to the title company relating to the purchase of the Street residences. BECKMAN and LAU knowingly caused these wire transfers. The funds that BECKMAN and LAU knowingly transferred and caused to be transferred from GameOn and that they used to purchase the Street residences were GameOn investor funds that were obtained through the scheme to defraud investors and GameOn.
- 86. After purchasing the Street residences in April in a cash transaction, BECKMAN and LAU began working to obtain a loan from Financial Institution 4 to put some of the money they took back in GameOn's account with Financial Institution 4. In doing so, they devised, engaged in, and participated in a scheme to defraud Financial Institution 4 as to a material matter through false, fraudulent, and misleading statements about the source of BECKMAN and LAU's funds used to

- 87. In the early afternoon, on or about June 8, 2022, a Financial Institution 4 representative contacted BECKMAN and LAU regarding their loan application with Financial Institution 4 in connection with the Street residences, asking for a quick call to discuss questions before Financial Institution 4 submitted BECKMAN and LAU's loan for final approval.
- 88. In the early evening on or about June 8, 2022, LAU sent BECKMAN two emails within several minutes of each other, each email attaching one document that BECKMAN and LAU knew to be materially false, fraudulent, and misleading. Both attachments to LAU's emails described Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of GameOn Inc. from January 12, 2022. Both attachments included the name and electronic signature of Board Secretary 1 as well as the names of GameOn board members and observers purportedly in attendance at this GameOn board meeting. Although both attachments included Board Secretary 1's electronic signature, the two versions changed in the approximately five minutes between LAU's two emails to BECKMAN. Among other changes, LAU's first version of the minutes described a Founder Note or personal loan for GameOn founders for up to \$4 million that was authorized by GameOn's board, and LAU's second version of these minutes described a Founder Note authorized by GameOn's board for up to \$5 million.
- 89. On or about June 8, 2022, at approximately 5:25 pm, less than five minutes after receiving LAU's second version of the GameOn board minutes described in paragraph 88, BECKMAN emailed the Financial Institution 4 representative with whom he had a call earlier that day. The subject line of the email was "Minutes from the BOD we discussed earlier" and BECKMAN's email attached the second version of the meeting minutes that LAU had sent BECKMAN that same evening.

 BECKMAN wrote the following knowingly false email to the Financial Institution 4 representative:

Attached please find the minutes from our Director's Meeting showing approval for founders to take out a loan - terms and timelines are spelled out in the minutes and we approved this to be exercisable at founder's request.

If you need anything else here please let me know - once we are done with this loan process I will be able to calculate interest and payback the company - so we are happy to move along here.

90. While Board Secretary 1 served as a secretary for certain other GameOn board meetings, Board Secretary 1 did not attend a GameOn board of directors meeting on or about January 12, 2022.

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Board Secretary 1 did not apply his name and signature to minutes from the board meeting described in paragraphs 88 and 89, and he did not authorize LAU, BECKMAN, and anyone else to use his name and signature in connection with these meeting minutes. BECKMAN and LAU knew these facts at the time they created the minutes described in paragraphs 88 and 89 and sent them to Financial Institution 4.

- 91. A Founder Note was not approved by GameOn's board of directors authorizing a loan up to \$5 million to BECKMAN at the January 12, 2022 GameOn board meeting. BECKMAN and LAU knew that fact at the time they created the minutes described in paragraphs 88 and 89 and sent them to Financial Institution 4. BECKMAN and LAU also knew there was no Founder Note when they knowingly caused the wire transfers in connection with the April 2022 purchase of the Street residences, as further described in paragraps 50 and 85.
- 92. On or about June 28, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU finalized a loan with Financial Institution 4 for \$2,550,000. On or about July 6, 2022, BECKMAN and LAU's account with Financial Institution 4 transferred \$2,541,875.76 back to GameOn.

LAU'S DELETION AND ATTEMPTED DELETION OF RECORDS

- 93. LAU knowingly and corruptly attempted to delete, destroy, and conceal records with the intent to impair their integrity and availability for use in a grand jury investigation that was pending in the Northern District of California and that was known by, and reasonably foreseeable to, LAU.
- 94. Specifically, on or about August 8, 2024, LAU spoke to individuals working for Venture Capital Firm 1 who asked LAU about publicly reported allegations regarding BECKMAN and GameOn from an online article published in July 2024. In this meeting, LAU denied working on GameOn matters, but Venture Capital Firm 1's representatives instructed LAU to return her work laptop to Venture Capital Firm 1's offices immediately.
- 95. LAU did not immediately return her laptop to Venture Capital Firm 1 and instead first knowingly and corruptly attempted to delete hundreds of records from a folder in her personal drive with Venture Capital Firm 1 relating to GameOn and another company that LAU knew was associated with BECKMAN before returning the laptop on or about August 8, 2024. When LAU attempted to delete files related to GameOn held in her personal drive with Venture Capital Firm 1, a federal grand jury investigation relating to GameOn, BECKMAN, and LAU was pending in the Northern District of

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California and was known by, and reasonably foreseeable to, LAU.

- In a subsequent meeting that occurred between LAU and Venture Capital Firm 1's representatives on or about August 20, 2024, LAU changed her story regarding her work for GameOn from the previous meeting. LAU also knowingly and intentionally offered false excuses for attempting to delete files from her personal drive with Venture Capital Firm 1 but acknowledged doing so.
- On a date unknown, LAU knowingly and corruptly deleted and caused to be deleted 97. multiple email communications reflecting her involvement in the aforementioned schemes and offenses, including the June 3, 2024 email from LAU to Bank Employee 1 attaching the fake statement for GameOn's Financial Institution 1 account, which is described further in paragraph 74.
- On a date unknown, LAU also knowingly and corruptly attempted to delete other files 98. relating to GameOn from Venture Capital Firm 1's records and her Venture Capital Firm 1 laptop that she returned to Venture Capital Firm 1 on or about August 8, 2024, including fake GameOn invoices depicting non-customers and GameOn revenue that never existed and fake Financial Institution 1 account statements showing materially inflated GameOn account balances.

(18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 2 - Wire Fraud) COUNTS ONE THROUGH NINE:

- Paragraphs I through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set 99. forth here.
- 100. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about September 2018 and continuing through in or about July 2024, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant,

ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN,

knowingly and with the intent to defraud participated in, devised, and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud as to a material matter, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by means of omission and concealment of material facts.

 Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about April 2022 and continuing through in or about July 2024, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant,

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

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knowingly and with the intent to defraud participated in, devised, and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud as to a material matter, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by means of omission and concealment of material facts.

102. On or about the dates listed below, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, for the purpose of executing the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud GameOn investors and attempting to do, the defendants named below did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce, by means of a wire communication, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, specifically, electronic funds transfers and payments and emails, as set forth below, each transaction being a separate count:

COUNT	DATES	DEFENDANTS	APPROX. AMOUNT (IF APPLICABLE)	WIRE TRANSMISSION
1	May 21, 2021	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	\$800,000	FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 1's Fund to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 3
2 November 12, 2021				FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 1's Fund to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 3
3 January 28, 2022		ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	\$2,250,000	FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 2's Fund to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 3
4	July 11, 2023	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau	\$2,000,000	FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 3's Fund to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 4
5	July 11, 2023	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau	\$1,000,000	FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 3's Fund to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 4

6	October 23, 2023	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau		Email from BECKMAN to GameOn Board of Directors and Observers, Including Representatives of Investor 1, Investor 4, and Investor 6, and Board Secretary 2, Attaching Fake Financial Services Company 2 Audit Report and Other Materially False and Fraudulent Financial Information and Other Information Regarding GameOn's Business
7	January 8, 2024	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau	\$100,000	FEDWIRE Transfer of Funds from Investor 2 to GameOn's Account with Financial Institution 4
8	March 19, 2024	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau		Email from LAU to Wealth Advisor of Investor 5 Attaching Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report
9	June 3, 2024	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau		Email from Lau to Bank Employee I Attaching Fake GameOn Account Statement

The wire communications described in Count 6 and Count 9 were also for the purpose of executing the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud GameOn and attempting to do so.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

COUNT TEN:

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(18 U.S.C. § 1349 – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud Against GameOn Investors)

103. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set

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through in or about July 2024, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

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104. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about April 2022 and continuing

ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

did knowingly conspire to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud GameOn's potential and existing investors as to a material matter and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission and concealment of material facts, specifically, by soliciting investments into GameOn through making the false and fraudulent representations as set forth in this Indictment, and, for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, did transmit, and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

COUNT ELEVEN:

(18 U.S.C. § 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud Against GameOn)

- 105. Paragraphs I through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.
- 106. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about April 2022 and continuing through in or about July 2024, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

did knowingly conspire to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud GameOn as to a material matter and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission and concealment of material facts with a duty to disclose, specifically, by making the false and fraudulent representations to GameOn's board of directors, board observers, board secretaries, officers, contractors, and employees to defraud GameOn of its money and property as set forth in this Indictment, and, for the purpose of executing such scheme and

artifice and attempting to do so, did transmit, and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

COUNTS TWELVE THROUGH FOURTEEN: (15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 78ff; 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5 - Securities Fraud; 18 U.S.C. § 2)

107. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.

108. In or about the date ranges listed in the chart below, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants named in the chart below willfully and knowingly, directly and indirectly, by the use of means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, used and employed manipulative and deceptive devices and contrivances by (a) employing devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (b) making untrue statements of material fact and omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) engaging in acts, practices, and courses of business which operated and would operate as a fraud and deceit upon persons, specifically, the use of the above devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, false statements and omissions of material facts, and acts of fraud and deceit in connection with the following securities offerings to investors conducted during the following approximate time periods, each offering being a separate count:

COUNT	DEFENDANTS	DATES	OFFERING
12	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	In or about September 2021 though in or about December 2022	GameOn Series B Preferred Stock Offering Offered to Investor 1, Investor 2, Investor 4, and Others
13	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau	In or about April 2022 through in or about December 2022	GameOn Series B Preferred Stock Offering Offered to Investor 4 and Others
14	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a	In or about May 2023 through in or about June 2024	GameOn SAFE Offering Offered to Investor 2, Investor 3, Investor 5, and Others

Valerie Lau

All in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78j(b) and 78ff, Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FIFTEEN:

(18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud)

- 109. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.
- 110. Beginning on a date unknown but no later than in or about April 2022 and continuing through in or about July 2024, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

did knowingly and willfully conspire and agree together and with each other to commit offenses against the United States, namely securities fraud, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78j(b) and 78ff, and Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 240.10b-5.

- knowingly and willfully, directly and indirectly, by the use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce would and did use and employ, in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, manipulative and deceptive devices and contrivances in violation of Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b5-5 by: (a) employing devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (b) making untrue statements of material fact and omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) engaging in acts, practices and courses of business which operated and would operate as a fraud and deceit upon persons, all in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78j(b) and 78ff, and Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 240.10b-5.
- 112. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects of it, defendants BECKMAN and LAU committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere:

- a. On or about June 27, 2023, BECKMAN sent an email to an Investor 3 partner, copying LAU and others, attaching a fake bank statement for GameOn's account with Financial Institution 1 that included false and fraudulent representations regarding GameOn's revenue from League 1.
- b. On or about October 19, 2023, BECKMAN sent LAU via email an audit report for GameOn's 2022 financial statements purportedly authored by Professional Services Company 2. BECKMAN created this false and fraudulent audit report by modifying the Genuine Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report that LAU had sent BECKMAN by email on or about July 27, 2023.
- c. On or about October 23, 2023, BECKMAN sent LAU an email with the subject line "attached please take look," attaching the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report along with other GameOn board materials containing false and fraudulent information about GameOn.
- d. On or about October 23, 2023, and before BECKMAN distributed the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report to anyone else, BECKMAN emailed LAU and attached the Genuine Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report that LAU had previously sent BECKMAN on or about July 27, 2023.
- e. On or about October 23, 2023, BECKMAN emailed the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report to GameOn's board of directors and board observers, including representatives of Investor 1, Investor 4, and Investor 6, blind copying LAU and his own personal email address on the correspondence.
- f. On or about March 19, 2024, LAU sent an email to a wealth advisor for Investor 5, who was considering an investment in GameOn's SAFE Offering, that attached the Fake Professional Services Company 2 Audit Report.
- g. On or about April 22, 2024, BECKMAN sent an email to a potential investor in GameOn's SAFE Offering attaching the Fake Professional Services Company 1 Audit Report. LAU was copied on BECKMAN's email.

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

COUNT SIXTEEN:

(18 U.S.C. § 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud)

- 113. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.
- 114. Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than in or about April 2022, and continuing through in or about July 2022, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

Institution 4, which was a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as to a material matter and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of Financial Institution 4 by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission and concealment of material facts, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344. In sum and substance, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly conspired and intended to devise a scheme to defraud Financial Institution 4 in connection with BECKMAN and LAU's purchase of personal residences located at Street, San Francisco, California, and in connection with a loan from Financial Institution 4 relating to the purchase of the aforementioned residences with materially false, fraudulent, and misleading information about (1) BECKMAN and LAU's source of funds to purchase the aforementioned residences, (2) an investor fraud scheme that generated those funds, (3) the GameOn board of directors' authorization of BECKMAN's use of GameOn's corporate funds for a personal loan up to \$5 million, and (4) meeting minutes bearing the name and electronic signature of Board Secretary 1 and the names of members of GameOn's board of directors.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

1	COUNT SEVENTEEN: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1014, 2 – False Statements to a Bank or Other Federally Insured Institution)						
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3	115. Paragraphs I through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set						
4	forth here.						
5	116. Between in or about April 2022 and continuing through in or about July 2022, in the						
6	Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,						
7	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and						
8	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,						
9	knowingly made false statements for the purpose of influencing the action of Financial Institution 4,						
10	which was a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in connection						
11	with BECKMAN and LAU's application for a loan and financial transactions relating to the acquisition						
12	of personal residences by BECKMAN and LAU, specifically, BECKMAN and LAU knowingly made						
13	what they knew were false and misleading statements and representations to Financial Institution 4						
14	regarding (1) BECKMAN and LAU's source of funds to purchase personal residences located at						
15	Street, San Francisco, California (2) an investor fraud scheme that generated those						
16	funds, (3) the GameOn board of directors' authorization of BECKMAN's use of GameOn's corporate						
17	funds for a personal loan up to \$5 million, and (4) meeting minutes bearing the name and electronic						
18	signature of Board Secretary 1 and the names of members of GameOn's board of directors.						
19	All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1014 and 2.						
20 21	COUNT EIGHTEEN: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1957, 2 – Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity)						
22	117. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set						
23	forth here.						
24	118. Among other transactions, on or about April 26, 2022, in the Northern District of						
25	California and elsewhere, the defendants,						
26	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and						
27	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,						
28	did knowingly engage in monetary transactions by, through, and to a financial institution insured by the						

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, such funds having been derived from specified unlawful activity, that is wire fraud and wire fraud conspiracy, as alleged in Counts One through Eleven, specifically, a wire transfer of approximately \$4,131,009.09 to a title company in connection with the defendants' purchase of residences located at Street, San Francisco, California

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 and 2.

COUNTS NINETEEN THROUGH TWENTY-FOUR: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1028A(a)(1), (c)(4), and (c)(5), and 2 – Aggravated Identity Theft)

- 119. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.
- 120. On or about the dates listed below, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants named in the chart below did knowingly use, without lawful authority, the means of identification of another person, specifically, the means of identification listed in the table below, during and in relation to the felony violations described in the chart below, each person described in the chart being a separate count:

COUNT	DEFENDANTS	DATES	MEANS OF IDENTITICATION	DURING AND IN RELATION TO
19	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN, and VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau	On or about June 8 and 9, 2022	Board Secretary 1's name and electronic signature	Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, as alleged in Count 16, and False Statements to a Bank or Other Federally Insured Institution, as alleged in Count 17
20	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	In or about February 2023 through in or about June 2024	Contractor I's name, initials, and an email address and emails using Contractor I's name and initials	Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as alleged in Counts 1–11
21	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	In or about October 2023, and continuing through in or about April 2024	CFO I's name, initials, and an email address and emails using CFO I's name and initials	Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as alleged in Counts 1-11

22	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	On or about February 9, 2024	League 1 Employee 1's name and email address	Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as alleged in Counts 1-11
23	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	On or about April 10, 2024, and continuing through on or about April 19, 2024	Financial Advisor 1's name, initials, and email addresses and emails using Financial Advisor 1's name and initials	Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as alleged in Counts 1-11
24	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN	On or about April 17, 2024, and continuing through on or about May 27, 2024	Financial Advisor 2's name, initials, and an email address and emails using Financial Advisor 2's name and initials	Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as alleged in Counts 1-11

(18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1) – Obstruction of Justice) OUNT TWENTY-FIVE:

- 121. Paragraphs 1 through 98 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.
- Between on or about August 8, 2024, and on or about August 20, 2024, in the Northern 122. District of California, the defendant,

VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,

did knowingly and corruptly alter, destroy, mutilate, and conceal records, documents, and other objects, and attempt to do so, with the intent to impair their integrity and availability for use in an official proceeding, namely, a federal grand jury investigation that was pending in the Northern District of California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(c)(1).

(18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 18 U.S.C. FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: §§ 982(a)(1), 982(a)(2))

123. The allegations contained in this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), Section 982(a)(1), 982(a)(2), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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1	124. Upon conviction for any of the offenses set forth in Counts 1 through 17 of this						
2	Indictment, the defendants,						
3	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN and,						
4	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,						
5	shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and						
6	Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all property, real or personal, constituting, or derived						
7	from proceeds the defendants obtained directly and indirectly, as the result of those violations, including						
8	but not limited to the following:						
9	a. The residences and real property located at Street, San Francisco,						
10	California ;						
11	b. One black Tesla Model X with Falcon Wing doors and Vehicle Identification Number						
12	7SAXCBE6XNF329766; and						
13	c. One black Apple iPhone and one Apple laptop bearing serial number						
14	GHXVFK2QQL, both of which were voluntarily given to the FBI on July 15, 2024.						
15	125. Upon conviction of the offense set forth in Count 18 of this Indictment, the defendants,						
16	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN and,						
17	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,						
18	shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), all						
19	property, real or personal, constituting, or derived from proceeds the defendants obtained directly and						
20	indirectly, as the result of those violations, including but not limited to the following:						
21	a. The residences and real property located at Street, San Francisco,						
22	California						
23	126. Upon conviction of any of the offenses set forth in Counts 19 through 24 of this						
24	Indictment, the defendants,						
25	ALEXANDER CHARLES BECKMAN and,						
26	VALERIE LAU BECKMAN, a/k/a Valerie Lau,						
27	shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2) and						
28	981(a)(1)(C), any property constituting or derived from proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or						

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2	commit, or facilitate the commission, of the offense.						
3	127. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the						
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7		c.	has been placed bey	ond the jurisdic	ction of the court;		
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11.	the United Sta	ites of	America shall be entit	led to forfeiture	e of substitute property pursuant to Title 21,		
12	United States	Code,	Section 853(p), as inc	orporated by T	itle 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).		
13	All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C); Title 28, United States Code,						
14	Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1); Title 18, United States Code, Section						
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