

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

BENJAMIN TIFEKCHIAN

Defendant.

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**Case No.: 3:21-CR-00244-IM-1****USM Number: 55627-509**Ronald H. Hoevet,
Defendant's AttorneyRyan W. Bounds,
Assistant U.S. Attorney**THE DEFENDANT:**pleaded guilty to count(s) 2 of the Indictment.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of the following offense(s):

<u>Title, Section & Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date Offense Concluded</u>	<u>Count Number</u>
1344(2) BANK FRAUD	Beginning on or about 4/30/2020 and continuing until 9/29/2020	2

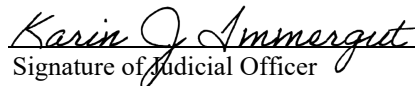
The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 9 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) and is discharged as to such count(s).Count(s) 1 as to this defendant is dismissed on the motion of the United States.The defendant shall pay a special assessment in the amount of \$100.00 for Count(s) 2 payable to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court. (See also the Criminal Monetary Penalties Sheet.)

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

April 18, 2022

Date of Imposition of Sentence



Signature of Judicial Officer

Karin J. Immergut, U.S. District Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

April 18, 2022

Date

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of **21 months**.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

1. That the defendant be incarcerated in FCI Sheridan FPC.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the custody of the United States Marshal for this district:

at _____ on _____.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

before 2:00 P.M. on June 2, 2022.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

The Bureau of Prisons will determine the amount of prior custody that may be credited towards the service of sentence as authorized by Title 18 USC §3585(b) and the policies of the Bureau of Prisons.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By: _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of **5 years**.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. If you are ordered deported from the United States, you must remain outside the United States, unless legally authorized to re-enter. If you re-enter the United States, you must report to the nearest probation office within 72 hours after you return.
2. You must submit your person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, or office, to a search conducted by a United States probation officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation of release. You must warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. The probation officer may conduct a search under this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that you have violated a condition of supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation. Any search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.
3. You must participate in a substance abuse treatment or alcohol abuse treatment program, which may include inpatient treatment, and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). The program may include urinalysis testing to determine if you have used drugs or alcohol. You must not attempt to obstruct or tamper with the testing methods.
4. You must submit to substance abuse testing to determine if you have used a prohibited substance. Such testing may include up to twelve (12) urinalysis tests per month. You must not attempt to obstruct or tamper with the testing methods.
5. You must not knowingly purchase, possess, distribute, administer, or otherwise use any psychoactive substances (e.g., synthetic marijuana, bath salts, etc.) that impair a person's physical or mental functioning, whether or not intended for human consumption, except with the prior approval of the probation officer.
6. You must not go to, or remain at any place where you know controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered without first obtaining the permission of the probation officer. Except as authorized by court order, you must not possess, use or sell marijuana or any marijuana derivative (including THC) in any form (including edibles) or for any purpose (including medical purposes). Without the prior permission of the probation officer, you must not enter any location where marijuana or marijuana derivatives are dispensed, sold, packaged, or manufactured.
7. You must obtain one primary care physician and one mental health provider, who will prescribe your medications. You must provide documentation of changes in medication and sign a release of information form to allow the exchange of information between the medication prescribers and the probation officer.
8. You must utilize one pharmacy to fill prescription medications and sign a release of information form to allow the exchange of information between the pharmacy and the probation officer.
9. You must not engage in any form of gambling (including, but not limited to, lotteries, on-line wagering, sports betting) and you must not enter any casino or other establishment where gambling is the primary purpose (e.g., horse race tracks, off-track betting establishments).
10. You must participate in a gambling addiction treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.).
11. You must not work in any type of employment without the prior approval of the probation officer.
12. If the judgment imposes a financial penalty, including any fine or restitution, you must pay the financial penalty in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of the judgment. You must also notify the court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect your ability to pay this financial penalty.
13. You must provide the probation officer with access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information. The probation office may share financial information with the U.S. Attorney's Office.
14. You must not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer.
15. You must not make application for any loan, or enter into any residential or business lease agreement, without the prior approval of the probation officer.

16. You must maintain a single checking account and/or savings account in your own name. You must deposit into this account all income, monetary gains or other pecuniary proceeds, and make use of this account for payment of all personal expenses. You must disclose all other accounts to the probation officer.

17. You must maintain proper debit, credit, and receipt ledgers for all business transactions. You must make provide these records to the probation officer as directed.

CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the following total criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the Schedule of Payments set forth in this judgment.

	<u>Assessment</u> <u>(as noted on Sheet 1)</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA</u> <u>Assessment¹</u>	<u>JVTA</u> <u>Assessment²</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$100.00	\$910,773.35				\$910,873.35

The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case* will be entered after such determination.

The defendant shall make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all non-federal victims must be paid in full prior to the United States receiving payment.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Amount of Loss³</u>	<u>Amount of Restitution</u> <u>Ordered</u>	<u>Priority Order or Percentage</u> <u>of Payment</u>
Small Business Administration/DFC Court Ordered Restitution 721 19th Street 3rd Floor, Room 301 Denver, CO 80202	\$	\$26,527.35	
Bank of America Attn: Security Recovery Support 800 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63102	\$	\$884,246.00	
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$ 0.00	\$910,773.35	

If applicable, restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement: \$ _____.

The defendant must pay interest on any fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on the Schedule of Payments may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that

The interest is waived for the fine and/or restitution.

The interest requirement for the fine and/or restitution is modified as follows:

¹ Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

² Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

³ Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18, United States Code, for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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Sheet 5 - Criminal Monetary Penalties

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Any payment shall be divided proportionately among the payees named unless otherwise specified.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment⁴ of the total criminal monetary penalties shall be as follows:

- A. Lump sum payment of \$ _____ due immediately, balance due
 - not later than _____, or
 - in accordance with C, D, or E below; or
- B. Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or E below); or
- C. If there is any unpaid balance at the time of defendant's release from custody, it shall be paid in monthly installments of not less than \$200.00, or not less than 10% of the defendant's monthly gross earnings, whichever is greater, until paid in full to commence immediately upon release from imprisonment.
- D. Any balance at the imposition of this sentence shall be paid in monthly installments of not less than \$ _____, or not less than 10% of the defendant's monthly gross earnings, whichever is greater, until paid in full to commence immediately.
- E. Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the Court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if this judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties, including restitution, shall be due during the period of imprisonment as follows: (1) 50% of wages earned if the defendant is participating in a prison industries program; (2) \$25 per quarter if the defendant is not working in a prison industries program. . If the defendant received substantial resources from any source, including inheritance, settlement, or other judgment, during a period of incarceration, the defendant shall be required to apply the value of such resources to any restitution or fine still owed, pursuant to 18 USC § 3664(n).

Nothing ordered herein shall affect the government's ability to collect up to the total amount of criminal monetary penalties imposed, pursuant to any existing collection authority.

All criminal monetary penalties, including restitution, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the Clerk of Court at the address below, unless otherwise directed by the Court, the Probation Officer, or the United States Attorney.

**Clerk of Court
 U.S. District Court - Oregon
 1000 S.W. 3rd Ave., Ste. 740
 Portland, OR 97204**

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Case Number

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names

(including Defendant number)

Total Amount

Joint and Several Amount

Corresponding Payee, if

appropriate

The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

⁴ Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.