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1 A. Yes.

2 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the
3 government offers Exhibits X61 and X36.

4 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

5 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

6 THE COURT: X61 and 36 are admitted.

7 MR. EBERT: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. EBERT:

9 Q. All right. Ms. Roase, before we took our break
10 yesterday, you were discussing some of the sites involved in
11 the Federal Child Nutrition Program; is that right?

12 A. Yes, that's right.

13 Q. And at the end of our last day, you were testifying
14 about what we see here as the highest sort of spike on this
15 map of Minnesota.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And remind the jury what that highest spike is?

18 A. Yeah. I think you're referring to this yellow one right
19 here (indicating). That one is for the Safari Restaurant.

20 Q. And you were testifying about this Exhibit X3. And can
21 you remind the jury in general what was the source of income
22 into the Cosmopolitan Business Solutions doing business as
23 Safari Restaurant account?

24 A. Yeah. 16 and a half million was from the food program,
25 and this is a summary from April 1st, 2020, through

1 January 21st of 2022.

2 Q. And of the food program money, that figure is
3 16.5 million; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. 15.6 million of which came specifically from which
6 entity?

7 A. From Feeding Our Future.

8 Q. And Mr. Salim Said is one of the signatories on this
9 account --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- for Cosmopolitan?

12 A. Yes, he is.

13 Q. I want to just touch upon some of the items involved
14 with Safari Restaurant. On the left do we see exhibited
15 photos of Ms. Bock and Mr. Salim Said?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. On the right do we see Exhibit B4?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is B4?

20 A. B4 is an email from Aimee Bock to MDE. The subject is
21 Site Application for Safari.

22 Q. And this was dated April 13th; is that right?

23 A. Of 2020, yes.

24 Q. And in summary, is this the original application in the
25 spring of 2020 for Cosmopolitan?

1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q. And was this to enroll the Safari Restaurant in the
3 Federal Child Nutrition Program?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And at the bottom of page 9, do we see signatures on
6 this application?

7 A. We do.

8 Q. And who signed it?

9 A. Salim Said signed on behalf of Safari Restaurant as the
10 owner. And Aimee Bock signed on behalf of Feeding Our
11 Future as the founder/executive director.

12 Q. And among other things, are there certain items that
13 they are certifying above their signatures?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are they certifying, "We understand this agreement is
16 for receipt of federal funds, and deliberate
17 misrepresentation may subject us to prosecution under
18 applicable state and federal criminal statutes"?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. On the right now do we see B62?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And is this an example of files that was recovered from
23 the Feeding Our Future office pursuant to a search warrant?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. One of many such examples; is that right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. What do we see on the third page?

3 A. This is a summer meal count clicker for the week of
4 July 5th, 2020, at the Safari Restaurant and this is for
5 lunch specifically.

6 Q. Purporting to feed nearly 5,000 meals every single day
7 seven days a week?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Day after day, week after week?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And as I scroll through, do we see a signature on each
12 of these?

13 A. We, excuse me, we do. It's Salim Said.

14 Q. Is he certifying something on each of these?

15 A. He's certifying that the above information is true and
16 accurate.

17 Q. Has the investigation revealed whether that information
18 is true and accurate?

19 A. The investigation has revealed that it is not.

20 Q. And these are part and parcel of the type of information
21 that has been submitted in support of claims for
22 reimbursement; is that right?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And in response to such claims for reimbursement, have
25 we seen checks that were issued with federal funds?

1 A. Yes, we have.

2 Q. Checks like these on the right from Exhibit W2?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. This one is for how much?

5 A. This one is for over a million dollars.

6 Q. And who signed this check?

7 A. Aimee Bock signed it.

8 Q. And these checks continue on and on as I scroll down; is
9 that fair?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Each one, seven figures?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. This one dated February 18th for 1,143,000
14 approximately; is that right?

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. Signed by Aimee Bock?

17 A. Yep.

18 Q. The next one for just over a million a couple weeks
19 later in March of 2021?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All made out to which entity?

22 A. To Safari Restaurant/Cosmopolitan.

23 Q. Now, we've been talking about Safari Restaurant. And
24 that was a food site operated by Mr. Salim Said; is that
25 right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Is that the only food site that Salim Said operated
3 under Feeding Our Future?

4 A. It is not.

5 Q. Returning back to this Demonstrative Exhibit X72, and if
6 we focus in on the Twin Cities area, do we see a second
7 tallest yellow spike after Safari?

8 A. Yes we do.

9 Q. What is that?

10 A. That one is -- you are referring to that one. That one
11 is ASA Limited.

12 Q. And on the screen do we see photos of Ms. Bock, Salim
13 Said, as well as a check from Exhibit W2 to ASA Limited?

14 A. Yes, we do.

15 Q. And what is the photo above the check in Exhibit C60a?

16 A. It's where the supposed ASA Limited site was.

17 Q. Underneath the door where it says "Smokes" In yellow
18 letters?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And this was on McKnight Road near St. Paul?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you also conduct a sources and uses summary for the
23 ASA bank account?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. I'm showing you Exhibit X4. Can you walk the jury

1 through what this is?

2 A. Yeah. So this is very similar to what we saw for the
3 Safari account. This is the same concept. It's combined
4 accounts of all the ASA Limited accounts, and on the left is
5 the sources of funds, all the deposits into the account.

6 And then on the right is how that money was spent.

7 Q. And what's the time period for this account?

8 A. So the account, the first ASA account was opened
9 September 9th of 2020. So that's the start period. And
10 it's analyzed through January 31st of 2022, when it was
11 closed.

12 Q. And focusing on the left side, the net sources of funds,
13 can you explain what we're seeing here?

14 A. Yeah. So the first group here, the five and a half
15 million, that is food program income that's supposed to be
16 for food site reimbursement, and then you see there is some
17 more money coming in to the ASA Limited account from other
18 codefendants.

19 Q. And let's talk a bit about the signatories on this ASA
20 Limited LLC bank account.

21 You said it was opened in approximately September
22 of 2020?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And are any of the defendants in this room a signatory
25 on that account?

1 A. Yes, Salim Said was an account signer on this account.

2 Q. Now, you indicated that money came into the account from
3 Feeding Our Future; is that right?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. And just below that there's a figure of just over
6 \$909,000. What is that?

7 A. That's coming in from Safari.

8 Q. Where Mr. Salim Said is also a signatory?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. And now let's shift over to the right-hand side, the net
11 uses of that approximately 5.7 million that came into the
12 account.

13 In the top, what is this portion of the use of
14 that incoming money?

15 A. This shows that \$3.1 million of that food program money
16 went to the ASA Limited owners, who are also the defendants.

17 Q. Specifically, 1.1 million to Ahmed Ghedi?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. Another 1.1 approximately to Abdihakim Ahmed?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And where did the rest go?

22 A. 871,000 went to Salim Limited, Salim Said's entity.

23 Q. And then there's an additional over \$700,000 that was
24 paid to related parties; is that right?

25 A. Yes, that's right.

1 Q. And at the bottom, can you describe what we see under
2 the header "Other Codefendants"?

3 A. Yes. So basically the non ASA Limited owners, these are
4 the other codefendants, and so they received a total of
5 \$714,000.

6 Q. Including \$49,000 to which person?

7 A. Eidleh's four entities.

8 Q. And there's a \$10,000 contribution. Can you describe
9 that?

10 A. That's a GoFundMe donation for Feeding Our Future of
11 \$10,000.

12 Q. Now, we can see below that there's a series of pages
13 that are beneath this summary table on page 1?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. We're not going to zoom in on those, but can you just
16 describe what is all of the data that we see being scrolled
17 through on the screen?

18 A. So this is the underlying data for the sources and uses.
19 These are basically pulled from the statements of the
20 accounts, and this is just how, you know, us forensic
21 accountants analyze the data.

22 And so you can just see, yeah, it's just a
23 combination of where all that data came from for the sources
24 and uses chart.

25 Q. Which we see on page 1?

1 A. Yes, that's right.

2 Q. And what you're describing, is this true of other
3 sources and uses tables that the jury may see today?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. I want to direct your attention to this
6 highlighted portion. Can you describe what this is for the
7 ASA Limited account?

8 A. Yeah. So again, the total deposits into the account,
9 99.8 percent of it was derived from the food program. And
10 the amount actually spent on food is 5 percent.

11 Q. Now is that a similar percentage formulation that the
12 jury saw two days ago with respect to the Safari account?

13 A. Yes, this is basically the same method I used for the
14 Safari account, and so, yeah, it, again it's a fairly low
15 percentage.

16 Q. And what do you mean by "a fairly low percentage"? What
17 is?

18 A. The amount actually spent on food is pretty
19 significantly low.

20 Q. All right. I want to walk through some of the items we
21 have seen involving ASA Limited.

22 On the left do we see the Y exhibited photos of
23 Ms. Bock and Mr. Said?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. On the right do we see Exhibit C17?

1 A. Yes, we do.

2 Q. Can you just briefly describe what that is?

3 A. This is an email from Aimee Bock to Abdihakim Ahmed at
4 the top, regarding the ASA Limited vendor contract.

5 Q. For enrollment involving ASA Limited?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And is this specifically for ASA to have meals vended to
8 it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. By which party?

11 A. By Safari Restaurant.

12 Q. So in other words this is an agreement, once again,
13 between Ms. Bock and Mr. Salim Said; is that right?

14 A. That's right.

15 Q. All part of the food program?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. Except this time, it's not an agreement between the two
18 of them for the Safari site, is it?

19 A. It's not.

20 Q. Instead what is it?

21 A. It's for ASA Limited.

22 Q. And is it for Safari to be a supposed food vendor for
23 Mr. Salim Said's other site across the river in St. Paul?

24 A. That's right.

25 Q. Was that significant to the investigation?

1 A. That is significant.

2 Q. How so?

3 A. Well, he's vending for himself is basically what it
4 showed.

5 Q. And has the investigation revealed whether or not he in
6 fact was vending the quantities claimed for his ASA site?

7 A. No, he was not.

8 Q. On the right do we see Exhibit C18?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And is this an email message sent on September 2nd,
11 2021?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. And it was sent by which party?

14 A. By Abdihakim Ahmed.

15 Q. And there are a series of attachments; is that right?

16 A. Yes, there are.

17 Q. Including an invoice and a meal count clicker?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. There are several recipients of this message. Directing
20 your attention to the highlighted yellow, who was one of the
21 recipients?

22 A. Aimee Bock.

23 Q. And do we see on page 2 of C18 a supposed Safari
24 Restaurant invoice?

25 A. Yes, we do.

1 Q. And does it concern supposed food vended to ASA?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And this is billing the food program over how much money
4 for every day of the month of August 2021?

5 A. Over \$14,000 every single day.

6 Q. Which for a grand total of how much for that one month
7 alone?

8 A. \$440,000.

9 Q. And then is this combined with a series of these same
10 types of meal counts the jury has seen time and time again?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All purporting to feed almost 2,000 meals day after day?

13 A. Yes, that's right.

14 Q. Week after week?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Has the evidence in the case revealed whether that
17 occurred?

18 A. That did not occur.

19 Q. As a result of claims involving this type of paperwork
20 to Aimee Bock, were payments made in response to the claims?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. On the right do we see a portion of Exhibit W2?

23 A. Yes, we do.

24 Q. What is that?

25 A. This is a check from Feeding Our Future to ASA Limited.

1 Q. Signed by which party?

2 A. Signed by Aimee Bock.

3 Q. How much is this one for?

4 A. Over \$532,000.

5 Q. And is that the only payment from Aimee Bock to Salim
6 Said's ASA Limited?

7 A. It is not.

8 Q. In fact these continue line after line as we see on the
9 right, correct?

10 A. Right. Yes.

11 Q. This next one, also for over half a million dollar?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. A couple weeks later, February 12th, 2021, how much is
14 that one?

15 A. Over \$570,000 for one month, January of '21.

16 Q. All based on what types of?

17 A. Sorry -- and an adjustment for January '21, an
18 additional 88,000.

19 Q. March 8th, 2021, more than half a million yet again?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. These checks continue on and on; is that right?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. And these payments to Salim Said's ASA Limited --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- are based on what type of claims?

1 A. They're meal reimbursements for the Federal Child
2 Nutrition Program.

3 Q. And claims are submitted to get that reimbursement; is
4 that right?

5 A. That's right, yep.

6 Q. Claims that are true?

7 A. Not true.

8 Q. On the left we see a photo of Aimee Bock. On the right
9 is Exhibit F7.

10 And can you remind the jury what Aimee Bock sent
11 in Exhibit F7?

12 A. Yes. In October of 2020, Aimee Bock is sending an email
13 to MDE clarifying that for-profit restaurants are actually
14 being run by Feeding Our Future employees.

15 Q. And then she attached this multi-page document; is that
16 right?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. And then that goes on to list a series of restaurants
19 that the jury has heard throughout this trial; is that
20 right?

21 A. Yes, that's right.

22 Q. Including ASA Limited?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Brava Restaurant?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Olive Management in St. Cloud?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Brava Cafe?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And this continues on and on ultimately including Safari
6 Restaurant itself; is that right?

7 A. Yes, that's right.

8 Q. And again, the purpose of this message was to tell MDE
9 what?

10 A. That Feeding Our Future was running these restaurants.

11 Q. Because of the rule change; is that right?

12 A. Because of the rule change, right.

13 Q. And related to this rule change that you are testifying
14 about, have we heard about an entity called Stigma-Free?

15 A. Yes, we have.

16 Q. Can you remind the jury what that is?

17 A. Stigma-Free was a nonprofit that they acquired in
18 October of 2020.

19 Q. And when you say "they," who do you mean?

20 A. I mean Salim Said and the other Safari group defendants.

21 Q. On the left we see Exhibit G3?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And on the right do we see Exhibit H1?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. These appear to be the same; is that fair?

1 A. They do.

2 Q. But are they in fact different?

3 A. They are different.

4 Q. What are they?

5 A. Well, this one, Stigma-Free, Willmar. This one is for
6 Stigma-Free, Mankato.

7 Q. And these are email messages sent by Aimee Bock?

8 A. Yes, to MDE.

9 Q. Sent on the same date?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And can you describe what Aimee Bock is attaching in
12 these two messages on October 19th, 2020?

13 A. Well, these are site applications, one for Willmar, one
14 for Mankato.

15 Q. To be placed under the name of this supposed nonprofit;
16 is that right?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. Stigma-Free International?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. Now, as we're talking about this expanding list of
21 names, the jury has heard a reference to something called
22 the Safari group; is that right?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And on the left can you describe what this is that the
25 jury sees?

1 A. Yeah, this was a document that was recovered at the Park
2 Avenue location, and it identifies -- they call themselves
3 the Safari group, and there is a list of names of the
4 entities that we've talked about and heard about underneath
5 that.

6 Q. Including Stigma; is that right?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. The one you just testified about?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. ASA Limited?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then a series of other entities that the jury has
13 heard about and that you will testify about as well; is that
14 correct?

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. Including Olive Management?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Horseed and Tunyar?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Waite Park?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All part of this growing Safari group?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And returning back to Demonstrative X72, we've spoken
25 now about activity located in the Twin Cities, but there are

1 other spikes across the State of Minnesota.

2 Can you describe generally what those are outside
3 of the metro area?

4 A. Yeah. There were, overall, there were large sites
5 purportedly in Rochester, Faribault, Mankato, Willmar and
6 St. Cloud. And the yellow ones, again, they are part of the
7 Safari group.

8 Q. Again, these are all, regardless of the color,
9 underneath the sponsorship of which entity?

10 A. Under Feeding Our Future.

11 Q. And the yellow are part of the Safari group?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Now, sticking with Stigma-Free International, can you
14 just summarize for the jury how Stigma-Free International
15 relates to some of the information we see on X72?

16 A. Yeah. So Stigma-Free, they had a site here in Willmar.
17 They had one in St. Cloud, and Waite Park is right over here
18 (indicating), and also Mankato.

19 Q. Did you create a sources and use table of the banking
20 activity for Stigma-Free International?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. I'm showing you X6. Can you walk us through this
23 document?

24 A. Yes. So, so again, this is combined Stigma-Free
25 International bank accounts, and you can see that the

1 beginning part right here (indicating), this is from account
2 opening November 22nd, 2019, and it goes to October 7th,
3 2020.

4 And the reason why I did that cut-off is because
5 at this point Ahmed Artan becomes the sole account signer on
6 October 8th. So that's why I split it that way.

7 Q. One of the defendants charged in this case?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now prior to October 7th or 8th of 2020 when Mr. Artan
10 became the signatory, what was generally the banking
11 activity of the Stigma-Free International account?

12 A. Well, the only activity was the account opening deposit
13 of a hundred dollars and bank fees every month. I don't
14 remember how much it was, \$5 or something, and that's the
15 only activity.

16 Q. In other words, a dormant account for several years or
17 several months?

18 A. Yes, that's right.

19 Q. Now, shifting gears to after Stigma-Free became part of
20 the Federal Child Nutrition Program in the fall of 2020, did
21 the account stay dormant?

22 A. It did not.

23 Q. What happens?

24 A. Well, you can see on the bottom half, there's an almost
25 \$10.5 million coming into this account all from Feeding Our

1 Future for, related to the food program.

2 Q. So according to the money in, approximately what
3 percentage of the money into that account came from Aimee
4 Bock's Feeding Our Future?

5 A. It's all but a couple hundred dollars. So
6 99.998 percent.

7 Q. And of that 10, nearly \$10.5 million did you look at
8 what happened with that money?

9 A. I did.

10 Q. Directing your attention to the right, what do we see
11 here?

12 A. So we see \$10.2 million going to the other codefendants.
13 And the largest we can see is Tunyar Trading, 4 million,
14 Horseed 3.1, and Feeding Our Youth 1.1 million. And it goes
15 on.

16 Q. Generally, all entities that were part of the Safari
17 group?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So sticking with Stigma-Free International on the left,
20 do we see Exhibit G6?

21 A. Yes, we do.

22 Q. On the right Exhibit H5?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And these are messages that were sent by Abdikadir
25 Mohamud; is that right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Both sent on December 30th of 2020?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And according to the time stamps, sent approximately two
5 minutes apart; is that right?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. Did you say that that was right?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. And among the recipients, do we see Abdikerm Eidleh at
10 Feeding Our Future?

11 A. Yes, we do.

12 Q. As well as the claims at Feeding Our Future email
13 address?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Has the jury heard testimony about which person in this
16 courtroom also had access to that claims at Feeding Our
17 Future email address?

18 A. Yes. Aimee Bock.

19 Q. And there are a series of attachments that are being
20 sent in these two messages, correct?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. What's the subject of the message on the left?

23 A. On the left it's Stigma-Free, Willmar, October and
24 November.

25 Q. And what's the subject on the right?

1 A. Stigma-Free, Mankato, October and November.

2 Q. And as we scroll down to these attachments sent under
3 the Stigma-Free name to Feeding Our Future, what do we see?

4 A. We see meal counts for October.

5 Q. The same types of meal counts the jury's seen time and
6 time again?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Claiming to feed in this instance almost 3,000 meals in
9 Willmar and Mankato respectively?

10 A. 3,000 breakfasts and lunches, so technically 6,000 a day
11 every day.

12 Q. Seven days a week?

13 A. Seven days a week.

14 Q. Week after week?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Month after month?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. All certifying that the information is supposedly true?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Certifying that it's supposedly accurate?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. Has the investigation revealed whether it was true?

23 A. It was not true.

24 Q. Has the investigation revealed whether these claims were
25 accurate?

1 A. These were not accurate.

2 Q. Now, in response to these types of claims, was money
3 again paid out by Aimee Bock's Feeding Our Future?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q. On the screen do we see yet more checks from W2?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Which is the bank account for Feeding Our Future; is
8 that right?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. Checks like this one in the amount of over \$354,000 to
11 Stigma-Free International?

12 A. Yes, that's right.

13 Q. Signed by which person?

14 A. Aimee Bock.

15 Q. And then just a few weeks prior, is there another check?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. For an even larger amount?

18 A. \$425,000.

19 Q. Signed by Aimee Bock?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And these checks continue on and on; is that right?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. This one 424,000?

24 A. 425,000.

25 Q. Another one just a week later, January 22nd, 2021, for

1 how much?

2 A. 354,000.

3 Q. Again, signed by Aimee Bock?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. By February 12th, 2021, do we see a check that now is
6 greater than half a million dollars?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. To Stigma-Free?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Line after line these checks to Stigma-Free continue,
11 correct?

12 A. Yeah, they keep going.

13 Q. Page 39 of this exhibit, now do we see one that exceeds
14 \$1.1 million?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Dated May 19th, 2021?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And the one you just testified about in the upper right,
19 does it have a check number of 6086?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. May 19th, 2021?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. On the same day May 19th, 2021, this time a different
24 check, check 6085?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. What do we see written by Aimee Bock on the very same
2 day as that last check?

3 A. It's yet another \$1.1 million to Stigma-Free.

4 Q. All based on what types of claims?

5 A. False claims.

6 Q. Directing your attention to the 45th page, on this check
7 to Stigma-Free, what's the date?

8 A. October 22, 2021.

9 Q. And is there something handwritten on the memo line?

10 A. Yes. It says St. Cloud AS, for after school.

11 Q. One of the Stigma-Free sites?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. And on the next check, there's another handwritten line.
14 What's that?

15 A. This one, "Pay to the order of Stigma-Free, Willmar."

16 Q. This one for over \$63,000?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And again Willmar, St. Cloud, to be clear, these are all
19 Stigma-Free sites; is that right?

20 A. Yes, that's right.

21 Q. On the left do we see photos of Ms. Bock and Mr. Salim
22 Said?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. On the right do we see Exhibit BB30a?

25 A. We do.

1 Q. Now, the jury has seen text communications between the
2 two defendants in this courtroom; is that right?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. Is this another example of such text messages?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. Can you describe what we see here on the right?

7 A. So, yeah. It's a text from Aimee Bock to Salim Said.
8 It's in there as Safari, but that's Salim Said's phone
9 number.

10 Q. And it says Safari because the investigation has
11 revealed that's how it appears in Ms. Bock's phone?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. As her contact?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And in these text communications Aimee Bock sends
16 something on May 19th, 2021; is that right?

17 A. Yes, she does.

18 Q. A couple of photographs?

19 A. Yes, of checks.

20 Q. And the checks that she sends, are two of them on the
21 screen now?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And what are they?

24 A. They're the two large Stigma-Free checks that we just
25 saw for each, for over a million dollars. She's sending it

1 to Salim Said.

2 Q. And that she's communicating it to him in this way?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that significant to the investigation?

5 A. That is significant.

6 Q. How so?

7 A. Well, he's not an account signer of Stigma-Free, so this
8 tells me that she knows that Stigma-Free is part of the
9 Safari group.

10 MR. MONTEZ: Objection. Lack of foundation.

11 THE COURT: Overruled. The answer will stand.

12 BY MR. EBERT:

13 Q. Now returning back to Exhibit X6, when we looked at this
14 a moment ago, you were identifying a series of recipients of
15 some of that \$10.5 million; is that right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And which one is the largest recipient?

18 A. The largest is Tunyar Trading at over \$4 million.

19 Q. Now, on the screen do we see a photograph G39?

20 A. Yes, we do.

21 Q. Okay. What is that?

22 A. That is where the purported Stigma-Free, Willmar site
23 was. It was at FaaFan Restaurant, and so that's a picture
24 of that restaurant.

25 Q. And has the jury heard testimony about what the supposed

1 food vendor was for the Stigma-Free, Willmar site?

2 A. The vendor was Tunyar Trading.

3 Q. And on the right do we see a photo of Mr. Salim Said?

4 A. Yes, we do.

5 Q. As well as a check that was paid to him on January 27th,
6 2021, as part of Exhibit W25?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And that check was paid to Salim Limited by which party?

9 A. By Tunyar Trading.

10 Q. The supposed food vendor for the Stigma-Free, Willmar
11 site?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Did you prepare a sources and uses summary of Tunyar
14 Trading?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. Showing you Exhibit X7, at the very top can you describe
17 the time period of the sources and uses table?

18 A. Yeah. So again this -- I started looking at it from the
19 account opening, which was October 5th of 2020, all the way
20 to January 21st of 2022.

21 Q. That's when the account ended?

22 A. I think it ended a little shortly after that, but that's
23 when we, I want to say that's when we seized the bank
24 account.

25 Q. And let's take a look first on the left, the net sources

1 of funds. Can you describe this?

2 A. Yeah. So again, you can see at the very top Food
3 Program Income \$5.1 million. Again, this is for, you know,
4 food reimbursements. So you see what we saw from the
5 Stigma-Free side, \$4 million.

6 And you can see that Safari also deposits almost a
7 million dollars. And then we've got, you know, other food
8 program money coming from other codefendants, \$83,000.

9 Q. So of the approximately 5.2 million deposited in this
10 account, 5.1 million came from the Federal Child Nutrition
11 Program money; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So in other words what percentage of that activity is
14 child food money?

15 A. It's 99.9 percent.

16 Q. And based on your review of the uses of the funds, what
17 do we see as a percentage spent on food?

18 A. 1.5 percent.

19 Q. A similar pattern to what receive seen for these other
20 entities?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And what is that pattern?

23 A. Basically not buying enough food.

24 Q. Even buying remotely close food?

25 A. Not even close.

1 Q. Now, on the right-hand side under the net uses of funds,
2 2.3 million goes to other codefendants; is that right?

3 A. Yes, that's right.

4 Q. Including \$275,000 to an entity controlled by Ahmed
5 Ghedi?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. One of the "As" in ASA?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. \$259,000 goes to which party?

10 A. Olive Management.

11 Q. What is Olive Management?

12 A. Olive Management had a site in St. Cloud as well.

13 Q. \$225,000 goes where?

14 A. To Eidleh's various entities that we've heard about.

15 Q. Now, we also see Salim Limited LLC; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now we'll talk about that more in a bit, but before we
18 get there, can you just briefly describe to the jury what is
19 Salim Limited LLC?

20 A. Salim Limited LLC is an entity that he had created
21 during this food program period to basically receive money.

22 Q. That who had created?

23 A. Salim Said.

24 Q. And how much did Salim Said receive from the Tunyar
25 Trading account?

1 A. \$201,000.

2 Q. There's also an expenditure that goes to the Feeding Our
3 Future GoFundMe?

4 A. Yes, we see yet another donation to the Feeding Our
5 Future GoFundMe.

6 Q. And how much did Tunyar Trading, the supposed Willmar
7 vendor, give to Feeding Our Future?

8 A. \$5,750.

9 Q. On the left do we see photos of the two defendants?

10 A. Yes, we do.

11 Q. On the right there's an email message exhibited as G30;
12 is that right?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. And G30 is sent by which party?

15 A. It's from Salim Said.

16 Q. And did he send it to the claims address at Feeding Our
17 Future?

18 A. Yes, he did.

19 Q. And what's the subject and the date of his message?

20 A. It's the September Meal Count, Summer Days.

21 Q. And attached, what did he include in his message to
22 Feeding Our Future?

23 A. It's the meal counts for Stigma-Free, Willmar.

24 Q. And was that significant to the investigation that a
25 Stigma-Free, Willmar meal count is being sent by Salim Said?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How so?

3 A. Well, once again, he's not an account signer on
4 Stigma-Free, so this tells me that, again, Stigma-Free is
5 part of the Safari group.

6 Q. All part of claims to get money; is that right?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. Accurate claims?

9 A. Not accurate.

10 Q. Shifting back to the Stigma-Free chart at X6, now we've
11 just talked about the largest recipient of Stigma-Free
12 money, which was Tunyar Trading at just over 4 million.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is that right?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. So looking just below that, what's the next largest
17 recipient?

18 A. Horseed Management at \$3.1 million.

19 Q. Horseed Management, was that also a supposed food
20 vendor?

21 A. Yes, that was the vendor for Stigma, Mankato.

22 Q. And on the screen do we see Exhibit H30 in the upper
23 left?

24 A. Yes, we do.

25 Q. And what is that?

1 A. That is J's Sambusa, so that is the site location of
2 where the Stigma-Free, Mankato was.

3 Q. And its supposed vendor is Horseed?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. On the right, photo of Salim Said, correct?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And beneath that do we see yet another payment being
8 made by a supposed vendor to Salim Limited?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Except this one is not from Tunyar Trading. It's from
11 which party?

12 A. This is from Horseed Management.

13 Q. Did you prepare a sources and uses for Horseed
14 Management?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. What do we see in Exhibit X8?

17 A. So this is the, again, combined accounts of all the
18 Horseed Management accounts, and the review period started
19 from the account opening, which is December 1st of 2020, to
20 the account closing February 8th of 2022.

21 So the entire period of the Horseed bank accounts.

22 Q. And once again, starting with the net sources of funds,
23 can you explain what we see?

24 A. Yeah. So again \$4.6 million is food program income and
25 food program money from other codefendants 110,000, these

1 are all sourced from food program money.

2 Q. Okay. And so you just talked about the second largest
3 recipient of Stigma-Free money being this entity, Horseed?

4 A. Horseed.

5 Q. And that's the 3.1 million figure we just looked at?

6 A. Yes, right.

7 Q. And then what is the second largest contributor into
8 this account?

9 A. The second largest is \$952,000 from Safari Restaurant.

10 Q. In which Mr. Salim Said is a signatory?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then what is the third largest recipient?

13 A. It's Feeding Our Future.

14 Q. Sorry. The third largest provider of funds I meant to
15 ask.

16 A. Yes, 629,000.

17 Q. And so as a percentage of funds into this account, how
18 much is federal child nutrition money?

19 A. 99.8 percent.

20 Q. And was almost all of that money spent to buy food for
21 kids?

22 A. Not even close.

23 Q. Instead, what percentage was spent on food?

24 A. 3.4 percent.

25 Q. On the right did you take a look at the source -- or the

1 uses of that incoming federal child nutrition money?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. So approximately 1.7 million?

4 A. 1.7 million going to the Horseed Management owners,
5 which are the Abshir brothers, Abdinasir Abshir and Asad
6 Abshir.

7 Q. Defendants in this case?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And did approximately \$669,000 go to other codefendants?

10 A. Yes, other codefendants who are not the owners of
11 Horseed Management. So that includes Salim Said, and his
12 Salim Limited LLC at \$370,000.

13 Q. So one of the largest recipients from Horseed
14 Management, the supposed food vendor in Mankato, is Salim
15 Said?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. And then the second largest is ASA Limited?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Also Salim Said?

20 A. Also Salim Said.

21 Q. For how much?

22 A. For \$135,000.

23 Q. And once again, did Mr. Abdikerm Eidleh of Feeding Our
24 Future get money?

25 A. He also did, 112,000 out of Horseed Management.

1 Q. And at this time I'm going to show you a series of about
2 four H exhibits that are marked but not yet in evidence, H31
3 through H35.

4 Now I'm showing you, going from H32 to H33, are
5 these all a series of email messages that involve Horseed
6 Management?

7 A. Yes, they do.

8 Q. And are these all email messages provided by Google in
9 response to a search warrant?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Are these true and accurate copies of those records?

12 A. They are.

13 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the
14 government offers Exhibits H31, H32, H33, H34 and H35.

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: H31 through 35 are admitted.

19 MR. EBERT: Thank you.

20 BY MR. EBERT:

21 Q. On the left, Exhibit Y3, a photo of Mr. Salim. On the
22 right, is this one of the email messages just introduced
23 into evidence?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. And this is an email message. I can enlarge it. It's

1 sent by Horseed Management at gmail.com.

2 Did I read that correctly?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And who is the recipient?

5 A. The recipient is Salim Said.

6 Q. Okay. And then October 9th, 2020, correct?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. And there's some attachments to it; is that right?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Including some State of Minnesota incorporation records
11 that we see here?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. H33. Is this another Horseed Management email sent to
14 Salim Said?

15 A. Yes, it is.

16 Q. With a title "New Business Registration"; is that right?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. All concerning Horseed Management?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. H34, yet another email message from Horseed?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Going to which person?

23 A. To Salim Said.

24 Q. Now this one has an IRS document attached. Do you see
25 that?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. And what's your understanding of what that document is?

3 A. Well, this shows that an EIN, employer identification
4 number, was provided for Horseed Management.

5 Q. And again, all email messages involving Salim Said?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. On the left do we see photos of Ms. Bock and Mr. Said?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And on the right, Exhibit H35, correct?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. And are these yet more email messages involving Horseed
12 Management?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Including at the top a message sent October 7th, 2021?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. And are there a title to the attachment?

17 A. The attachment is Meal Count Sheet After School Clicker.

18 Q. Okay. And it's sent to one of the defendants in this
19 case, correct?

20 A. Yes. To Abdihakim Ahmed.

21 Q. But before that, do we see a party sending a message to
22 Horseed Management?

23 A. Yes. We see Salim Said sending a message to Horseed
24 Management.

25 Q. But before that, do we see Salim Said receiving a

1 message involving Horseed Management?

2 A. Yes. This one is coming from Aimee Bock.

3 Q. Is that significant to the investigation?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How so?

6 A. Once again, Horseed Management, the owners are not Salim
7 Said. He's not an account signer, and yet Aimee Bock is
8 coping Salim Said on it.

9 So that tells me she understands the connections.

10 Q. And ultimately, what she's sending is what?

11 A. The subject is After School Clicker.

12 Q. Containing a blank meal count form?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then ultimately did the investigation reveal whether
15 meal count forms were submitted to Feeding Our Future for
16 this Mankato site?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Claims that were true?

19 A. Claims were not true.

20 Q. Claims that were accurate?

21 A. They were not accurate.

22 Q. But once again in response to such claims, did Aimee
23 Bock's Feeding Our Future provide money to the submitters?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Substantial amounts?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Like this one in Exhibit W2 for almost \$280,000?

3 A. Yes, to Horseed Management.

4 Q. Signed by whom?

5 A. Aimee Bock.

6 Q. And these continue on and on; is that right?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. More large checks?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All signed by Aimee Bock, correct?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. Now going back to that Stigma-Free summary that we
13 looked at a few times this morning, we've been going down
14 the entries here for uses of the funds.

15 And you've testified about the money that went to
16 Tunyar Trading, followed by the money that went to Horseed
17 Management just a moment ago; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is the next largest recipient of money from the
20 Stigma-Free International account?

21 A. The next one is Feeding Our Youth, over \$1.1 million.

22 Q. And Feeding Our Youth, if we go back to Demonstrative
23 X72, where was Feeding Our Youth supposedly operating with
24 respect to the Federal Child Nutrition Program?

25 A. Very close to St. Cloud. It's this small one right

1 there, Waite Park (indicating), the little yellow bar.

2 Q. Showing you Exhibit I30, what is that?

3 A. This is Waite Park. This Green Market that you see I
4 guess here (indicating), that's where the purported site was
5 for Stigma, Waite Park.

6 Q. Now, speaking of Feeding Our Youth, I'm showing you
7 Exhibit X9. What is X9?

8 A. This is a sources and uses for the Feeding Our Youth
9 bank accounts.

10 Q. Now, a few moments ago on a different X summary, we
11 scrolled down, and you described the rows and rows and pages
12 and pages of underlying data?

13 A. Yes, all the transactions in the bank statements.

14 Q. Is that a fair summary, how I just described it?

15 A. Yes. Right, yes.

16 Q. Now, if we do the same with respect to Feeding Our
17 Youth, do we see pages and pages and rows and rows of
18 activity?

19 A. No. This is it.

20 Q. Page 2, what, approximately 20 lines give or take?

21 A. Yes, right.

22 Q. And then when you say, "This is it," what do you mean?

23 A. This is all the banking activity in the Feeding Our
24 Youth bank accounts.

25 Q. Any significance to the investigation?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you describe why?

3 A. Well, if a business is purportedly, I guess,
4 distributing food, you would expect to see a lot more
5 transactions than this.

6 Q. And instead, what did you see with this Feeding Our
7 Youth account tied to Waite Park, Minnesota?

8 A. Well, the review period, you can see it was actually,
9 it's from account opening July 15th, 2021, and the only
10 source of income other than cash deposit is from
11 Stigma-Free, all food program income.

12 Q. So setting aside the \$100 cash opening deposit,
13 approximately what percentage of that account is based on
14 federal child food money?

15 A. Other than the cash deposits, it's a hundred percent.

16 Q. And was a hundred percent of that money spent to feed
17 kids?

18 A. This was actually zero percent spent on food.

19 Q. So on the right, do we see where that money went?

20 A. We do.

21 Q. And first of all, did some of the other codefendants
22 receive a portion of the \$1.1 million?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Specifically, Salim Said?

25 A. That's right.

1 Q. How much did Salim Said receive from this account?

2 A. \$206,000.

3 Q. On the screen do we see Exhibit I25?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And are these a series of yet more meal counts?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All related to this supposed food site operated by
8 Stigma-Free in Waite Park?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All purporting to feed over 2,000 daily meals; is that
11 right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. 2,158 every single day?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Seven days a week?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Now 2,283?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Every single day of the week?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All claiming the information is true and accurate?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Was it true?

24 A. It was not.

25 Q. Accurate?

1 A. Not even close.

2 Q. And this is yet another file folder that was retrieved
3 from the Feeding Our Future office; is that right?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. And in response to claims like this that were not true,
6 as you testified, or accurate, money was paid out by Aimee
7 Bock's Feeding Our Future?

8 A. It was.

9 Q. Now, we've just walked through a series of recipient
10 parties from that Stigma-Free account. Now I'm shifting
11 your attention back to X3.

12 And just remind the jury X3 summarizes which
13 entity's banking activity?

14 A. This is the Safari Restaurant banking activity.

15 Q. Okay. And so underneath some of the uses of that
16 approximately \$16.6 million, there's a category of other
17 codefendants receiving money; is that right?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. And some of the recipients are these entities you've
20 already testified about?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Such as Tunyar?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Horseed?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. ASA?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. But the top recipient listed under this part is which
4 party?

5 A. It's Olive Management.

6 Q. And can you summarize for the jury and remind them what
7 Olive Management is?

8 A. Olive Management was a site in St. Cloud.

9 Q. Okay. And on the screen do we see photos of Ms. Bock
10 and Mr. Said?

11 A. We do.

12 Q. And on the right do we see Exhibit E33?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is that?

15 A. Well, E33 is where the Olive Management site was in
16 St. Cloud. I think it was, yeah, I think it was like that
17 part (indicating).

18 But also Stigma-Free was, I mean, that
19 (indicating), so --

20 Q. And beneath that is a copy of a check from Exhibit W2;
21 is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Made out to Stigma-Free?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. With a memo line reflecting what?

1 A. St. Cloud After School.

2 Q. In other words, for that supposed site we see above the
3 check?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Did you prepare a sources and uses table for the
6 supposed food vendor for this St. Cloud site?

7 A. For Olive Management, yes, I did.

8 Q. And is that what we see here in Exhibit X5?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. It is.

12 Q. And what is the time period of the activity that you
13 summarized for Olive Management?

14 A. So this one is not actually a combined account because
15 there was only one bank or one account. It was at Wells
16 Fargo. And the review period starts with the account
17 opening September 8th of 2020, all the way to January 20th
18 of 2022.

19 Q. Once again, what is the primary source of the money into
20 that account?

21 A. Well, the top part, the \$6.4 million is food program
22 income which is supposed to be for food site reimbursement.
23 This down here, 50,000, that's also food program money, but
24 up here is food reimbursement money.

25 Q. Okay. And of the food income, what is the largest

1 provider of funds?

2 A. The largest is \$4.3 million.

3 Q. And underneath that?

4 A. It's 918,000 from Safari.

5 Q. Salim Said's entity?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what's beneath that?

8 A. 700,000 from Stigma-Free International.

9 Q. And then some of these other entities we've heard
10 throughout the trial as well, correct?

11 A. Right, Tunyar Trading.

12 Q. Bet on Better Future?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. And even beneath that, a \$20,000 payment, Brava
15 Restaurant?

16 A. Yep, from Rochester.

17 Q. Which Sharmake Jama testified about his involvement; is
18 that right?

19 A. Yes, right.

20 Q. For the percentage of money derived from food program
21 funds, do we see a similar pattern?

22 A. Yes. Other than the hundred dollar cash deposit, it's
23 all from the food program.

24 Q. And is it all spent on food to feed kids?

25 A. Only about 10 percent of it was spent on food.

1 Q. And on the right did you look at the uses of that
2 incoming approximately \$6.4 million?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. And amongst other codefendants, who is the largest
5 recipient of money?

6 A. Salim said.

7 Q. How much?

8 A. He got \$1.2 million.

9 Q. Okay. And then beneath that, there's an entity called
10 3017 LLC?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Will the jury hear more about that later?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that received how much?

15 A. \$610,000.

16 Q. Okay. And on the third line item, what do we see there?

17 A. That is Anisa Chekchekani, Salim Said's wife, who
18 received \$86,000.

19 Q. Did Mr. Eidleh once again receive a portion of funds?

20 A. Yes, he did. He got \$45,000.

21 Q. And at the very bottom, there's a payment of 5,750 from
22 the Olive Management account, correct?

23 A. Yes, another donation to the Feeding Our Future
24 GoFundMe.

25 Q. On the left photos of the defendants; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. On the right do we see one in a series of checks from
3 Aimee Bock's Feeding Our Future account?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And this one on page 24, what do we see?

6 A. This is a check to Cosmopolitan Business Solutions.

7 Q. In other words --

8 A. Safari. And the memo line says Olive Management.

9 Q. Which, so there's no confusion, is this supposed entity
10 operating from that location in St. Cloud; is that right?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. And how much money does Aimee Bock write in this check
13 to Salim Said's business?

14 A. \$20,000.

15 Q. Consistent with the pattern you've testified about, does
16 the Feeding Our Future bank activity show additional large
17 checks written by Aimee Bock?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Again, this is all in the context of Olive Management,
20 right?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. For example, on page 66 on the right of W2, what do we
23 see?

24 A. It's a check from Feeding Our Future to Olive Management
25 for over \$1.1 million.

1 Q. And these large checks, we won't look at every single
2 one, but fair to say these continue on and on?

3 A. Yes, they do.

4 Q. All written by which person?

5 A. By Aimee Bock.

6 Q. Okay. And these would be in response to claims for
7 reimbursement?

8 A. Yes, for the Olive Management site.

9 Q. And would those be containing such things as invoices?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Meal counts?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Perhaps rosters?

14 A. Possibly.

15 Q. The type of information the jury has heard throughout
16 this trial?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. True and accurate claims?

19 A. No.

20 Q. So directing your attention back to this demonstrative
21 map in X72, on the State of Minnesota, do you see where
22 Rochester is located?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. Can you point that out, if you are able to do so?

25 A. Yep, right there (indicating).

1 Q. And we see a yellow spike that's emanating from
2 Rochester; is that fair to say?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is that?

5 A. That is Brava Restaurant down in Rochester.

6 Q. The one that Sharmake Jama testified about?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you prepare a sources and uses for Brava Restaurant?

9 A. I did.

10 Q. What's the time period of the analysis?

11 A. So it starts October 1st of 2020, basically capturing
12 when they started participating in the food program, through
13 January 20th of 2022.

14 Q. And what is the net total of money that came into the
15 Brava Restaurant bank accounts during at that time?

16 A. Over \$5.3 million.

17 Q. And of that 5.3 million, how much came directly from
18 Feeding Our Future?

19 A. Almost 4.4 million.

20 Q. And then what was the next largest amounts?

21 A. Over 919,000 from Safari Restaurant.

22 Q. So aside from that, is it correct that the only other
23 deposits were about 9,500 in restaurant income?

24 A. Yeah. That was actually in the beginning month, maybe
25 just, maybe just October, and the rest of the time period

1 was solely food program income.

2 Q. And so as a result, what do we see for the percentage of
3 money deposited into that account emanating from federal
4 child money?

5 A. 99.4 percent.

6 Q. And was all of that then spent on food to feed kids?

7 A. No. Only 1.5 percent.

8 Q. Now on the right, let's take a look at the net uses of
9 that money.

10 On the right, does it read Brava Restaurant
11 owners?

12 A. It does.

13 Q. Can you describe what's up on the screen?

14 A. Yeah. So the owners were the six siblings, including
15 Sharmake Jama and has he had testified, shell LLCs were
16 created for each of them to basically conceal that the food
17 or, I'm sorry, that the expenses were not for food.

18 Q. And so for Sharmake Jama specifically, did he have an
19 entity titled Mumu, spelled M-U-M-U, LLC?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And about how much money did he put in there?

22 A. Over \$900,000.

23 Q. And then there are other individuals who have the same
24 last name. Did we see that?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. Who are those people?

2 A. Those are all of Sharmake Jama's siblings.

3 Q. Also charged as a result of this broader investigation?

4 A. Yes, that's right.

5 Q. And next to them, we see a series of differing LLC
6 names. Can you describe what we see?

7 A. Yeah, those are the shell LLCs that I just discussed.

8 Q. So for example Shalaq LLC?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Associated with Asha Jama?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. Received over 558,000; is that right?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. Another individual Zamzam Jama, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. African Heritage LLC?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. How much did that LLC receive in federal child money?

19 A. \$505,000.

20 Q. And to be clear, all of these amounts we're talking
21 about went into these LLC bank accounts because it first was
22 in the Brava Restaurant account; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then two others, East Africa and EYO LLCs?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. Associated with Ayan Jama and Fartun Jama; is that
2 right?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And those two combined for over \$600,000?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. So on the left, this is just a smaller version of the
7 summary we are talking about, X31; is that right?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And have I now highlighted some of those entities that
10 were set up in the name of the Jamas in Rochester?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And now I want to direct your attention to the
13 right-hand side, Exhibit 32.

14 Can you describe what is in X32?

15 A. So X32 is Salim Said's personal Discover credit card.

16 Q. Okay. And what's the time period for his credit card?

17 A. Time period reviewed is from opening back in December of
18 2018.

19 Q. And then I, I moved the page on you.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. It ends on what date?

22 A. The review period is from December 2018 to January 20th
23 of 2022.

24 Q. All right. And as we scroll down, there's an additional
25 series of pages summarizing all of the data, correct?

1 A. Yes. Right, all of the transactions.

2 Q. On Salim Said's Discover credit card?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. And as we make our way to the 16th page, do we see a
5 series of expenditures that Salim Said paid in January of
6 2021?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Specifically, a series of expenditures on January 7th,
9 the very same day, 2021?

10 A. Right, yes.

11 Q. And what did he purchase on that date?

12 A. So there seems to be six separate payments to the
13 Minnesota Secretary of State. And the amount, \$155, is
14 exactly the amount to open up a -- or to register a new
15 entity under the Minnesota Secretary of State.

16 Q. Entities for the Jamas in Rochester?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. We also heard from a bank witness who spoke about
19 activity that they observed with respect to another LLC. Do
20 you recall that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Specifically Victory LLC?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And three days prior on January 4th, 2021, do we see a
25 payment as well for that entity?

1 A. Yes, we do.

2 Q. Specifically paid for by Salim Said himself?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And if you recall Mr. Sharmake Jama's testimony, did he
5 indicate whether it was his idea to create these LLCs
6 shells?

7 A. No, it was not his idea.

8 Q. Whose was it?

9 A. It was Salim Said's.

10 Q. And who paid for it?

11 A. Salim Said.

12 Q. And did approximately \$4.1 million then flow into those
13 LLCs?

14 A. Yes, they did.

15 Q. On the left do we see Exhibit Y1, Ms. Aimee Bock?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. On the right are these a series of payments Aimee Bock
18 paid to Brava Restaurant?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Including one for approximately \$1.1 million on
21 May 19th, 2021?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. We're not going to go through them all, but is it fair
24 to say that these continue on and on?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Large six-figure checks?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. More than half a million dollars?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All signed by which person?

6 A. Aimee Bock.

7 Q. Based on claims for reimbursement?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Did Mr. Jama indicate what type of claims he was
10 submitting to get that money?

11 A. Fake claims.

12 Q. Now, Ms. Roase, we've looked at a series of summaries
13 that have shown payments from these other parties that go to
14 Salim Limited, correct?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Did you create a summary of Salim Limited LLC?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. And is that Exhibit X12?

19 A. It is.

20 Q. Okay. In the upper left, what's the time period of the
21 Salim Limited LLC bank account activity?

22 A. So the review period is from the account opening
23 August 1st of 2020 through January 20th of 2022.

24 Q. Remind the jury what happened on January 20th of 2022?

25 A. We went overt on the case.

1 Q. What does that mean?

2 A. Our investigation was made public.

3 Q. And if you know, did anything happen specific to this
4 account?

5 A. Yes, I believe we seized it. We seized -- yes, we did
6 seize it. We seized a number of bank accounts, including
7 this one.

8 Q. Okay. So now to enlarge this so we can see it, let's
9 take a look at the sources of funds into that account?

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. First of all, who is the signatory on this account?

12 A. It's only Salim Said.

13 Q. Okay. And can you describe what we see on the screen?

14 A. Yeah. So the, so the other food program money category
15 has over \$5 million coming in, and you can see all the
16 different sources that it's coming from, including the
17 Safari Restaurant, 1.9 million; that Olive Management,
18 1.2 million; ASA Limited, 860,000.

19 Q. Mr. Salim Said's other supposed food site?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Yes. And then the next three, Horseed, Feeding Our
23 Youth, Tunyar, they all operated a Stigma-Free site.

24 Q. All giving a six figure total contribution to Salim
25 Said?

1 A. Right, over \$200,000 each.

2 Q. A moment ago you talked about Brava Restaurant; is that
3 right?

4 A. Yes. Brava Restaurant also paid Salim Limited \$132,000.

5 Q. And then there's an entity called Gaur Limited LLC, do
6 you see that?

7 A. Yes, Gaur Limited.

8 Q. Can you describe what that is?

9 A. That was a shell entity that was also created to
10 participate in the food program opening up another site down
11 in Rochester on behalf of Safari.

12 Q. And then beneath this, there's a titled category of Food
13 Program Income. Do you see that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you describe what's underneath that?

16 A. Yes. So I differentiated the, you know, food program
17 money versus income because this, for example, is coming
18 directly from Feeding Our Future, which is supposed to be a
19 food site reimbursement, supposed to be spent on food.

20 But -- so that's why it's in its own category.

21 Q. And at the very bottom, what is the net total of money
22 that came into Salim Said's Said Limited account?

23 A. Over five and a half million dollars.

24 Q. And of that \$5.5 million, how much was comprised of
25 federal child money?

1 A. It was essentially all of it, except for an account
2 opening bonus of \$50 cash deposit interest so --

3 Q. And then was essentially all of it spent on food to feed
4 kids?

5 A. There was nothing on food.

6 Q. And then looking at the uses of that 5.5 million, what
7 do we see?

8 A. So, again, the only account signer and owner of Salim
9 Limited is Salim Said. So you can see \$1.9 million went out
10 on his behalf, and you can see \$890,000 goes to Cosmopolitan
11 Business Properties, not solutions, different entity, and it
12 was to purchase a property.

13 Next one, another entity that was created during
14 the food program by Salim Said and others, Afrikan Village,
15 for a property purchase out in Ohio. You can see out of the
16 Salim Limited account, he also pays his wife \$166,000.

17 Q. Is that in addition to that payment that she received
18 for the St. Cloud Olive Management money?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Beneath that do you see where it says "Assets"?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And then an additional approximately 1.1 million is
23 spent towards assets; is that right?

24 A. Yes, out of the Salim Limited account specifically
25 \$1.1 million was spent on property purchases and vehicle

1 expense.

2 Q. So 47,000 towards a vehicle?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And just to clarify, the over five and a half million
5 dollars that came into Salim Said's account, this is five
6 and a half million dollars that's virtually all federal
7 child nutrition money?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And it's money that came in in a relatively short time
10 period; is that right?

11 A. Right, yes. From August of 2020 to January 20th, that's
12 about a year and a half.

13 MR. EBERT: And then, Your Honor, if acceptable,
14 I'm at sort of a stopping point for a morning break?

15 THE COURT: All right. We can do that. And we
16 will return at 10:45.

17 All rise for the jury.

18 10:26 a.m.

19 **IN OPEN COURT**

20 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

21 THE COURT: All right. We're in recess until
22 10:45.

23 (Recess taken at 10:27 a.m. till 10:49 a.m.)

24 10:49 a.m.

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IN OPEN COURT**(JURY PRESENT)**

1 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

2 And, Mr. Ebert, you may continue.

3 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 BY MR. EBERT:

5 Q. Ms. Roase, we've looked at a series of these X sources
6 and uses charts across a number of entities. Fair?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, in each of them do we also see payments to certain
9 parties that you've categorized at versus points as related
10 parties?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So by way of example, we're looking at Exhibit X9. And
13 can you remind the jury which entity that pertains to?

14 A. Yeah, this is Feeding Our Youth. It was a Stigma-Free,
15 Waite Park site.

16 Q. Now, there are a series of related parties here that at
17 least by their title seem to connote food.

18 A. Right.

19 Q. However, the percentage of deposits spent on food
20 purchases for this entity is approximately what?

21 A. It's zero percent.

22 Q. However, here, do we see 250,000, a quarter million
23 dollars, going to a place called Mimi's Bakery?
24
25

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Why then is this categorized as zero percent of the food
3 money being spent on food?

4 A. Yeah. It's kind of like what I had said a couple days
5 ago when talking about Safari and how they had spent money
6 on Afro Produce and Premium Fresh, which appear to be food
7 related, but they were, you know, Premium Fresh at least was
8 very newly created in October of 2020.

9 And so I needed to see for myself whether it was
10 actually spent on food. So I subpoenaed the bank records of
11 Afro Produce and Premium Fresh. And in this case, I did the
12 same thing with Mimi's Bakery. I subpoenaed those bank
13 records to see what this \$250,000 was for.

14 Q. And what was the \$250,000 for?

15 A. It was definitely not for the food program. It appears
16 as if it was seed money to start up a brand new business,
17 which you can see the filing date is December 10th of 2021,
18 and this is a single check for \$250,000.

19 Q. And in parentheses and italics it says "Filing Date"?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And "filing date" I think is a term we've seen on some
22 of these charts throughout the morning.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. What do you mean by "filing date"?

25 A. Yeah. Again, it's when the company is registered with

1 the Secretary of State of Minnesota.

2 Q. So based on that Secretary of State paperwork, appears
3 to have been created on or about the date you've put there?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Which is what?

6 A. December 10th, 2021.

7 Q. And you testified two days ago about a few other places.
8 I think you mentioned a moment ago Afro Produce; is that
9 right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. As well as another entity called Premium Fresh Produce?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. And are these the entities that we've seen time and time
14 again in this courtroom on invoices?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. With an address on Como Avenue in St. Paul?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And you do not include those as food purchases on these
19 summary charts?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. Why not?

22 A. Again, Afro Produce and Premium Fresh, they are two
23 entities that we actually subpoenaed the company directly to
24 receive invoices related to the Safari group.

25 Their response was not satisfactory. I also then

1 subpoenaed the Afro Produce bank account and the Premium
2 Fresh bank account, and those were also not quite
3 satisfactory.

4 Q. And when you say "satisfactory," to be clear, what do
5 you mean?

6 A. Well, in respect to the invoices, they, they did not
7 match a lot of the invoices that we've seen during this
8 trial, invoices that were seized, you know, at Park Avenue
9 or at the Feeding Our Future.

10 And also the invoices that were provided by Afro
11 Produce and Premium Fresh, those totals did not even come
12 close to the totals that were actually paid out by these
13 sites. It was extremely different, and I just I could not
14 explain it.

15 Q. And among other individuals, have we heard testimony
16 about the accuracy or inaccuracy of some of these invoices?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Including from Sharmake Jama?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Specific to totals and transactions on Afro Produce and
21 Premium Fresh Produce invoices?

22 A. Right, yeah. There was one that he specifically talked
23 about that was thousands and thousands of gallons of milk
24 that he said his restaurant could not hold.

25 Q. And so on this subject of vendors and information that

1 is not accurate on the invoices, I want to direct your
2 attention to Exhibit X51. And this is another summary chart
3 that you prepared; is that right?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. Can you -- and it's a multi-page summary, correct?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. And can you just briefly describe what X51 is for the
8 jury?

9 A. So this is just a culmination of all of the Safari sites
10 that we've been discussing and a couple that we haven't
11 discussed yet, but these are the claims that were all
12 submitted and paid out by MDE.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. And you can see here (indicating) number of meals
15 claimed and paid out by MDE, 14.9 million.

16 Q. Which is just part of this so-called Safari group; is
17 that right?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. And we see listed here a series of names that you've
20 been testifying about, correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And continuing on to the third page, can you describe
23 what we see here?

24 A. So this one is dollar amounts. So the first one that we
25 saw, it was number of meals claimed. This is dollar amounts

1 that were submitted and paid out by MDE. So you can see
2 it's 45.8 million related to just the Safari payments.

3 Q. And there's a lot of data, and it's --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- not easy to read. I'm going to enlarge this a bit.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Can you describe what we see in this enlarged
8 enhancement?

9 A. Yeah. So, so you've enlarged the middle section of the,
10 of the sites. So you've enlarged the ASA Limited, Brava
11 Restaurant, Olive Management and Stigma-Free, Mankato and
12 Willmar.

13 Q. Okay. Now when we started with this exhibit, we were
14 talking about, about vendors and the food program; is that
15 right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And with respect to the entities listed here on the
18 left, ASA Limited, Brava Restaurant, Olive Management, and
19 then Stigma-Free in Mankato, as well as in Willmar, with
20 respect to each of those, who was the vendor for the dollar
21 amounts listed to the right?

22 A. For these amounts, the vendor was Safari Restaurant.

23 Q. And this is for a time period in the summer months of
24 which year?

25 A. This is 2021, June, July and August.

1 Q. Okay. And can you describe that for the jury. Was it
2 significant to this investigation that these dollar amounts
3 that we see here were paid to Safari Restaurant?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How so?

6 A. So what happened was, and I know it is really small, but
7 the first line that was Safari Restaurant, this was their
8 last claim. It's April of 2021 for the Safari Restaurant
9 site.

10 And so when that stopped, then Safari Restaurant
11 became a purported vendor for these five sites that are
12 listed, and it's significant because this is a lot, you
13 know, a lot more food that they purportedly provided when it
14 was just their own site that they had to worry about.

15 Q. And has there been any evidence revealed in the banking
16 activity that they actually supplied quantities of food
17 commensurate to the first month, \$944,000 received by
18 Safari?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Even close?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And then in the next month, what happens to the deposits
23 to Safari as a supposed food vendor for these sites?

24 A. \$2.6 million.

25 Q. Any evidence that that happened?

1 A. No.

2 Q. And what happens in the final month of that summer?

3 A. Safari received \$2 million.

4 Q. So again, this is, what, three and a half, \$4 million
5 all paid by which entity?

6 A. By Feeding Our Future.

7 Q. All consisting of federal child money, correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Paid to which party?

10 A. Paid to Salim Said and Safari Restaurant.

11 Q. And to be clear, not because that entity was acting as a
12 site. Is that your testimony?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. But, rather, acting in what capacity?

15 A. As a vendor.

16 Q. With vended claims that were true and accurate?

17 A. They were not true and accurate.

18 Q. All right. I want to shift gears from the sources and
19 uses tables and direct your attention back to an email
20 message that the jury saw earlier in this trial.

21 And this is Exhibit A78, which is an email message
22 sent by a woman at Feeding Our Future named Norma Acosta
23 Lopez.

24 Do you recall this?

25 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. And this is an email sent on what date?

2 A. It's sent on December 14th, 2021, from Norma to Aimee
3 Bock.

4 Q. And among other things, did Ms. Lopez write Aimee Bock
5 an email that day that began, "They strongly believe you are
6 doing fraud"?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And as an example does she say, "You are prepaying
9 people"?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And, "Having a GoFundMe"?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Does she go on to say, "So many questions they are
14 afraid to ask because no one questions the boss"?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now, we heard testimony from your colleague,
17 Ms. Blackwell, about the GoFundMe; is that right?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. But before that example that Ms. Lopez provides about
20 these strong beliefs that Aimee Bock was doing fraud, she
21 mentions something else; is that right?

22 A. Yes, she mentions prepaying people.

23 Q. Prepaying people. Prepaying, is that something that
24 you've investigated in this case?

25 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. And can you explain to the jury this concept of
2 prepaying and what it means in the context of Feeding Our
3 Future?

4 A. Yeah. So I believe we heard in Emily Honer's testimony
5 from MDE about prepaying and that it is not allowable under
6 the food program.

7 Q. Why not?

8 A. It's a reimbursable program, so basically the sponsor
9 needs to wait until they receive that money from MDE before
10 they can pay it out, but the prepaying is Aimee Bock using
11 funds that were available in the Feeding Our Future account
12 to pay, prepay, these sites.

13 Q. Is that consistent with the purpose of the program?

14 A. It is not.

15 Q. The jury has heard and seen a lot of exhibits that were
16 pulled from that search warrant in January of 2022 at the
17 Feeding Our Future office space; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the very first witness in the trial testified about
20 that search warrant; is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Perhaps the second witness, and including items that
23 were pulled specifically from Aimee Bock's own office; is
24 that right?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. And do we see here a series of some of the photographs
2 taken, Exhibit AA1, which depict parts of Aimee Bock's
3 office; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Including her desk?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Her cabinets, her boxes; is that right?

8 A. Yes, yep.

9 Q. And among the items that agents pulled and found in
10 Aimee Bock's office that day, I want to direct your
11 attention to Exhibit A90.

12 Is this a copy of a file folder that was found in
13 Aimee Bock's office?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. At the very bottom do you see a series of letters and
16 numbers that are describing what the document is?

17 A. Yeah. In the bottom right, it says, "Box 97 prepaid
18 claims."

19 Q. Box 97, is that a box number that was on that box from
20 Aimee Bock or from some other way?

21 A. No. That was how it was labeled when we sent in all the
22 physical documents in to have it scanned.

23 Q. And so as part of that inventory of evidence, that
24 particular box from Aimee Bock's office was designated
25 Box 97?

1 A. Yes. This Box 97, it came from Aimee Bock's office.

2 Q. And within it was a file folder that we see here,
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what was the handwritten name of that file folder?

6 A. It says, "Prepaid claims."

7 Q. "Prepaid" as in the same terminology that we just saw in
8 that email message from Ms. Lopez?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Calls for speculation.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 You may answer.

13 BY MR. EBERT:

14 Q. And within this folder in Aimee Bock's office, were
15 there a series of printed out sheets of paper like the one
16 we see here?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And do many of them have handwriting on them?

19 A. They do. It says, "Prepaid."

20 Q. This one is difficult to read, but can we see throughout
21 these print-offs of various locations?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Followed by a site identification number?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Are these all Feeding Our Future sites?

1 A. They are.

2 Q. And to be clear, when it says, "Prepaid," what does that
3 mean?

4 A. Well, so MDE has not paid out this money yet, but
5 because this -- this is a CenterPilot document, it shows
6 what MDE is going to pay out and what the site is going to
7 receive.

8 And so Aimee Bock prepaid this.

9 Q. Before it's even been approved?

10 A. Exactly.

11 Q. A problem?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How so?

14 A. It's a reimbursable program. This is federal money.
15 There is strict uses on federal money, and prepaying is not
16 an allowable use.

17 Q. And in this particular example, did Aimee Bock's Feeding
18 Our Future prepay over \$266,000?

19 A. Yes, she did, to Olive Management.

20 Q. Which supposedly vended in St. Cloud?

21 A. Yes, in St. Cloud. And this one says it's for the month
22 of November of 2021.

23 Q. Part of the Safari group?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Handwritten in all caps with what?

1 A. That it was prepaid.

2 Q. There are multiple items in this exhibit like the ones
3 we're looking at; is that fair to say?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. In fact, this is, there's 62 pages in here. Do you see
6 that?

7 A. I do see that.

8 Q. And now do we see in all caps another, "Prepaid"
9 documented record from Ms. Bock's office?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. This one is for how much?

12 A. This one is for \$453,000.

13 Q. Paid out to Salim Said's entity?

14 A. Yes, it's for the Safari Restaurant site.

15 Q. Here's another. Do you see where it Shanghai?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Another Feeding Our Future sponsored site?

18 A. Yes. Shanghai was a vendor for Feeding Our Future
19 sites.

20 Q. A prepayment of almost \$360,000?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. We're not going to look at every one, but is it fair to
23 say these continue on and on in this same manner?

24 A. They do.

25 Q. This one on page 15, \$275,000, this one prepaid to which

1 Feeding Our Future site?

2 A. Brava Restaurant down in Rochester.

3 Q. And here's another one for Safari Restaurant; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Page 19, do we see an over \$230,000 additional
7 prepayment?

8 A. 213,000 to ASA Limited.

9 Q. Another Salim Said site?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. That supposedly fed children?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Here's yet another one for ASA Limited again, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This time for over \$275,000?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Brava Restaurant, 278,000?

18 A. Yes, another one.

19 Q. In September of 2021?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Olive Management, correct?

22 A. Yes. Yep, another one. A different one.

23 Q. And each one of these, another one here for Olive
24 Management, these are all in this prepaid claims folder --

25 A. They are.

1 Q. -- correct? Money that went out the door before the
2 claim was even finalized and approved?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And we're going to talk a bit more about evidence of
5 prepayment, but before we do, I want to continue with items
6 that were found in this very box in her office. Okay?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. And this is the one that has been marked Box 97; is that
9 correct?

10 A. I believe so.

11 Q. Marked on the inventory of FBI as Box 97?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. So in addition to this file folder marked Prepaid
14 Claims, did Box 97 in Aimee Bock's office also contain
15 Exhibit A80?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And is Exhibit A80 16 pages of these Feeding Our Future
18 board minutes?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. That the jury has heard about from at least three
21 witnesses?

22 A. Yes, three purported board members of Feeding Our
23 Future.

24 Q. Ben Stayberg?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Mr. Jamie Phelps?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All with dates that purport to be throughout the food
4 program; is that correct?

5 A. Yes, that's right.

6 Q. Or meeting minutes like this one in the summer 2020?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Which Mr. Senkler, Mr. Phelps, among others, have
9 testified they had no idea their names were being used in
10 this way; is that right?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. Throughout 2020?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. As well as we see here on page 15, throughout 2021 at
15 various points. This one supposed board meeting minutes on
16 April 2nd, 2021? Is that what we see?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And just listed beneath these supposed meetings
19 involving these individuals who didn't know they were there,
20 do we see two other names as part of that meeting?

21 A. We do.

22 Q. Who do we see?

23 A. Aimee Bock and Ikram Mohamed.

24 Q. Who was there in her capacity as a supposed adviser to
25 the executive director; is that right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. We're been looking at Exhibit X51 a few minutes ago. Do
3 you recall what that was?

4 A. Yeah. X51, that was the claims for the Safari related
5 sites.

6 Q. Okay. And so on this topic of the prepayments that you
7 are testifying about, I want to enlarge page 4 of this
8 exhibit.

9 And can you describe for the jury what we see
10 enlarged here?

11 A. Yeah. So it's like what we saw before, except for this
12 page, as in the color coding, and -- actually just the green
13 is new, and what that represents is the prepayments that MDE
14 has not yet paid out.

15 These were prepaid to the benefit of the Safari
16 group.

17 Q. And in total in the upper right of this enlarged
18 portion, do you see a dollar figure of about 2.9 million?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And is that the amount that was paid out in these
21 prepayments you are testifying about?

22 A. Approximately, yeah.

23 Q. Okay. Money to Olive Management?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. To Brava Restaurant in Rochester?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. To Salim Limited's ASA Limited?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As well as Salim Limited's Safari Restaurant?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was that significant to the investigation to see those
7 prepaid dollar figures in that way?

8 A. Yes, it was.

9 Q. How so?

10 A. That folder that was marked "Prepaid," that was over
11 \$5.3 million in prepayments that was not supposed to be paid
12 out, period, because they were not approved yet.

13 And of that 5.3 million, you could see almost 3
14 million of that was to the Safari group alone.

15 Q. And who paid all of that money out?

16 A. It was Aimee Bock.

17 Q. Now, the jury has seen today and previously text
18 messages between Salim Said and Aimee Bock; is that right?

19 A. Yes, that's right.

20 Q. On the left do we see additional text communications
21 between those two individuals?

22 A. Yes, we do.

23 Q. Contained in Exhibit BB30e?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And in this particular text exchange, do you see a

1 message written on the bottom, which we're going to enlarge
2 in a moment?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And is that a message sent by Aimee Bock?

5 A. It was.

6 Q. And to be clear, she's sending this to which party?

7 A. To Salim Said.

8 Q. Okay. And what is the date of her text message to Salim
9 Said?

10 A. This is January 19th of 2022.

11 Q. What does she say?

12 A. This first paragraph says, "I don't know why you are mad
13 at FOF. I have been telling you that the sites were denied
14 by MDE. I have been prepaying you as a favor to be nice
15 when I am able to."

16 Q. Prepayment --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- allowed under the program?

19 A. Not allowed.

20 Q. Does she go on to write more to Salim Said?

21 A. She does.

22 Q. What does she say?

23 A. "I don't have the money to prepay you today, and since
24 you guys have been getting angry when I say not today, it
25 made it seem like it is better if you stop until the

1 application is approved. For almost two years I have
2 prepaid you when I can. You want me to write you a bad
3 check?"

4 Q. She goes on to say more to Mr. Salim Said; is that
5 correct?

6 A. She does.

7 Q. What else does she say?

8 A. "To be honest I'm tired of helping people with money and
9 doing appeals to get sites approved. Then in return I get
10 attacked, my coworkers get attacked, and my company gets
11 attacked. No one seemed willing to recognize the lies being
12 told and defend us.

13 "Your guy gets told not today, and the response
14 is, you're going to transfer? Whatever. I've gone above
15 and beyond for your sites, fighting for approvals and
16 prepaying so you doesn't have to worry about money. But you
17 believe another sponsor will treat you better, by all means
18 go."

19 Q. "Prepaying so you didn't have to worry about money"; is
20 that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. In the context of this investigation, can you describe
23 for the jury what significance, if any, attaches to that?

24 A. I guess I'm not sure what you mean.

25 Q. Well, "You didn't have to worry about money." Do you

1 see those words?

2 A. Sure. Yes.

3 Q. You've testified at length about banking activity
4 revealed in the investigation?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. We've looked at Mr. Salim Said's Salim Limited bank
7 account?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. We've looked at his ASA Limited bank account?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Have we looked at other bank accounts involving Salim
12 Said?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Cosmopolitan?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How would you describe the balances of Salim Said's bank
17 accounts?

18 A. Well, they're usually really high, until they spend it
19 on properties --

20 Q. Did it seem --

21 A. -- or vehicles.

22 Q. -- like money was a worry for him?

23 A. It was not.

24 Q. Who was the person supplying him with all these
25 prepayments?

1 A. Aimee Bock.

2 Q. So that he didn't have to worry?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Now this text message you said was on January 19th, 2020
5 {sic}?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And Salim responded, is that correct, Mr. Salim Said?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. It says, "WTF. I'm not mad at FOF"?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And then he writes, "What's wrong?"

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And at least on this string, was there a response from
14 Aimee Bock?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Remind the jury what happened the very next day.

17 A. The investigation went overt.

18 Q. Search warrants were executed?

19 A. Search warrants were executed.

20 Q. Bank accounts were frozen?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. I want to shift gears and direct your attention to
23 another demonstrative exhibit.

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. And before I do so, I want to direct your attention to

1 an area of Minneapolis known as the Lake Street area or Lake
2 Street.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. In this investigation has there been a focus with
5 respect to the food program on Lake Street?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Why?

8 A. In reviewing the site applications, we noticed there
9 were a lot of Lake Street addresses, and so we focused on
10 that. And we looked at the amount of money that was being
11 paid out and being claimed for those sites on that street or
12 around that street.

13 Q. And I'm showing you Demonstrative Exhibit X71. Are
14 these red items along Lake Street?

15 A. Yes, they are.

16 Q. And there's one that's yellow. What is that?

17 A. That one is Safari Restaurant.

18 Q. And does each of these markers on here denote a Feeding
19 Our Future food site?

20 A. Yes, they do.

21 Q. And so this is an area that runs perpendicular to
22 downtown Minneapolis; fair to say?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. Just south of where we see and stand here at
25 this moment; is that correct?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. And is Exhibit X70, page 2, an overhead view similar to
3 what we just looked at a moment ago?

4 A. Yes, it is.

5 Q. And at the very bottom there's a red line. Do you see
6 that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What is that?

9 A. That denotes the distance between the red bars is only
10 1.8 miles.

11 Q. And is the 1.8-mile area highlighted there in red, is
12 that the area along Lake Street in which there was that
13 cluster of Feeding Our Future food sites?

14 A. Yes, it is.

15 Q. So moving on to page 3, can you describe what we see in
16 this zoomed in overhead view of that 1.8-mile stretch along
17 Lake Street in Minneapolis?

18 A. Yeah. So during the period in question, there were 21
19 Feeding Our Future sites along this 1.8 miles on Lake
20 Street.

21 Q. And in the upper right, those are listed out; is that
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then each of the 21 has a number assigned to it in
25 this summary, correct?

1 A. Yeah, the numerical 11 through 21.

2 Q. And then its respective address in or near Lake Street
3 is in that right-hand column under "Location"?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. Now, we see the fourth page. And can you describe
6 what's on the screen?

7 A. So this page shows the claims for April 2020, yeah, the
8 claims for these sites on Lake Street for just that one
9 month.

10 Q. Okay. And so April 2020 the jury will recall is when in
11 relation to the operations of the federal child food
12 program?

13 A. That's the very start when Safari and other for-profit
14 restaurants became their own sites.

15 Q. And so at the very beginning in April of 2020, along
16 this Lake Street stretch, how many total meals were claimed
17 by Safari Restaurant?

18 A. By Safari Restaurant, 30,644.

19 Q. And combined with three other Feeding Our Future sites,
20 how many total Feeding Our Future meals were claimed along
21 Lake Street in April of 2020?

22 A. 40,971.

23 Q. And just to the right of that, do we see a dollar figure
24 that corresponds to those April meal claims?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What is it?

2 A. Those are the payments MDE made to Feeding Our Future
3 based on those meals claimed.

4 Q. For \$94,155?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What happened to the meal claim amounts and the dollar
7 amounts after April 2020?

8 A. It went up.

9 Q. Moving along a few months, now do we see on page 5 of
10 Exhibit X70, Lake Street, that 1.8-mile stretch in October
11 of 2020?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And there's a red dot pointing out where Safari
14 Restaurant is located; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And what is the red dot next to it?

17 A. S & S Catering.

18 Q. Remind the jury what that is.

19 A. We heard from are Qamar Hassan that that is another
20 Feeding Our Future site that served suppers and snacks
21 because she said she was told by Aimee Bock that Safari
22 Restaurant was already serving breakfast and lunch around
23 the corner.

24 Q. Just right around the corner from Safari Restaurant?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Which itself was supposedly serving at various points,
2 what, four, five, even six thousand supposed meals every
3 day?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Above and beyond whatever S & S was claiming?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Now there are additional red dots that appear in
8 October. Why is that?

9 A. So we've got new sites that have popped up now. Those
10 are also purported food distribution sites under the
11 sponsorship of Feeding Our Future.

12 Q. And so looking at the bottom line of the box for meals
13 claimed, now how many meals were claimed that were
14 supposedly fed to kids along this 1.8-mile stretch on Lake
15 Street?

16 A. 582,000.

17 Q. And then what is the amount of money that corresponded
18 to those supposed meal claims?

19 A. MDE paid to Feeding Our Future \$1.7 million.

20 Q. Moving forward in time to January 2021, what do we see
21 here?

22 A. So we see more sites pop up, and the meals claimed keep
23 getting bigger.

24 Q. So, for example, Number 1, Safari Restaurant, how many
25 meals did Safari Restaurant claim in just the month of

1 January 2021?

2 A. 371,878.

3 Q. And how much money did Safari Restaurant receive in just
4 that one month?

5 A. 1.2 million.

6 Q. And just around the corner, S & S Catering at 307 East
7 Lake Street, how many meals did S & S Catering claim?

8 A. 155,000.

9 Q. Receiving \$406,000?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And then there's a third item below S & S. What
12 is that?

13 A. Academy for Youth Excellence, Qamar Hassan had testified
14 that that was run by Sahra Nur, who was just upstairs from
15 her, and you can see that she has started claiming meals as
16 well.

17 Q. All Feeding Our Future?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And to be clear, lines 2 and 3, S & S Catering and
20 Academy for Youth Excellence, those are operating in the
21 upstairs supposedly and the downstairs supposedly of the
22 very same building?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. At the very bottom, how many meals were claimed along
25 this 1.8-mile Lake Street stretch for Feeding Our Future

1 sites in January of 2021?

2 A. Over 831,000 meals.

3 Q. And how much did Feeding Our Future pay out to these
4 sites that we see on the map?

5 A. Well, Feeding Our Future received 2.4 million from MDE.

6 Q. Moving on to the very next month, February of 2021?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What's happened to the number of sites?

9 A. It's grown yet again.

10 Q. And we still see Safari that's listed there in the large
11 red circle; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And just to the right of it and up above, do you see
14 another large red circle that now appears?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What is that?

17 A. Now we see Feeding Our Future, Taylor, I think it's on
18 Columbus Avenue that, we've heard about.

19 Q. Feeding Our Future, Taylor, just to remind the jury, is
20 that what is depicted in this photo P76e?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. With the graffiti on the side?

23 A. Yes, this is one site that we had conducted surveillance
24 on.

25 Q. Okay. And as of February 2021, it now appears as one of

1 the Feeding Our Future sites in this vicinity of Lake Street
2 that we're talking about?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. And so returning back to that map, we now see Feeding
5 Our Future, Taylor appearing.

6 In the month of, in the month of January -- in the
7 month of February, rather, what is the total amount of meals
8 claimed by Feeding Our Future sites along Lake Street?

9 A. Over 1.2 million.

10 Q. And has the amount of money received by Feeding Our
11 Future increased?

12 A. Yes. It's now 3.4 million.

13 Q. The following month?

14 A. In March, yes, the numbers keep growing.

15 Q. Now is it 1.7 million meals that are being claimed in
16 just this 1.8-mile stretch along Lake Street?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And to the right of that figure, how much did Feeding
19 Our Future receive from MDE for just these sites in this
20 area alone?

21 A. Four and a half million dollars for just the month of
22 March.

23 Q. The following month, April?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Once again, are 1.7 million meals claimed in this

1 stretch?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How much money?

4 A. 4.6 million.

5 Q. Now, this figure we see here, 1.7 million meals, based
6 on your review of the claims data, can you put that month
7 alone in context for the jury for how many meals were
8 claimed along Lake Street?

9 A. Yeah. So just these sites alone is purportedly serving
10 59,000 meals every single day in this 1.8-mile stretch.

11 Q. Is feeding how many?

12 A. It's 59,000 meals. So if each child is purportedly
13 getting two meals, yeah, like 30,000 kids.

14 Q. So if 59,000 meals are being served along this stretch
15 in Minneapolis, this 1.8-mile stretch, I want to return back
16 to this item, which is Exhibit LL2.

17 And are these the real school enrollment records
18 of various Minnesota schools?

19 A. These are.

20 Q. And do we see that Minneapolis during this time period
21 had a total enrollment of 33,000 children?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And to be clear, along this 1.8-mile stretch on Lake
24 Street, Feeding Our Future was claiming in just the month of
25 April alone to serve 59,000 meals; is that right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Whereas the entire City of Minneapolis Public School has
3 just 33,000 children citywide?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Significant to the investigation?

6 A. Very significant.

7 Q. Why was it very significant?

8 A. It appears that Feeding Our Future is feeding all of the
9 Minneapolis Public School kids in just that 1.8-mile
10 stretch.

11 Q. When you say, "It appears that they were," were they
12 based on the investigation?

13 A. They were not.

14 Q. Even close?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Now looking at the final page of Exhibit X70, what do we
17 see here?

18 A. So now this is a total of all the meals and dollar
19 amounts claimed between April 2020 and November of 2021 for
20 this 1.8-mile stretch along Lake Street.

21 Q. And what are those figures?

22 A. So the total meals claimed by just Feeding Our Future
23 sites, 12.8 million meals, and Feeding Our Future received
24 \$34.3 million from MDE.

25 Q. I want to shift gears, Ms. Roase, and direct your

1 attention to the individuals we see on the screen. And can
2 you describe who they are?

3 Ms. Bock obviously on the left, but who is on the
4 right?

5 A. Right. So these were her, the Feeding Our Future
6 employees. Abdikerm Eidleh top left. Top right is Hadith
7 Ahmed, and then on the bottom is Ikram Mohamed.

8 Q. And the jury has heard testimony and seen evidence about
9 money that these individuals received. Is that a fair
10 summary?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Exhibit BB32h, are these a series of text messages
13 between Aimee Bock and Ikram Mohamed, the woman we just saw
14 on the previous screen?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And can you describe what we see in this text exchange.
17 I'll enlarge it.

18 A. So Aimee Bock is asking Ikram, "Who do you want your
19 checks written to," and Ikram responds, "Star Distribution."

20 Q. And this was sent on what date?

21 A. August 13th, 2021.

22 Q. And Star Distribution, can you describe what that is for
23 the jury?

24 A. Star Distribution was a purported vendor that was
25 started and created during the pandemic and is owned by

1 Ikram Mohamed's brother.

2 Q. On the left do we see a picture?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is it?

5 A. That is Arcade Business Center. We heard testimony from
6 Cerresso Fort about SIR Boxing.

7 Q. Where he had his gym in the area to the right, correct?

8 A. Yeah. And I believe he said in the basement underneath
9 the bait shop.

10 Q. And to the right, do we see a portion of Exhibit P10?

11 A. We do.

12 Q. What is that?

13 A. This is, this is an invoice from Star Distribution
14 billing Feeding Our Future for the Arcade site.

15 Q. For where Cerresso Fort had his boxing gym?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. This is the same Star Distribution that you just
18 testified a moment ago about involving Ikram Mohamed?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And how much did Star Distribution bill the Federal
21 Child Nutrition Program for the month of October 2021 alone?

22 A. \$249,000.

23 Q. All for supposed food to kids purportedly served at the
24 place we see on the left?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now, the individuals next to Aimee Bock, has the
2 investigation revealed that they were employed or contracted
3 in some way with Feeding Our Future?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And as a result, did they receive money?

6 A. They did, from various sources.

7 Q. And was that significant to the investigation, that they
8 were receiving money from various sources?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. On the right is this a summary you've created in X39?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. What is X39?

13 A. So it shows in total how much money each of these
14 individuals of the four received.

15 Q. Okay. And so at the top, how much money came into Aimee
16 Bock's Feeding Our Future account?

17 A. \$240.5 million of that is related to just the food
18 program.

19 Q. And beneath that do we see lines or rows that correspond
20 to the three individuals to Aimee Bock's right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you describe those?

23 A. So Ikram Mohamed received approximately \$12.3 million in
24 food program money; Abdikerm Eidleh, about \$5.1 million; and
25 Hadith Ahmed, one and a half million.

1 Q. So moving on to the next page, rather, page 4, is this
2 specific to Abdikerm Eidleh?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. And in total he received 5.1 million; is that right?

5 A. Yes, that's right.

6 Q. All federal child nutrition money?

7 A. They are, and they all originated from Feeding Our
8 Future.

9 Q. And that came to him in various ways; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Through these entities?

12 A. Yes. We've heard testimony about his four entities here
13 (indicating), and the amount of money that he received from
14 food program participants is, is this first column right
15 here (indicating), and it's \$3.6 million.

16 He had a little bit deposited into his personal
17 account, too, but he received about 3.6 million.

18 From Feeding Our Future, Hope Suppliers received
19 \$835,000 when he was a purported vendor for a couple Feeding
20 Our Future sites.

21 Q. And so that would have been paid out by the Bank of
22 America account for Feeding Our Future?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who was the lone signatory who paid Eidleh's Hope
25 Suppliers \$835,000?

1 A. Aimee Bock.

2 Q. Okay. Did he receive additional money from Feeding Our
3 Future?

4 A. He did. His salary to himself. Feeding Our Future paid
5 him a salary as well.

6 Q. So he was paid a six-figure salary as an employee for
7 Feeding Our Future; is that right?

8 A. That's the net deposits. So over the period of time
9 during the, I'll say, April 3rd of 2020 to January 20th, he
10 had deposited \$126,000.

11 Q. In addition to being paid by Aimee Bock for being a
12 supposed food vendor?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So he got \$962,000 from Feeding Our Future; is that
15 right?

16 A. Directly, yes.

17 Q. But that was not the only source of money he got; is
18 that correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And I'm going to just enlarge this a little bit better.

21 Okay. Please continue. Feeding Our Future was
22 not the only payer of funds to him?

23 A. Yes. So we've heard testimony about Southwest Metro
24 Youth being an entity and a site run by Hadith Ahmed, the
25 other employee. And so Southwest Metro Youth, after

1 receiving that Feeding Our Future money for his site, he
2 then paid Eidleh \$932,000.

3 Q. And then to the right do we see Mizal Consulting?

4 A. To the right, yeah, so then after receiving that money
5 from Hadith, he then pays Hadith's Mizal Consulting 155,000,
6 and he pays Hadith personally another 168,000.

7 Q. So all of these payments, including 962,000 from Feeding
8 Our Future itself, result in just over \$5.1 million paid to
9 Abdikerm Eidleh?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. From April 2020 until early 2022?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Moving on to the fifth page, is this a summary of money
14 paid to Hadith Ahmed?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. And is the time frame June 30th, 2020, through
17 January 20th, 2022?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And can you describe what we see enlarged on the screen?

20 A. Yes. So again, we've got Hadith's Southwest Metro Youth
21 entity here that purportedly ran a site and received
22 \$1.1 million from Feeding Our Future for that site.

23 The next column, the food program participants, so
24 again we see payments from Feeding Our Future participants
25 paying his shell entity Mizal Consulting and him personally

1 for a total of 888,000.

2 He was also on the Feeding Our Future payroll and
3 received \$124,000. And the last column, again that's
4 Eidleh's entities, and so as I previously said, Southwest
5 Metro Youth paid Eidleh \$930,000. So that's subtracted
6 here.

7 Q. And all of that combines to how much money to Mr. Hadith
8 Ahmed?

9 A. Over 1.5 million.

10 Q. And finally Ikram Mohamed?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. From February 16th, 2021, through the date we see listed
13 there, how much federal child nutrition money did she
14 receive?

15 A. She and her family received over \$12 million.

16 Q. Can you explain the sources of that money?

17 A. So Ikram Mohamed had family members that, that ran a
18 number of food distribution sites, and Feeding Our Future
19 paid out \$11.5 million for those sites.

20 Those sites then in return paid Ikram Mohamed that
21 much, over \$552,000, into the IM Consultation and to her
22 personally.

23 Then we see in the third column there the Feeding
24 Our Future payroll. She was also receiving Feeding Our
25 Future money directly.

1 Q. All totaling about 12.3 million?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So 12.3 million to a woman who provided work for Feeding
4 Our Future; is that right?

5 A. Purportedly.

6 Q. What did you say?

7 A. Purportedly.

8 Q. Ikram Mohamed?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. An additional between one and two million for another
11 Feeding Our Future employee named Hadith Ahmed?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Over \$5 million to another Feeding Our Future employee,
14 Abdikerm Eidleh?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. All told, about between 15 and 20 million that were paid
17 to these Feeding Our Future personnel?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is that significant?

20 A. Very significant.

21 Q. Why was it very significant?

22 A. Well, I mean, they're getting paid by both Feeding Our
23 Future as an employee, and yet they are also participating
24 in the food program as a site, receiving what appears to be,
25 you know, kickbacks. So, yes, very significant.

1 Q. And so is it correct that this is a federal
2 reimbursement program?

3 A. Right, yes.

4 Q. That is supposed to reimburse for food that was actually
5 paid to actually feed children?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And instead upwards of \$20 million went to these three
8 Feeding Our Future workers alone?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. And who was their boss?

11 A. Aimee Bock.

12 Q. All right. I want to shift gears and direct your
13 attention to the search warrant that was done at Aimee
14 Bock's home on January 20th, 2022.

15 And do we see here Exhibit BB1?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are these a series of photos that were taken when that
18 search warrant was conducted at her home in Rosemount,
19 Minnesota?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And directing your attention to page 8 of Exhibit BB1,
22 can you describe what's depicted in this photo?

23 A. Yeah. This is a picture of her, of Aimee Bock's bedroom
24 and I believe this is her side of the bed. You see a, I
25 think that's a Gucci purse down there, and you see, you

1 know, a laptop right over here (indicating).

2 Q. And so directing your attention to an enlarged photo of
3 the view next to her bed, is that that same laptop?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. An HP laptop?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And as part of the investigation did investigators
8 review the context -- the contents, rather, of Aimee Bock's
9 laptop?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That was sitting right next to her spot in her bedroom?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. I'm showing you what has been marked, but not admitted,
14 as Exhibit s BB53a, b and c. And you've reviewed those
15 before?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And are those spreadsheet items that were recovered from
18 Aimee Bock's laptop in her bedroom?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the
21 government offers Exhibits BB53a, BB53b, and BB53c.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: Those exhibits are admitted.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. All right. I'm showing you portions of these items.
3 And the very first one that we see is BB53a; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And can you explain -- and we're going to look at a
7 series of two or three of these similar type files; is that
8 right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Can you explain to the jury first what types of files
11 these are?

12 A. This appears to be a tracking log of all the payments
13 that Aimee Bock made out of the Feeding Our Future account.

14 Q. And what type of document is it? Is it a Microsoft
15 Word? What is it?

16 A. Yes -- no. It's a Microsoft Excel document or workbook.

17 Q. In this case we've heard talk I believe of spreadsheets?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. For those who aren't familiar, are these series of items
20 we're going to look at Microsoft Excel spreadsheets?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What's a spreadsheet?

23 A. It's a -- I think Josh Parks explained it better. It's
24 a program where you can enter in data, basically.

25 Q. And when investigators came upon these series of Excel

1 spreadsheets on Aimee Bock's laptop --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. -- did they encounter this window?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is this?

6 A. So that means when you double click on the Excel
7 workbook, this is password-protected. And so you need to
8 enter in a password in order to access it, access the
9 contents.

10 Q. And were investigators able to locate that password?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were they able to enter it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And to access her spreadsheets on her bedroom laptop?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What do we see beneath that password box?

17 A. So the password that we determined to open up this sheet
18 is 1729CCBOCK\$.

19 Q. BOCK\$?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then investigators were able to access the contents?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And upon entry of that password, do we see pages and
24 pages of information like this on the screen?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And some of this information predates the pandemic; is
2 that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So, for example, looking here at page 6 -- and we'll
5 enlarge this in a moment -- at the very bottom, are there a
6 series of tabs there?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Each with a different date?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. February 21st, 2020; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Moving forward, another one March 20th, 2020?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then in this spreadsheet of Aimee Bock's, are there
15 a series of site ID numbers?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And then in the next column, is there a site name --

18 A. There is.

19 Q. -- column header?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Followed by their respective names of those sites?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And then to the right, do we start to see a series of
24 dollar figures?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What are those?

2 A. So the tabs on the bottom, they correspond to the
3 approved payments by MDE. So the one that we're on right
4 now, it was approved May 1st of 2020, and this, and there's
5 usually a delay of about a week. So the funds don't
6 actually get deposited into Feeding Our Future's account
7 until this one, for example, May 7th of 2020.

8 What the, what these other columns mean is, column
9 C, that's the total reimbursed by MDE, paid to Feeding Our
10 Future.

11 This column (indicating) that's all highlighted in
12 green, those are the payments that are to be made to the
13 sites.

14 And the column after that is the admin fee that
15 Feeding Our Future gets to keep.

16 Q. And then these are all being logged in Aimee Bock's
17 spreadsheet on her computer; is that right?

18 A. Yes, that's right.

19 Q. Total at the bottom, do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Almost down to the penny?

22 A. Right, yes.

23 Q. And as we move forward in time, now page 7, and we'll
24 enlarge this.

25 Now do we start to see entries involving the

1 Federal Child Nutrition Program at issue in this trial?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Specifically, Safari Restaurant; is that right?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. With a \$70,000 approximate total claim; is that right?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. And at the very bottom, again, there's a series of tabs;
8 is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In other words, are each of those sort of a separate
11 visual of the portion of the spreadsheet?

12 A. They are.

13 Q. And this one is for May 8th of 2020?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Beneath that, beneath Safari, do we see an entry for
16 Sambusa King?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. One of Mr. Abdulkadir Awale's sites?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you recall he testified about his early handful of
21 days in the child nutrition program?

22 A. He said he -- Sambusa King, he did it for three or
23 four days and then he stopped because it was too difficult.

24 Q. And here we see a small entry for him of just over
25 \$1,100?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now as these entries continue in this spreadsheet on
3 Aimee Bock's computer, what happens to the dollar amounts
4 over time?

5 A. The dollar amounts, they get larger and more sites are
6 added as well.

7 Q. So more sites.

8 A. More sites.

9 Q. More money?

10 A. More money.

11 Q. And then as part of this, is she tracking the portion
12 that goes to Feeding Our Future itself?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What happens to Feeding Our Future's portion of the
15 money over time on these spreadsheets?

16 A. The admin fee for Feeding Our Future keeps going up.

17 Q. Now we're looking at Exhibit BB53b. And is this another
18 of these spreadsheets that were password-protected on her
19 bedroom laptop?

20 A. Yes, it is. This one is for fiscal year '21. The other
21 one we were looking at was for fiscal year '20.

22 Q. Okay. And so if we enlarge page 3, do we see yet more
23 tracking of Feeding Our Future sites during the pandemic?

24 A. Yes, we do.

25 Q. Including entries for parties like Safari?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And just above it S & S Catering?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And now I want to direct your attention to the right as
5 we look at Safari. In this tab, which is October 23rd,
6 2020, how much is entered there for Safari Restaurant?

7 A. \$854,000.

8 Q. Meaning that Feeding Our Future got a cut of what, just
9 over \$66,000?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And then to the right, there's a column that says
12 "Notes." Do you see that?

13 A. Yes, I do.

14 Q. Now this column that says Notes, is that a recurring
15 entry that you see throughout these password-protected
16 spreadsheets?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And in this particular line item, what is put in the
19 notes for Safari Restaurant?

20 A. It says SFSP-, I think, 11.2, 11.3, equals 200K; 11.4
21 equals \$169,069.99.

22 Q. So that division of 200K with respect to Safari
23 Restaurant, have we seen additional evidence about that
24 breakdown of funds?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Showing you Exhibit B13, which the jury has seen
2 previously, is this an email message from Abdikerm Eidleh?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. And did he send this on October 29th, 2020?

5 A. He did.

6 Q. Close in time to the line entry we just looked at on her
7 password-protected file; is that right?

8 A. That's right.

9 Q. And she sent that to two individuals or he, rather, sent
10 that to two individuals; is that right?

11 A. He did.

12 Q. The two defendants in this trial, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what's the subject of Abdikerm Eidleh's email
15 message?

16 A. Safari Direct Deposit Accounts.

17 Q. And did he go on to say, "Hello, Aimee. Here is the
18 instructions you are waiting from Safari"?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what did he say about the 200K?

21 A. 200K goes into each of the three accounts. The rest of
22 it will go into the Cosmopolitan account.

23 Q. And does that corresponds almost to the word to the
24 notes in Aimee Bock's spreadsheet?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And then attached to Mr. Eidleh's message to Aimee Bock
2 and Salim Said, are there a series of voided checks?

3 A. There are.

4 Q. For how that 850 some thousand dollar payment should be
5 divvied up?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Including to Cosmopolitan?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. In other words, the Safari Restaurant?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. As well as to Salim Limited; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So returning back to the spreadsheet we were looking at,
14 BB53b, these continue on with multiple line entries from
15 multiple days. Is that a fair summary?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And this particular one, which is a date November 6,
18 2020, do you see where that tab is opened?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And do we see a series of payments for entities we've
21 heard about throughout this trial?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Including Lido Restaurant?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. And can you remind the jury where Lido Restaurant was

1 located?

2 A. Lido Restaurant is in Faribault.

3 Q. And did we hear a witness testify about Lido Restaurant?

4 A. Yes, we did. We heard two, husband and wife, Lul Ali
5 and Mohamed Hussein.

6 Q. And is this tracking for that one day alone amount of
7 money paid to Lul Ali's site in Faribault?

8 A. Yeah, in October of 2020, it's \$201,000.

9 Q. And this shows the portion that got paid to that site;
10 is that right?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. As well as the portion kept as an admin fee by Aimee
13 Bock's Feeding Our Future?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. A couple lines down, additional one we've heard of,
16 S & S Catering; is that right?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. And now at this point in time, do we see multi million
19 totals that are being deposited into the or being paid out
20 to the Feeding Our Future sites?

21 A. We do.

22 Q. How much?

23 A. Well, MDE pays Feeding Our Future \$3.7 million; and
24 according to Aimee Bock's spreadsheet, Feeding Our Future
25 will pay out \$3.4 million to the site.

1 Q. And the degree of tracking that is reflected, does this
2 occur page after page line after line?

3 A. It does.

4 Q. Now going forward to a tab that at the bottom says
5 November 27th, 2020, do we see additional line entries for
6 other food sites we've heard about throughout this trial?

7 A. We do.

8 Q. Including Salim Said's ASA Limited?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Receiving \$706,000?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Feeding Our Future receiving 54,000 of that?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Brava Cafe, Hanna Marekegn's site; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. On this day alone receiving how much?

17 A. You mean -- well, I mean, if you mean how much MDE paid
18 out it was 895,000.

19 Q. And what was Feeding Our Future's fee that they
20 received?

21 A. \$69,000.

22 Q. Brava Restaurant down in Rochester, 595,000?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Additional money, almost 50,000 from that going to
25 Feeding Our Future?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. All tallied and totaled at the bottom; is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Line after line?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And these continue on. We see the entries like this
7 one, page 10, more money that's paid out to Safari; is that
8 right?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. \$1.1 million?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. All detailing the particular cut of these funds that go
13 to Feeding Our Future?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. We also see throughout these spreadsheets references to
16 other Safari group entities, like Olive Management?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. We also see payments to an entity called Singletree?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And can you remind the jury what that is?

21 A. Singletree was Hadith Ahmed's site.

22 Q. Directing your attention to page 27 of this same
23 exhibit, and we'll enlarge the bottom here. Do we see
24 additional references in these password-protected
25 spreadsheets from Aimee Bock's laptop?

1 A. We do.

2 Q. Related to Stigma-Free?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Stigma-Free, St. Cloud; is that right?

5 A. If you are referring to the column towards the end, it's
6 the one right underneath that, the Mankato.

7 Q. Do you see the one that's highlighted that says
8 Stigma-Free, St. Cloud?

9 A. Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.

10 Q. And then beneath that, do we see entries for
11 Stigma-Free, Mankato?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Stigma-Free, Waite Park?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Stigma-Free, Willmar?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Now, with respect to those, as well as Olive Management
18 a couple rows up, in that Notes category --

19 A. Yep.

20 Q. -- on Aimee Bock's spreadsheet, what is listed as the
21 recipient of that money?

22 A. It's Safari.

23 Q. Salim Said's entity?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now I've gone forward to page 34. I'm landing on

1 page 34. Do you see yellow highlighting?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. All right. Is that from you?

4 A. It is not.

5 Q. Is that from me?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did that appear as it was in the spreadsheet when
8 investigators found it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that happens to be Star Distribution that was
11 highlighted; is that right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Ikram Mohamed's related -- supposed food vendor?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. This tab, which at the bottom is dated in September of
16 2020, do we see additional line entries on these
17 password-protected spreadsheets?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. ASA Limited?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then who is listed in the Notes as the party who was
22 paid?

23 A. Cosmopolitan.

24 Q. Safari Restaurant, in other words?

25 A. It's Safari Restaurant.

1 Q. Now we've heard evidence on several occasions about this
2 site in St. Paul, Arcade. Does that appear here as well?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And are there repeated instances where entities like
5 Olive Management and additional entries for these Stigma
6 parties show a corresponding paid amount to Safari or
7 Cosmopolitan?

8 A. As the vendor, yes.

9 Q. I want to direct your attention to page 31. Going back
10 to Cerresso Fort's gym in St. Paul, SIR Boxing, for this
11 particular entry on the spreadsheets, August 6, 2021, do you
12 see where there's a payment amount corresponding to the SIR
13 Boxing Club of over a half million dollars?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. According to Aimee Bock's password-protected
16 spreadsheet, who received that money?

17 A. Cosmopolitan Business Solutions.

18 Q. Salim Said's entity?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Significant to the investigation?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Why?

23 A. That site has nothing to do with Safari Restaurant, so
24 it's unclear as to why Safari received that money.

25 Q. Yet, half a million dollars was paid?

1 A. Yes, for a purported July 2021 claim.

2 Q. On the left we see Mr. Salim Said in Y3; is that
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. On the right, is that Exhibit X38?

6 A. It is.

7 Q. What is Exhibit X38?

8 A. So each of the Safari defendants that we've talked about
9 are listed here, and this is very similar to the X39 that we
10 saw with Aimee Bock and Feeding Our Future employees.

11 This is just for the Safari group and how much
12 money they each received.

13 Q. And are these listed in order?

14 A. Not necessarily in any order.

15 Q. Well, in terms of the amount received amongst these
16 Safari defendants, who received the most money?

17 A. Salim Said did.

18 Q. How much?

19 A. 5.9 million.

20 Q. And that was just from May 18th, 2020, until
21 January 20th of 2022 that he received almost \$6 million?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Showing you Exhibit X38a, can you explain what this is?

24 A. Sure. So this is a detailed version of that 5.9 million
25 to see the breakout of where the money is coming from and

1 where it goes.

2 So you can see I've got -- I want to draw -- Salim
3 Said's entities or his, you know, personal accounts is up
4 here (indicating), and where he receives the money is over
5 on this side (indicating).

6 So you can see the largest is from Safari
7 Restaurant going into Salim Limited. And so we just look,
8 you know, just at the Salim Limited, you can see
9 \$5.5 million is deposited into that account.

10 And it's from, again, Safari Restaurant, Olive
11 Management. That was a site. ASA Limited was a site.
12 Feeding Our Future, again we saw that the, this is supposed
13 to be, you know, food reimbursement, but it's going to Salim
14 Limited directly.

15 Horseed was a site. Feeding Our Youth was a site.
16 Tunyar was a site. 1130 Holdings also, that's Abdihakim
17 Ahmed in the ASA Limited, and you can see Brava Restaurant,
18 also a site, all paying Salim Said.

19 Q. And on the subject of payments to the Safari group, back
20 on one of those Excel spreadsheets, was there a reference to
21 a payment to an entity called Shamsia Hope University?

22 A. X51, yes.

23 Q. And are there notes that indicate where that money went
24 to?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Can you describe that for the jury?

2 A. So the payments that were made to an entity called or
3 actually a site named Shamsia Hopes University was not
4 actually to Shamsia Hopes. Shamsia Hopes had operated, you
5 know, was operating other sites.

6 But that one in particular, that money did not go
7 to Shamsia Hopes. It went to Stigma-Free, I believe.

8 Q. And was that tracked on one of the password-protected
9 laptop spreadsheets?

10 A. Yes, in part, yes.

11 Q. And according to the notes on that spreadsheet, the
12 money billed under the name of Shamsia Hope University
13 instead went to which recipient?

14 A. Well, the note says Bet on Better Future, which is,
15 again, is a Safari group entity. However, the money did not
16 go in there. It went into Stigma.

17 Q. And in fact is another Stigma entity as part of this
18 case one that's been known as Stigma-Free, St. Paul?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And is Stigma-Free, St. Paul shown here or reflected
21 here in Exhibit K3?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Being sent paperwork in support of claims directly to
24 Defendant Salim Said?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And did Stigma-Free, St. Paul use the same University
2 Avenue address in St. Paul as the Shamsia Hopes site you
3 just mentioned?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. But according to the spreadsheets, the billing to the
6 program under the name of Shamsia site -- Shamsia Hopes site
7 University, instead landed in which account?

8 A. Into the Stigma-Free account.

9 Q. Paid by which person?

10 A. Paid by Aimee Bock.

11 Q. And kept track by her on her own spreadsheets?

12 A. Yes.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Ebert, I want to break for lunch
14 at this time, unless you --

15 MR. EBERT: No. That sounds good. Thank you,
16 Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: We'll return at 1:15, everyone.

18 All rise for the jury.

19 **IN OPEN COURT**

20 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

21 THE COURT: Thanks, everyone. We're in recess
22 until 1:15.

23 (Recess taken at 12:16 p.m. till 1:20 p.m.)

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IN OPEN COURT

(JURY PRESENT)

THE COURT: You may all be seated.

And, Mr. Ebert, you may continue.

MR. EBERT: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

And two items of housekeeping, Your Honor,
concerning exhibits.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. EBERT: And I've spoken with counsel for both
defendants.

First, with respect to Exhibit X41, this has been
offered and this has been admitted. On further review of
our Exhibit list, that's an item that we do not offer.
There's no corresponding exhibit, so we would just ask that
for the record that to be removed from evidence.

And I understand there's no opposition to that
request.

THE COURT: X41 is thus withdrawn.

MR. EBERT: And next there are a series of Y
exhibits that correspond to photographs of certain
individuals, and I would offer those. Exhibit Y8, Y12
through Y16 and then Y18 through Y21.

THE COURT: Any objection to admitting those?

MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

1 THE COURT: All right. Those exhibits are
2 admitted as well.

3 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 BY MR. EBERT:

5 Q. Ms. Roase, breakfast we broke for lunch you were
6 testifying about the various amounts of federal child food
7 money that went to defendant Salim Said.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Which totals approximately 5.9 million; is that right?

10 A. That's right.

11 Q. And with respect to Defendant Aimee Bock, have you also
12 compiled figures showing funds that came to her control in
13 bank accounts?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. And on the right, what is that?

16 A. Yeah. So we saw this earlier. It's the food program
17 money that was deposited by Aimee Bock and Feeding Our
18 Future employees, and earlier we had gone through how much
19 Ikram, Abdikerm Eidleh and Hadith Ahmed each individually
20 got.

21 And we also briefly discussed that the food
22 program money being deposited into the Feeding Our Future
23 account that Aimee Bock controlled was \$240 million.

24 Q. And that's between April 2020 and January 20th of 2022?

25 A. That's right.

1 Q. And moving on to the second page of Exhibit X39, can you
2 describe what that is?

3 A. Yeah. So this is just a breakout of what that
4 \$240 million comprises of. And so you can see MDE is two --
5 I'm sorry -- \$240.3 million to Feeding Our Future.

6 We've also heard about the \$180,000 in purported
7 donations to Feeding Our Future in December of 2021. And
8 there's also the GoFundMe that we heard about, and \$72,000
9 of that were from food program participants, and
10 specifically Feeding Our Future food program participants.

11 Q. Moving on to the third page of this exhibit, can you
12 describe this, please?

13 A. So more specifically, how much Aimee Bock received from
14 that 240 and a half million dollars is detailed on this
15 page.

16 Q. And are we going to hear more after your testimony about
17 this first allotment of payments?

18 A. Yes. The Feeding Our Future payments to Handy Helper's
19 which is owned and operated by Empress Malcolm Watson, Jr.,
20 who we've heard was Aimee Bock's boyfriend at the time.

21 That entity during this period after April of
22 2020, that entity received \$871,000. He also was on the
23 Feeding Our Future payroll and received \$79,000, and that's
24 after tax.

25 Q. And speaking of the Feeding Our Future payroll, how much

1 did Aimee Bock receive for payroll during this time period
2 of April 2020 to January 2022?

3 A. So net of tax, \$257,000 was deposited into her bank
4 account.

5 Q. And we heard testimony previously about a payment in
6 excess of \$300,000; is that right?

7 A. Yes, from Safari.

8 Q. And do we see that reflected in the next column?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And then in the prior page, you described donations that
11 were made by food participants to the Feeding Our Future
12 account; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In the amount of \$180,000?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. What is the \$103,600 figure beneath that?

17 A. So that was the amount that was deposited into Aimee
18 Bock's School Age Consultant's entity that she had created
19 in December of 2021.

20 And, you know, once again I just want to reiterate
21 that the 103,600 is only what was deposited into her
22 account. At the search warrant of her house, there were
23 additional checks that we recovered that had not yet been
24 deposited.

25 Q. And all of these items are tallied in the column to the

1 right under Total Received; is that correct?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. And those items highlighted in yellow add up to what
4 amount?

5 A. \$1.9 million.

6 Q. And beneath that, there's an additional multi million
7 dollar figure.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What is that?

10 A. So again, we went overt on January 20th, 2022, and at
11 the same time we were executing bank seizure warrants and
12 like Salim Limited at Wells Fargo, this happened a day
13 earlier than we intended to.

14 So the account, the balance of \$3.5 million was
15 seized from the Feeding Our Future account on January 19th,
16 2022.

17 Q. And that was all federal child nutrition money?

18 A. 100 percent.

19 Q. Sitting in the account?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I want to take a moment and direct your attention to
22 approximately five counts in the indictment that pertain to
23 the charges of wire fraud. Okay?

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. So first, have we seen, has the jury seen evidence and

1 heard testimony about Google and the interstate nature of
2 email messages emanating off of Google servers?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And is that further summarized here in Exhibit Z1?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And in addition to this item and the testimony we heard
7 from a Google representative, in summary, does this reveal
8 that during the time period of January 2020 through
9 July 2022, there were no Google gmail servers located in the
10 State of Minnesota?

11 A. Yes, that's right.

12 Q. And so in other words, email messages we've seen
13 throughout this trial traveled interstate; is that right?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. And so now moving specifically to some of those email
16 messages, some of which are named wire fraud counts in the
17 indictment.

18 On the left, do we see photos of Ms. Bock and
19 Mr. Said?

20 A. Yes, we do.

21 Q. And on the right, do we see Exhibit Z2?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And does Z2, does that exhibit correspond in the
24 indictment with wire fraud Count 2?

25 A. Yes, it does.

1 Q. And does that wire fraud Count 2 name Aimee Bock and
2 Salim Said?

3 A. It does.

4 Q. And Z2, is this an item we've seen before?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what is it?

7 A. It's the site application for ASA Limited.

8 Q. Moving on to Count 4 of the indictment. On the left do
9 we see Y1, a photo of Aimee Bock?

10 A. Yes, we do.

11 Q. And on the right, is that Z4?

12 A. It is.

13 Q. Is that an email message sent by Aimee Bock on
14 October 19th, 2020?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. Titled Site Application, Stigma-Free International,
17 Willmar?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then attached to it, do we see this similar type of
20 application paperwork from Feeding Our Future to MDE?

21 A. Yes, we do.

22 Q. And this is, corresponds to Count 2, wire fraud Count 2
23 of the indictment, correct?

24 A. I think Count 4.

25 Q. Or Count 4, rather. Is that right?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Moving on to wire fraud Count 5, on the left do we see
3 photos of the two defendants in this trial?

4 A. We do.

5 Q. And on the right do we see what's marked as Z5?

6 A. We do.

7 Q. Corresponding to wire fraud Count 5?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And is Z5 this email message sent by Aimee Bock to
10 personnel with the Minnesota Department of Education?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And what's the date?

13 A. The date is October 20th, 2020.

14 Q. And, among other things, is this the email the jury has
15 seen where Ms. Bock provides for-profit restaurant
16 clarification?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And then she goes on to list these various restaurants.
19 And does she explain, among other things, attach
20 clarification of how Feeding Our Future will be operating
21 some of our sites?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And does she go on to say with respect to each of these
24 that the sites will be staffed by Feeding Our Future?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. The site operators, she claims, will not support, not
2 prepare the meals. Is that what it says?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And that supposedly the funds will not be provided,
5 given or otherwise paid to the site to employ site staff?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Only "Feeding Our Future's trained staff and volunteers
8 and sponsor trained site staff serving as volunteers are
9 permitted to distribute the meals."

10 Did I read that correctly?

11 A. You did.

12 Q. That's what Aimee Bock's clarification email purports is
13 happening at these locations; is that right?

14 A. That's right.

15 Q. And that includes locations like Safari Restaurant; is
16 that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Locations like ASA Limited?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. S & S Catering, just around the way from Safari on Lake
21 Street?

22 A. Right. Yes.

23 Q. Nawal Restaurant?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Same representations that are being made by Aimee Bock

1 in her, quote unquote, clarification email to MDE?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Nawal Restaurant, the one that was operated by Mr. Awale
4 who testified?

5 A. Yes, one of the three that he operated.

6 Q. Does this same attachment also describe Olive Management
7 in St. Cloud?

8 A. It does.

9 Q. Brava Cafe operated, a site, by Hanna Marekegn who
10 testified?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Lido Restaurant in Faribault?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Was that the one that Lul Ali and her husband testified
15 about?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 Q. All part of this same email message compromised of
18 Count 5, wire fraud Count 5 of the indictment against both
19 defendants?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Moving on to Count 8. On the left, do we see Y3, a
22 photo of Mr. Salim Said?

23 A. We do.

24 Q. On the right, what exhibit is that?

25 A. This one is a February summer meal count claims for

1 Safari Restaurant.

2 Q. Submitted to Abdikerm Eidleh at Feeding Our Future; is
3 that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Containing these same types of meal counts that we've
6 seen throughout this trial?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Purporting to feed almost 6,000 meals day after day; is
9 that right?

10 A. Yes, in February of '21.

11 Q. Including one of which signed under a certification by
12 Mr. Salim Said himself; is that right?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. This is Count 8, wire fraud Count 8 of the indictment;
15 is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Moving on to the final wire fraud count at issue,
18 Count 12. On the left, do we see photos of both defendants?

19 A. We do.

20 Q. Directing your attention to the right, is that
21 Exhibit Z12?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. And what is Z12?

24 A. It is ASA October Invoice and Meal Count.

25 Q. And this is for the ASA site located on McKnight Road in

1 St. Paul?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Attached with it, the same types of meal counts and
4 other records we've seen throughout the trial?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. And this is a count that is against both Defendants Bock
7 and Salim Said; is that right?

8 A. It is.

9 Q. So I want to end in the final moment sort of where we
10 began.

11 And when this investigation began, you testified
12 that you first started to look, as one of your initial
13 places, at the banking activity of the Safari Restaurant; is
14 that right?

15 A. Yes, that's right.

16 Q. And is it fair to say that your review of the banking
17 activity broadened?

18 A. It did.

19 Q. Did it grow?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. As you looked at more and more accounts and more and
22 more large financial transactions?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Including eventually revealing what within its own
25 conspiracy was referred to as what?

1 A. Safari group.

2 Q. And on the right, do we see a photo of a document that
3 was recovered from the Park Avenue location where the Safari
4 group operated?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Where Mr. Salim Said himself operated; is that right?

7 A. Yes, that's right.

8 Q. And that very document listing the Safari group and all
9 of those entities was one of many thousands of pages of
10 records that federal agents pulled from that building; is
11 that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That same document, the Safari group, federal agents
14 found an identical document elsewhere; isn't that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where?

17 A. It was at the Feeding Our Future office.

18 Q. Where we see on the left a photo of Aimee Bock; is that
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The same typed list, correct?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Which reads the Safari group?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And lists all of those various players within. Olive

1 Management?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Stigma?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. ASA Limited?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Brava Restaurant?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. That document, the Safari group, the same document
10 recovered as seen in the photo below Aimee Bock's offices at
11 Feeding Our Future; is that right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Is that a significant event in this investigation, to
14 see that same document located both places?

15 A. Yes, it is.

16 Q. Why?

17 A. It reveals that Aimee Bock knew that these entities also
18 all fall under the Safari group.

19 Q. On the left do we see photos of the defendants?

20 A. We do.

21 Q. And on the right is this another summary chart you've
22 created, Exhibit X2?

23 A. Yes. It's just like X1. However, the only difference
24 is, I highlighted the Safari group sites, and I also added a
25 column on the far right, showing how much was paid out by

1 MDE to Feeding Our Future as a result of the claims that
2 were submitted.

3 Q. And that continues on for multiple pages?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And at the bottom of page 4, are those figures totaled
6 up?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And is there a total figure that was the grand total
9 paid to Feeding Our Future?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what is that?

12 A. So the grand total paid to Feeding Our Future is 246
13 million between 2018 and 2021.

14 Q. And then a portion to the right, what's that?

15 A. \$44.1 million of that 246 million is a result of the
16 claims paid out for just the Safari group alone.

17 Q. All of which has resulted in what we've seen depicted
18 here in Demonstrative 72, X72; is that right?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. All told, how many meals were claimed underneath Feeding
21 Our Future operated by Aimee Bock during the food program?

22 A. 91.5 million meals.

23 Q. In a state of what, approximately five or six million
24 people?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And only some of that five or six million are kids,
2 right?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. Is this a true and accurate number of the meals served
5 underneath Feeding Our Future?

6 A. Not even close.

7 Q. And over a quarter of a billion -- or nearly a quarter
8 billion dollars was paid out in response to those claims; is
9 that right?

10 A. That's right.

11 Q. That quarter billion dollars, do you know who funds that
12 money?

13 A. It's the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

14 Q. Taxpayers?

15 A. Taxpayer. Taxpayer dollars.

16 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel.

18 Mr. Udoibok, cross-examination.

19 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

22 Q. Ms. Roase, my name is Kenneth Udoibok. I, you already
23 know, I represent Ms. Bock.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. I have a few questions, and I want to take it a little

1 slowly, so I understand what your testimony is.

2 I want to start off with Exhibit, is it, X? If I
3 can read my writing, I've been known not to be able to read
4 them. X72, page 4.

5 Let's go to X2, page 4. All right.

6 So the total amount, could you call out the last,
7 the last page? Right.

8 So the column on the right, the 44 million, that
9 represents what?

10 A. That is the payments that were paid out by MDE to
11 Feeding Our Future for the Safari group.

12 Q. Okay. And the payment, the 246 million, represents
13 what?

14 A. That's how much Feeding Our Future received from MDE.

15 Q. All right. Now, from this list, can you tell how much
16 total that Feeding Our Future kept? Out of the 246 million,
17 how much --

18 A. Not from this list.

19 Q. Not from this list. All right.

20 Now, from the total 246 million, do you know how
21 much Feeding Our Future spent on payroll?

22 A. No, not from this list.

23 Q. Okay. But you have that information?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Now, let's go to AA3 and also AA2. If you can put them

1 side by side, I will appreciate it.

2 All right. So I believe AA2 was what, the
3 donations to FOF?

4 A. That's what it appears to be.

5 Q. All right. Take that out. Go to AA3.

6 And this, you testified that this list represented
7 a list of Safari group, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And this particular exhibit was found in Box 122 at
10 Feeding Our Future office?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And let's just go through this document.

13 Could you call out, please, the Olive notation?
14 Olive Management.

15 All right. So this exhibit portends that Olive
16 Management, is it, is it September 2020, or what date is
17 that?

18 A. I can't tell.

19 Q. And does it say it received milk?

20 A. Yeah, I see that.

21 Q. All right. Let's go to Safari, the Safari Restaurant.

22 Do you see Safari Restaurant, October '21?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And backup receipts?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And then September, you see the notation, "Missing
2 backup receipts"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. Let's go farther. And then highlight the rest,
5 please.

6 And you see, "ASA Limited missing backup
7 receipts"?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And Brava Restaurant, "Backup receipts"?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And also invoices for October for Horseed Mankato backup
12 receipts?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Do you know who created AA3?

15 A. I mean, I would have to guess, if you want me to.

16 Q. I don't want you to guess. Well, do you have any
17 personal information who created AA3?

18 A. I mean, I am pretty sure it's someone from Feeding Our
19 Future.

20 Q. All right. Let's assume what you say is true. You are
21 guessing, right, because you don't know.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You just --

24 A. Right.

25 Q. Let's assume you are accurate, right, that someone at

1 Feeding Our Future created Exhibit AA3 and the reason --
2 October '21, just follow me and tell me if I am wrong.
3 October '21 is backup receipts?

4 A. That's what it says.

5 Q. All right. And then. And then there's some missing
6 gallons?

7 Going back to September, let's assume that means
8 September 20th. There's missing gallons?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. Let's go to Z12. You testified that this
11 was part of the information on, you know, the basis for the
12 wire fraud count, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And let's go to the top. Call out the email, please.

15 Who is, who sent this email?

16 A. Abdihakim Ahmed.

17 Q. And it's sent to which people?

18 A. CACFP claims at Feeding Our Future, Aimee Bock at
19 Feeding Our Future and Hani at Feeding Our Future.

20 Q. And you agree with me that that email is not sent to
21 just Ms. Bock, correct?

22 A. There are others that are copied.

23 Q. Okay. Thank you.

24 And let's go to Z8, which is the basis for another
25 wire fraud count, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Call out the top.

3 This is another email from who?

4 A. It's a Safari Restaurant email.

5 Q. Ms. Mallet, would you go to page 6 of that email. Well,
6 ma'am, I'm not going to -- it's just -- oh, maybe you can
7 for the benefit of the jury, okay.

8 This is a meal count, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And this meal count is submitted to Feeding Our Future,
11 correct?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. And based on your investigation the moneys or checks
14 paid to Safari Restaurant from Feeding Our Future --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- is based on the meal count, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Remember we talked about, you testified about the
19 accounting, the Excel spreadsheet. I'm not going to go to
20 that yet.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And the -- it tracked the, the meal counts, correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. All right. So let's go to Z5. Could you call out the
25 first part, portion of the email.

1 I believe you -- we've heard testimony about
2 Exhibit Z5, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And throughout this trial?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And this is an email from Ms. Bock to MDE and a host of
7 others, Kendra Pace being one of them, correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And also Emily Honer, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And the email is Ms. Bock clarifying who a center or a
12 vendor is to MDE, correct?

13 MR. EBERT: Objection. That misstates the
14 evidence.

15 MR. UDOIBOK: Well, I can clarify.

16 Let's just to make it easy, let's go to the second
17 page.

18 So call out the first paragraph, the first column.

19 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

20 Q. Would you read it?

21 A. "I am sorry for any confusion. Based on the documents
22 and letter request, I" --

23 (Reporter clarification)

24 A. "Based on the documents and letter request, I did not
25 see a space to indicate that Feeding Our Future will be

1 staffing the following locations. A catering contract is
2 held with each food vendor, but their function is limited to
3 preparing the food. They do not participate in distributing
4 the meals."

5 Q. All right. Let's go to the next.

6 Go ahead.

7 A. "This site is being staffed by Feeding Our Future. The
8 site operators will not prepare the meals, and funds will
9 not be provided, given or otherwise paid to the site to
10 employ site staff. Only Feeding Our Future's trained staff
11 and volunteers and sponsor trained site staff serving as
12 volunteers are permitted to distribute the meals."

13 Q. Let's go to page 5. I'm going to jump around a bit for
14 brevity.

15 Why don't you read, call out the Haji's Kitchen.

16 A. I mean it says the same thing, but I will read it again.

17 Q. It says the same thing. Okay. So that was a
18 clarification about certain sites.

19 Go to page 6.

20 That also includes Safari Restaurant, doesn't it?

21 A. I see it.

22 Q. Now, based on your investigation, do you know how many
23 sites that Feeding Our Future sponsor between 2020 and 2022?

24 A. How many sites --

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. -- Feeding Our Future sponsored? Over 300.

2 Q. All right. And how many sites is referred to in this
3 six-page document?

4 A. I'm not sure.

5 Q. All right. But not 300?

6 A. Not all of them were for-profit restaurants.

7 Q. Okay. But I'm just -- and you are saying that it
8 didn't, it didn't represent the entire site?

9 A. Not over 300 sites.

10 Q. Do you know how many for-profit sites existed between
11 2020 and 2022?

12 A. I would have to count. I would to go through the 300
13 listed and count. I don't know off the top of my head.

14 Q. Okay. Thank you.

15 Let's go to Z4. Would you call out the email.
16 This is Stigma-Free International, Willmar site, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And, Ms. Mallet, could you highlight the attachment
19 section.

20 And this was what?

21 A. It says Site Application for Stigma-Free, Willmar.

22 Q. An application, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. So let's go to page 2 of Z4. Just leaf through
25 it as much as you can, maybe two or three pages.

1 You've reviewed this exhibit before, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Now do you know whether the site application was
4 approved by MDE?

5 A. This one was.

6 Q. It was approved?

7 A. It was approved.

8 Q. Okay. Thank you.

9 Let's go to Z2. Call out the first email.

10 This is another basis for the wire fraud count,
11 right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And it corresponds to Count 2 of the indictment, right?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Okay. And this is an email from Ms. Bock to Kendra
16 Pace, correct?

17 A. It is.

18 Q. And could you call out the attachment? I mean,
19 highlight the attachment. Sorry.

20 And it's -- is it a site or -- is it a site
21 application?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. All right. Let's go to the second page. Do you know
24 whether this site application was approved by MDE?

25 A. It was.

1 Q. It was approved.

2 All right. Let's go to Z1. I just found out that
3 servers don't exist.

4 And Z1, this exhibit is one of the bases for the
5 Z1 conspiracy wire fraud, correct?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. Let's go to the second page. And correct me if I am
8 wrong. The basis for this is, Google doesn't have a server
9 in Minnesota so you have to travel someplace else?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Let's talk a bit about X39. And this is your
12 summary, correct?

13 A. It is.

14 Q. So between April 2nd, 2020, and January 20th, 2022, your
15 calculation is, Ms. Bock through Feeding Our Future
16 deposited 240 some, you know, million in the Feeding Our
17 Future account?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then about 12 million of that was to Ikram Mohamed,
20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. I want some clarity. Was 12 million given to Ikram
23 Mohamed?

24 A. It was to Ikram Mohamed and her family.

25 Q. Was it given to Ikram Mohamed in person or Ikram

1 Mohamed's family's business?

2 A. Checks were written out to Ikram Mohamed and to her
3 family's businesses.

4 Q. All right. How much money out of this 12 million was
5 directed to Ikram Mohamed personally?

6 A. Of the 12 million, it was maybe a million. It's on
7 the -- you'd have to flip the pages.

8 Q. Let's just walk through it. Let's go to the second
9 page. I want you to keep in mind the first page.

10 All right. You wouldn't find that there, because
11 that's a different calculation. Let's go to the third page.
12 All right.

13 That relates to Empress, correct?

14 A. No. This is Aimee Bock.

15 Q. All right. But I'm saying --

16 Go back. Go back.

17 It relates to Ms. Bock, Feeding Our Future
18 payroll. Do you see that, the next column?

19 A. You are talking about the 330 -- I guess, yeah, are you
20 talking about the Feeding Our Future payroll column?

21 Q. Maybe I'm confusing you. But let's go to -- it will
22 come clear. Let's go to the fourth page. Next page. Next
23 page.

24 All right. So how much money was given to Ikram
25 Mohamed personally from Feeding Our Future?

1 A. From Feeding Our Future, IM Consultation received
2 245,000, and Ikram Mohamed herself received a \$10,000 check.

3 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that out of the 12 million
4 that you credited Ikram Mohamed, 10,000 of that came to her
5 personally? Is that your testimony?

6 A. You are talking about a personal account.

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. 10,000 went into a personal account.

9 Q. All right. The other, the other balance went to which
10 account?

11 A. The other -- I mean, I can walk through all of it --

12 Q. Please.

13 A. -- if you want. So IM Consultation, which she owns and
14 created for the participation of the food program under the
15 sponsorship of Feeding Our Future, received \$245,000 from
16 Feeding Our Future, 30 to 40 thousand dollars a month.

17 Q. Okay. Let's just stop there.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. So it went to an LLC, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. That she owns?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. Do you know what her employment status at
24 Feeding Our Future was?

25 A. Consultation, employ, it really didn't matter. She was

1 paid exactly 30 to 40 thousand dollars every single month as
2 if she was an employee, so it doesn't really matter.

3 Q. All right. I'm a little confused. Do you know whether
4 she was a contracted employee, or was she a W2 employee?

5 A. She was definitely not a W2 employee.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Which is why she had no taxes withheld.

8 Q. All right. Okay. So she wasn't in the classical sense
9 an employee. She was a, should I say, independent
10 contractor?

11 A. I don't know that that is also accurate either.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. She -- as a contractor, you are paid for your services
14 that you provide. You are not paid exactly 30 or 40
15 thousand dollars every single month for whatever services
16 you decide to perform.

17 Q. Oh. So the consistency of the amount is what you have
18 issue with, correct?

19 A. That's not the only issue.

20 Q. The size of the amount?

21 A. Definitely.

22 Q. Okay. Do you, based on your investigation and the
23 records you reviewed, did you -- do you know the contractual
24 relationship between IM Consulting and Feeding Our Future?

25 A. I have seen some communications.

1 Q. Did you, did you see anything? I don't know whether it
2 was one or not, but did you see any agreement to consult?

3 A. What I think I saw was emails billing Feeding Our Future
4 for exactly 30 to 40 thousand dollars a month for services
5 that she was performing as a Feeding Our Future employee
6 would.

7 However, the Feeding Our Future employees are
8 getting a couple hundred dollars per paycheck, and she's
9 getting 30 or 40 thousand a week, or I'm sorry, a month.

10 Q. So you saw an invoice. You didn't see a W2 deduction
11 and tax withholdings, all that?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Okay. And based on your investigation, was, was the
14 payment to her in person, or was it to the LLC?

15 A. The check, so the very first check was \$10,000 to Ikram
16 Mohamed. She then created an LLC, which then that's where
17 the payments started going.

18 And they were checks to her, and she would have to
19 go to the office to pick it up.

20 Q. My -- do you know whether the check, you've testified to
21 one check being to her in person?

22 A. To her personally.

23 Q. Personally?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And then the others were to the LLC?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Now, now let's -- based on your investigation, do
3 you know whether IM Construction had any other staff working
4 at Feeding Our Future for IM Construction -- IM
5 Consultation --

6 A. Consultation.

7 Q. IM Consultation LLC? I'm sorry.

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. I want to talk about, let's go back to the second page
10 of this exhibit.

11 I want to talk about this Feeding Our Future
12 GoFundMe. Do you see that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Were the donations to Aimee Bock personally?

15 A. It was to a GoFundMe account that Aimee Bock controlled.

16 Q. Did you investigate -- based on your investigation, do
17 you know who -- I suppose wrote checks, correct? Right?

18 A. No. I think they were transfers, electronic transfers,
19 I think.

20 Q. The transfers went to the GoFundMe page of Feeding Our
21 Future GoFundMe, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. The transfers did not go to Ms. Bock's
24 personal account, did it?

25 A. No, not personal account.

1 Q. Now, do you know the account that held the \$72,000?

2 A. I guess, what do you mean by that?

3 Q. Was it, was it Ms. Bock's personal account that held the
4 \$72,000, or was it a Feeding Our Future account?

5 A. It was titled Feeding Our Future.

6 Q. All right. Based upon your investigation, the \$72,000
7 held in the Feeding Our Future account, was it dispersed?

8 A. I don't remember what happened to it. I know this was
9 towards I think December of 2021, and I believe as a result
10 of our search warrant to them, they held onto it. I don't
11 remember what happened after that.

12 Q. So based upon your investigation, I don't want to put
13 words in your mouth, you -- based on your investigation, the
14 \$72,000 was never spent before you executed the search
15 warrant, correct?

16 A. I believe it was still open for donations, and so that's
17 why it hadn't been withdrawn yet.

18 Q. But it was not withdrawn as of when you, the
19 investigation went overt?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Let's go to the next page.

22 Now, let's look at the item for Aimee Bock, three
23 boxes in with Cosmopolitan business. So highlight. There
24 you go.

25 Based on your investigation, did you determine

1 when this money was paid?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When was it?

4 A. I don't remember off the top of my head, but it was
5 sometime in 2021.

6 Q. All right. Based on your investigation, do you
7 personally know what the \$310,000 was for?

8 A. Well, it was purportedly for the sale of a child care
9 that did not exist.

10 Q. Where did you gather that information from?

11 MR. EBERT: Object. This is beyond the scope of
12 the direct testimony.

13 MR. UDOIBOK: I will rephrase it. I will rephrase
14 it.

15 THE COURT: You may rephrase it. We've been over
16 this with an earlier witness, though.

17 MR. UDOIBOK: Excuse me?

18 THE COURT: We've been over this with an earlier
19 witness.

20 MR. UDOIBOK: Early witness, yes.

21 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

22 Q. So your testimony is the \$310,000 was for the sale of a
23 child care, correct?

24 A. That is --

25 MR. EBERT: That misstates her testimony. I

1 object.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 MR. UDOIBOK: Okay. I will move on.

4 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

5 Q. Now, the \$180,000, what was that about?

6 A. You are talking about this right here (indicating)?

7 Q. Correct.

8 A. So this was, again this was testified to earlier, about
9 the donations that were solicited in December of 2021 by
10 Aimee Bock for the benefit of Feeding Our Future.

11 Q. All right. And then the School Age Consultants \$110,000
12 represented what? \$103,000 represented what?

13 A. Those were the deposits into the School Age Consultant
14 bank account.

15 Q. All right. All right. Let's shift gears a little bit.
16 I want to talk a bit about Exhibit 53b.

17 Could you call that up please. Let's start with
18 53a. BB53a. Sorry.

19 I wasn't sure. Your testimony was this is, BB53a
20 represented the Excel document that you obtained from
21 Ms. Bock's computer after the search of her home?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And do you have information whether it was a
24 Feeding Our Future computer or her personal computer?

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. Okay. I remember counsel asked you questions about
2 password-protected computer.

3 A. Spreadsheet.

4 Q. Spreadsheet.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But it came from the computer.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All right. I wasn't sure. Would you -- is it proper to
9 have password-protected materials such as business records
10 like that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Let's go to the second page. Go to the third page.
13 Call out, just for example -- I'm not going to walk through
14 all of it with you. Just call out the first few lines.

15 Based on your review of that tracking log, do you
16 call it a tracking log?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The numbers you obtained was consistent with the amount
19 of money that Feeding Our Future paid to respective sites,
20 correct?

21 A. It depends on what column. So you are talking about
22 column E.

23 Q. Sorry. I don't mean to interrupt. Let's just focus on
24 the first one, I mean the second line, just for example.

25 The Shepherd's Care Daycare, just highlight that

1 all the way through. Okay.

2 So Shepherd Care Daycare is a site, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And the total amount of payment is about \$1062, right?

5 A. Yes, that column represents what MDE paid Feeding Our
6 Future.

7 Q. All right. So did your investigation reveal to you
8 whether MDE required that Feeding Our Future kept a tracking
9 log like this?

10 MR. EBERT: Objection. This is beyond the scope,
11 Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Overruled.

13 You may answer.

14 THE WITNESS: I don't think so.

15 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

16 Q. Is it, well --

17 A. Can I expand?

18 Q. Please.

19 A. I don't think so because it was in CenterPilot. So the
20 information is all there. I don't know that this was
21 necessary, but I could be wrong.

22 Q. Well, you are not sure what MDE required her to do?

23 A. I'm not.

24 Q. But do you think it would have been proper practice to
25 have a backup document like that?

1 A. Sure.

2 Q. All right. Let's go to BB53b. This is another Excel
3 spreadsheet, correct?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. Let's go to page 3. If you can expand it a little bit
6 so -- I want to talk about the Safari notes. There you go.

7 So call out, not call out. Highlight the -- is
8 there a row Bilal Center, just for the notes?

9 MS. MALLETT: What?

10 MR. UDOIBOK: The second one. The third one, I'm
11 just trying to find out what the highlight is about.

12 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

13 Q. So I believe you testified, there's a notation. I don't
14 know you testified to this particular one, but it's about
15 the prepay.

16 That's what I want to get at.

17 A. Okay. I didn't testify about this one specifically,
18 but --

19 Q. I believe you testified to, you testified to the
20 Safari -- let's go to page 13 and see where that occurred.
21 Take out the -- there you go. Open it up a little bit. Go
22 back to page 2, and let's scroll down a bit. Stop for a
23 second. Scroll down.

24 Scroll down. Continue. Continue to go. Hang on.
25 Keep on going. Stop for a second. All right. Continue.

1 Stop for a second. Call out the second line.

2 So do you see "Prepaid"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. I believe you testified earlier.

5 Take that out.

6 You testified earlier through questioning that
7 prepaid wasn't allowable?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. All right. Did you review USDA regulations about
10 prepay?

11 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. Beyond the
12 scope.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 You may answer.

15 THE WITNESS: Not the USDA regulations.

16 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

17 Q. Okay. Did you review any of the MDE guidance personally
18 regarding prepay?

19 A. No, not personally.

20 Q. I am going to move to another section.

21 Ms. Mallet, would you call up, I don't know
22 whether you can, exhibit, I believe it's X1. I hope that's
23 not -- there you go. So let's go to the second page.

24 And then this X1 is a spreadsheet of all the
25 monies that came to all the sites, and I just want you to

1 keep that in mind. All right?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Okay.

4 Ms. Mallet, why don't you call up X71, if we can
5 have it. I think that's X71. Can you call up X70? All
6 right. So go to the fourth page of X70.

7 I believe you testified to this specific sites in
8 April 2020 as it relates to the Safari Restaurant?

9 A. Safari Restaurant and the other Feeding Our Future sites
10 on Lake Street.

11 Q. Yes. What, what was, what was in April 2020 the
12 Minnesota Best Child Care Center? Was it a restaurant or
13 was it child care?

14 A. It appears to be a child care.

15 Q. Now, do you know how, based on the investigation, how
16 child care sites were operated?

17 A. As it relates to the food program, or what do you mean?

18 Q. Yes, as it relates to the food program.

19 A. Not off the top of my head, no. I did at one point,
20 but --

21 Q. Okay. So regarding the Minnesota Best Child Care
22 Center, do you personally know whether that, that center
23 distributed food?

24 A. I mean, I know what they claimed, which is what's on
25 here.

1 Q. All right. So, but you don't know whether they
2 distributed or it was eaten on site?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. Okay. Now let's go to 76e. That will be X76e, if my
5 writing -- well, let's look at, let's go to X70, page 7.

6 All right.

7 So this is another --

8 Go down to, go down to -- let's go to page 8 or
9 start at 7. I'm confusing you by saying 8 and then 7. I'm
10 sorry.

11 So this represented, based on your testimony, the
12 myriad of sites of Feeding Our Future, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then you testified about -- don't let me put words
15 in your mouth now -- testified that about, did you say
16 \$4.5 million was expended in February 2021?

17 A. No, not for this month. It's, the total is down here
18 (indicating), 3.4 million.

19 Q. 3.4 million?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And, and you believe that that amount of money was
22 excessive, correct?

23 A. Not necessarily just the amount was excessive, but the
24 meals claimed.

25 Q. The meals claimed, or the meals I believe -- was it 1.7?

1 A. For this one it's 1.2 million meals.

2 Q. 1.2 million.

3 Based on your investigation -- let me ask you
4 this: Do you know about the meals size that was allowable
5 in April, I mean, February 2021?

6 A. I don't think it --

7 MR. EBERT: Objection. Lack of foundation.

8 THE COURT: The question is do you know.

9 You may answer.

10 THE WITNESS: I don't think it mattered what time
11 of year or month it was. I think the meal pattern stayed
12 the same.

13 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

14 Q. Well, you are talking about meal patterns. I'm talking
15 about what the -- if you don't know, you don't know.

16 A. The site would be the same no matter what time we are
17 looking at.

18 Q. All right. So your testimony, you know what the meal
19 size was in 2021 from USDA?

20 A. I mean, if we're talking about meal size, I mean, I'm
21 thinking the meal requirement per child.

22 Q. Okay. What would that be? First, just do you know
23 those?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Okay. You don't.

1 Let's go to LL2. Could you expand this a little
2 bit, if you may.

3 So I believe you testified that this was a summary
4 schedule for school district, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what was the significance of this exhibit?

7 A. Well, what we were showing was, we were looking at the
8 Minneapolis enrollment --

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. -- which is 33,000 kids. And in April of 2021 in that
11 1.8-mile stretch on Lake Street, it fed that many kids per
12 day.

13 Q. Okay. So based on your investigation, did any of the
14 sites have restriction as to what they can allow to pick up
15 food?

16 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. Improper form
17 of the question. Lack of foundation.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

20 Q. All right. Did you focus your investigation on the
21 financial aspect of this case?

22 A. That was one aspect.

23 Q. One aspect. Did you also consider as part of your
24 investigation the amount of food that the sites distributed?

25 A. Yeah. I mean, looking at the meal counts, I suppose.

1 Q. Looking at the meal count, correct?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Okay. Let's go to BB32h. Not that one. 32h. There
4 you go.

5 You testified about the text messages between
6 Ms. Bock and Ikram, correct?

7 A. Yes. Right.

8 Q. So what time frame is this conversation?

9 A. This is August 13, 2021.

10 Q. And Ms. Bock is asking Ikram, "Who do you want your
11 checks written to?"

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And who owns Star Distribution?

14 A. It is Ikram's brother.

15 Q. Okay. Do you know, based on your investigation, whether
16 Ms. Bock wrote a check to Ikram or to Star Distribution?

17 A. Both.

18 Q. So she wrote a check --

19 A. I mean, are you talking about like just this
20 specifically or just in general?

21 Q. This specifically.

22 A. This specifically, I believe it would be to Star
23 Distribution.

24 Q. Thank you.

25 Let's go to X39. You testified to this earlier,

1 didn't you?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you testified that a deposit was made by Ikram,
4 Eidleh, Hadith from Feeding Our Future, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Ms. Mallet, go to the second page and third page, fourth
7 page, fifth page and sixth. Go back to the first, second
8 page. I just want you to review them. The next page.
9 Fourth one again. And fifth one. And the last one.

10 I didn't have the time to review it any closer
11 than your testimony. Maybe I missed it. I didn't see the
12 payment during February 16, 2021, through April 18th, 2023,
13 to Star Distribution.

14 Did I miss it?

15 A. No. It is in, it is part of the 11.5 million.

16 Q. Oh. All right. To Ikram's related sites?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did Ikram own a site?

19 A. She did not own a site.

20 Q. Okay. Her family did?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay.

23 THE COURT: We're going to take a ten-minute break
24 here, and then we're going to take an additional ten-minute
25 break about 3:30. So let's do that now. We'll come back at

1 2:45, everyone.

2 All rise for the jury.

3 2:36 p.m.

4 **IN OPEN COURT**

5 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

6 THE COURT: 2:45, everyone.

7 (Recess taken at 2:36 p.m. till 2:48 p.m.)

8 2:48 p.m.

9 **IN OPEN COURT**

10 **(JURY PRESENT)**

11 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

12 Mr. Udoibok, you may continue.

13 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

15 Q. Ms. Roase, I think I've got it in my notes clear.

16 Ms. Mallet, could you pull X70. It's a
17 demonstrative. And just go through page by page and see how
18 it changes.

19 You have testified to this.

20 Just Ms. Mallet continue to go. All right. So
21 just stop for a second.

22 You can see from the beginning how the sites
23 became populated, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You testified to that. Do you know based on your

1 investigation whether MDE approved any of the sites?

2 A. It appeared that they had no choice but to approve them.

3 Q. So it was approved. They were approved.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Ms. Mallet, could you call out BB30e. Go to page 7, if
6 there's one.

7 I believe you testified to this a bit. So this
8 was, you testified that this was a Facebook or is it a text
9 message in between Ms. Bock and someone at Safari?

10 A. I believe this was a text message.

11 Q. Okay. And it came from Ms. Bock's phone?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Let's go to the first, the big paragraph written
14 by Ms. Bock, and highlight the first paragraph there, "I
15 don't know why." There you go.

16 So, "I don't know why you are mad at FOF. I have
17 been telling you that the sites were denied by MDE. I have
18 been prepaying you as a favor to be nice when I am able to."

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. From that paragraph, does it imply that Ms. Bock is
22 asking the Safari group to mislead anyone?

23 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. Improper form
24 of the question.

25 THE COURT: Sustained.

1 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

2 Q. All right. Based on the highlighted portion, what did
3 that mean to you?

4 A. So taking into context the time of this text message,
5 which was January 19th, 2022, this corresponds with the
6 prepayments that we saw in the A exhibit -- I forget whether
7 it's A90 maybe -- of the prepayment claims.

8 And in it was \$3 million prepaid to the Safari
9 group. So I believe this is -- and those, again, those are
10 prepaid because those were not approved yet. And so I
11 believe that's what this is referring to.

12 Q. So just this, is it fair to say that Ms. Bock is telling
13 the Safari group that there's no basis to be mad at FOF,
14 correct?

15 MR. EBERT: Objection. Lack of foundation and
16 improper form of the question.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

19 Q. All right. So who is asking to be paid?

20 A. I'm not sure. I can't tell from that.

21 Q. All right. Go to the next paragraph. Highlight all of
22 it, please.

23 So what does that paragraph say?

24 A. It says, "I don't have the money to prepay you today.

25 And since you guys have been getting angry when I say not

1 today, it made it seem like it is better if you stop until
2 the application is approved. For almost two years I have
3 prepaid you when I can. You want me to write you a bad
4 check?"

5 Q. All right. So I believe I asked you earlier, maybe I
6 will be a little bit more specific. At this, at the writing
7 of this email or this text, do you know whether the Safari
8 group had a pending invoices that had not been paid?

9 A. So the prepayments were what we saw in Exhibit X51,
10 page 3, and those were in green. It was about, it was
11 almost \$3 million prepaid.

12 But page 2 would show -- so the prepayments they
13 were through November.

14 Q. Maybe it will help you to look at Exhibit X51. Would
15 that be helpful?

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Ms. Mallet, would you pull up X51.

19 Does that help? Is that helpful?

20 A. Yes. This is what I'm talking about, yes.

21 Q. Could you call out that column so it's a little easier
22 for her too.

23 A. I'm sorry. Page 4, not page 3. Yes, so the green --

24 Q. All right.

25 A. Yes. So the green, so this is what Aimee Bock had

1 prepaid the Safari group, and you can see it's a mix of, you
2 know, September, October and November payments.

3 And if you go to then page 2 -- so these are the
4 dollar amounts. If you go to page 2, which is the meal
5 counts, you can see in yellow there's additional claims that
6 were submitted to Feeding Our Future, another one and a half
7 million meals claimed for the Safari group, one in November
8 and the rest in December.

9 Q. Yes, that's good to know.

10 My question was, Do you know as of the writing of
11 the text message and whether the Safari group had a pending
12 application, all right, invoice with MDE?

13 A. Yeah, I guess. I mean --

14 Q. Let's go back to the Exhibit BB30e, page 7. So let's
15 get the date here. So this is, what time is this? What
16 time frame is this, this?

17 A. This text is January 19th, 2022.

18 Q. January 19, 2022. When did your investigation go overt?

19 A. It was the very next day.

20 Q. The very next day. So is it fair to say that there were
21 invoices pending at MDE?

22 A. I guess, yeah, I guess I'm confused when you say
23 "invoices." I think you mean --

24 Q. Payments.

25 A. Pending payments for the sites? There was one, but it

1 was only for about \$79,000 for one of the Stigma sites.
2 That was, that was on the way out the door, but then because
3 we went overt on January 20th, MDE stopped that payment and
4 recalled it.

5 Q. Do you know as of January 19, 2023 -- 2022, rather,
6 whether the Safari -- let me back up.

7 January 19, 2022, do you have information whether
8 the Safari group was a vendor or a site?

9 A. The Safari group, they were acting I guess as a site
10 under a new nonprofit that they had just created.

11 Q. Okay. Was a site. Now, and do you know as of
12 January 19, 2022, whether they had pending invoices with
13 Feeding Our Future that had not been paid?

14 A. With Feeding Our Future that had not been paid, like I
15 said, I believe it was the December meal counts that was
16 submitted by the Safari group to Feeding Our Future.

17 Q. All right. And that, as of January 19th, that meal
18 count had not been paid?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. This has been
21 asked and answered several times.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

24 Q. So I'll move on to another area here just to get some
25 clarity. Let's go to I believe Y1. I know this photograph

1 was flashed regularly.

2 You establish that Ms. Bock is in the courtroom.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. Let's go to, let's go to X12. Take that
5 out. I want to walk a little slowly regarding the funds.
6 If you call out the first section. There you go.

7 So you testified about Cosmopolitan Business
8 Solutions, otherwise known as Safari?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Receiving 1.9 million some, correct?

11 A. Yes, into the Salim Limited account.

12 Q. All right. And then you also testified that about
13 99.96 percent of it was from Feeding Our Future?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. The total of all, of all the sites, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. All right. And you also testified that, was it, no
18 percent was spent on food?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Do you know whether Ms. Bock had access to Cosmopolitan
21 account?

22 A. No.

23 Q. All right.

24 A. I don't think so.

25 Q. Is it fair to say that Olive Management, Ms. Bock did

1 not have access to the business account --

2 A. Right.

3 Q. -- or checking account?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And she would not know how Cosmopolitan or any of this
6 site spent the money that flowed from Feeding Our Future to
7 it or to that?

8 A. Well, I would say that I think she knew that it was not
9 spent towards the food for the amount that was claimed.

10 Q. So let's just unpack that a little bit.

11 Ms. Bock or Feeding Our Future received money from
12 MDE.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Right?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. And then she writes a check to Cosmopolitan Business
17 Solution, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then Cosmopolitan Business Solution deposits that
20 check into its account, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Or deposits the check distributed in whatever ways it
23 desires, correct?

24 A. You mean the way the outgoing --

25 Q. Yeah.

1 A. -- from Safari?

2 Q. Yeah.

3 A. I'm not sure. I guess technically, yeah.

4 Q. But Cosmopolitan does not request Feeding Our Future
5 permission as to who to pay, correct?

6 A. Yeah. No. Safari can --

7 Q. Do whatever they want?

8 A. Yes. Sure, yes.

9 Q. Let's go to X51. You testified about -- this is another
10 of your summaries of the breakdown of what Feeding Our
11 Future expended the money that came to it through MDE,
12 correct?

13 A. These are, well, these are the claims for, related to
14 the Safari group sites.

15 Q. Correct. Okay. So and Feeding Our Future paid the
16 requisite amount submitted to it by the different entities
17 there, correct?

18 A. I think there was a little bit of some discrepancy in
19 the payments, but in general Aimee Bock made these payments
20 to the Safari group.

21 Q. And the payments were based on the meal counts, correct?

22 A. The inflated meal counts, yes.

23 Q. I know you believe they are inflated, but nonetheless
24 Ms. Bock through Feeding Our Future did not use any other
25 mechanism to pay the money, other than the meal counts?

1 A. Well, I guess I'm not really sure. I mean, yes and no.
2 So again, it's a reimbursement program.

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. But towards the end she had issued, and actually
5 throughout the entire time, she had been issuing prepayments
6 that were not authorized.

7 Q. All right. You testified earlier about prepayment and
8 you also testified that you are not familiar USDA rules or
9 MDE rules.

10 A. I am, I am familiar with how federal government money
11 should be spent.

12 Q. All right. But -- okay. I'm not going to quibble about
13 that.

14 But is it fair to say -- remember, we tracked her
15 computer Excel spreadsheet --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- right? And then I believe you testified that those
18 payments tracked the meal counts.

19 A. It tracked the amount of money, but not the actual meal
20 count, but the money that was based on the meal count
21 submitted.

22 Q. Okay. The money was based on the meal count, okay.

23 Well, let's go to H35.

24 You testified that this is an email from Horseed
25 Management. All right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. To Abdihakim Ahmed?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And let's go to page 2. All right. And you also
5 testified that this was a blank meal count sheet, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right. Based on your investigation, did you notice
8 that the site, it generally submitted the meal counts based
9 on this Feeding Our Future type document?

10 A. Yes, I believe so.

11 Q. Let's go to, Ms. Mallet, would you call up BB30a.

12 You testified earlier that this was Ms. Bock's
13 screenshot or text message?

14 A. It's a text message.

15 Q. And that text message are checks, correct?

16 A. Yes, it included pictures of some checks.

17 Q. And, and it was checks that was coming from --

18 Could you blow it up, if you can, the checks so we
19 can see.

20 All right.

21 A. Yes, it's actually blown up on page 2.

22 Q. Okay. Go to page 2.

23 It's a Feeding Our Future check to entities such
24 as Stigma-Free, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And were those checks based on meal counts that had been
2 submitted?

3 A. Yes, I believe so.

4 Q. I want to direct you to exhibit, Government Exhibit A90.
5 You testified about this exhibit earlier, do you recall?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I want to go through, if I can recall the specific page
8 you testified about.

9 Let's go to the first page and just go through --
10 I want to look at --

11 So the second page here is CenterPilot, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you know what CenterPilot is?

14 A. I'm a little familiar with it, but --

15 Q. Well, tell me.

16 A. I'm sorry?

17 Q. You say you are a little familiar with it?

18 A. A little bit, just from testimony.

19 Q. Okay. Continue to go through it. Scroll down further.
20 It's down the road. Continue to go.

21 So is it fair to say based on the testimony that
22 this is a computer device where the calculation of payments
23 are made for Feeding Our Future?

24 A. That's, yeah, that's what it appears to be. I'm
25 guessing the meals are entered in here. On the right side,

1 you can see the number of meals that were served. And then
2 there's a --

3 So, for example, that one's snacks served and
4 supper. And then there's, you know, an admin percentage of
5 10 percent is calculated, and then costs are shown here
6 (indicating).

7 And, yeah, then this then would be the, I think
8 that matches this. So that's how much would be paid to the
9 site.

10 Q. Okay. I believe you testified earlier that the
11 information that you found on Ms. Bock's Excel sheet was,
12 also could have been found here in CenterPilot also?

13 A. Yes, that's my, that's my guess, but it doesn't match
14 this A90, because these are prepayments.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. So --

17 Q. All right. So let's go to X51, the fourth page. X51,
18 the fourth page.

19 So do you know whether or not vendors that work
20 with Feeding Our Future expected to be paid at a certain
21 time frame?

22 A. I believe there is a rule about that.

23 Q. Well, how soon should they be paid, do you know?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Okay. Let's go to H35.

1 You testified about this earlier, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All right. Go to the second page. That's the meal
4 count, right?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. So based on your investigation, I want to know what your
7 understanding is, that the sites were complete X -- I mean
8 H35, correct, and then send that information to Feeding Our
9 Future, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Along with supporting documents to that meal count?

12 A. They are required to. Whether that actually happened or
13 not is another story.

14 Q. Okay.

15 MR. UDOIBOK: Your Honor, I may be done. Just
16 give me a second, and I'll ask my client first.

17 (Mr. Udoibok confers)

18 MR. UDOIBOK: Ms. Mallet, would you call up B50
19 and go to -- let's go through the first page. Second.

20 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, I'm going to object as
21 beyond the scope. This is not an item that --

22 MR. UDOIBOK: I'm going to another page. What
23 page?

24 THE COURT: Let's see what page he gets to.

25 MR. UDOIBOK: Go to page 14.

1 B50 is in evidence already, and I want -- Ms.
2 Mallet, would you call out the B section.

3 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

4 Q. Ms. Roase?

5 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, again I'm going to object
6 as beyond the scope.

7 THE COURT: Let me see what the question is.

8 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

9 Q. You testified earlier that there's a rule that vendors
10 must follow regarding payment?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All right. B50 is a service contract?

13 A. I'm not sure.

14 Q. Will you look at -- it says B, billing?

15 A. Yes, that says billing.

16 Q. Would you read that?

17 A. "Describe when vendor will bill center (for example
18 weekly or monthly) and when payment is due."

19 Q. What does it say next in the box?

20 A. Someone typed in, "Monthly invoices due within 15 days."

21 MR. UDOIBOK: No further questions.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Colich or Mr. Montez.

23 MR. COLICH: No questions, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Ebert.

25 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

1
2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. On that last item you were just shown, to be clear did
4 that say that's when invoices are due or when the payments
5 are due?

6 A. That's when the invoices from the sites are due to
7 Feeding Our Future, the sponsor.

8 Q. A few moments ago you were asked questions about this
9 exhibit, which is X12. Do you remember that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And these are payments to funds that went into Salim
12 Said's account; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. An account he controlled by the name of Salim Limited
15 LLC?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you were asked a series of questions by counsel
18 about all the various deposits that were made into this
19 account, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Including 1.9 million from Safari; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Additional payments made, 1.2 million from Olive
24 Management?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And those go on and on; is that fair?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And counsel asked you a series of questions about, to
4 the effect of whether or not Aimee Bock would have known
5 what was being done with any funds that went into Salim
6 Limited.

7 Do you remember that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what was your answer?

10 A. She would know that there wasn't enough food purchased.

11 Q. Why?

12 A. For various reasons. We've determined in the
13 investigation that she knew that that didn't happen. We had
14 witnesses testify that they were told to not, you know, be,
15 you know, flashy. I don't know if that was the word, but
16 basically don't show off your wealth.

17 Her window, her office window, it looked out onto
18 the parking lot, so she would have seen all the nice cars
19 that people were driving in, and we're talking about Range
20 Rovers, Porsches, Mercedes.

21 So if, I mean, these people are participating in a
22 reimbursable, federally funded food program, how are they
23 able to be able to buy such nice vehicles?

24 Q. And this account on the screen, Salim Limited LLC, in
25 fact is there evidence that Aimee Bock herself communicated

1 with her codefendant in this courtroom, Salim Said, about
2 that very entity and account?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Salim Limited LLC?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Recall Exhibit B13? Is that an email message from
7 Abdikerm Eidleh of Feeding Our Future?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. And he sent that email message to two people; is that
10 right?

11 A. He did, to Aimee Bock and Salim Said.

12 Q. And is this the one that we -- you testified about
13 earlier today?

14 A. Yes, it is.

15 Q. In which, among other things, Mr. Eidleh talks about
16 "Here is the instructions you were waiting from Safari.
17 200,000 in each of the three accounts."

18 Did I read that correctly?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then the rest goes to the Cosmopolitan account; is
21 that right?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. And he goes on to list a primary email, and it's Salim
24 Said's gmail account?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. There's an attachment to this message, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. These are these series of voided checks?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. One of which is to Cosmopolitan or Safari; is that
6 right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. But what's at the bottom?

9 A. Salim Limited.

10 Q. You testified earlier about those spreadsheets that
11 Aimee Bock came -- that she kept on her laptop computer,
12 correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And was the tracking of these divvied up payments also
15 tallied up on Aimee Bock's computer?

16 A. It did. We went over it earlier. It said 200,000 each.
17 And then the remainder, which was only 169,000, goes into
18 the Safari Restaurant account.

19 Q. So the least amount actually goes to the restaurant?

20 A. That's right.

21 Q. And the most goes to Salim Limited?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You were also asked about a series of text messages,
24 including this one between Salim Said and Aimee Bock; is
25 that right?

1 A. Yes, that's right.

2 Q. And in the first message on May 19th of 2021, does Aimee
3 Bock send her codefendant copies, a picture of copies of two
4 checks?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Both in excess of \$1.1 million; is that right?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. Both of them made out by Feeding Our Future?

9 A. Yes, they are.

10 Q. Both of them made payable to the order of Stigma-Free
11 International; is that right?

12 A. Yes, that's right.

13 Q. Both of them signed by whom?

14 A. Aimee Bock.

15 Q. And then in response, does Salim Said send his own
16 picture back to Aimee Bock?

17 A. I thought it was still Aimee Bock sending the email to
18 Salim.

19 Oh, I see.

20 Q. Does it indicate that Salim Said sent his own response?

21 A. Yes. Yes, he does.

22 Q. And he attached a photo of a check; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what is that check?

25 A. That is to Brava Restaurant for \$1.5 million.

1 Q. And then you were shown another text message a moment
2 ago by counsel, one that referred to prepayments. Do you
3 recall that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And among other things, in that message did Aimee Bock
6 indicate that she had been prepaying Salim Said for over two
7 years?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. As a favor to him?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. MONTEZ: Objection, Your Honor. Misstates the
12 evidence.

13 THE COURT: The jury will recall the evidence.

14 BY MR. EBERT:

15 Q. Was there also a text message you were shown involving
16 Ikram Mohamed?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And among other things, did Aimee Bock in that message
19 ask where Ikram Mohamed wanted her check made out to?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Throughout these series of text messages involving Aimee
22 Bock and Salim Said that you are testifying about, did they
23 ever talk about children?

24 A. They do not.

25 Q. Did they ever talk about feeding children?

1 A. They do not.

2 Q. Instead what do they talk about?

3 A. They talk about money and who it is going to and when
4 money will be paid.

5 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no
6 further questions.

7 MR. UDOIBOK: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: You may step down. Thank you.

9 Mr. Thompson.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor,
11 the government calls Sonya Jansma.

12 THE COURT: All right. Before you do that --
13 actually, I do want to take a ten-minute break.

14 MR. COLICH: Ten minutes.

15 THE COURT: Ten minutes. We're going to take a
16 ten-minute break -- sorry about that -- and we will come
17 back at 3:35.

18 3:26 p.m.

19 **IN OPEN COURT**

20 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

21 THE COURT: We're off the record.

22 (Recess taken at 3:26 p.m. till 3:38 p.m.)

23 3:38 p.m.

24 **IN OPEN COURT**

25 **(JURY PRESENT)**

1 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

2 Except I'll have you raise your right hand.

3 SONJA JANSMA,

4 called on behalf of the government, was duly sworn, was
5 examined and testified as follows:

6 THE WITNESS: I do.

7 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated, and
8 thanks again for your patience.

9 And when you are settled, could you please state
10 and spell both your first and last name for the record.

11 THE WITNESS: Sonya Jansma. S-O-N-Y-A.
12 J-A-N-S-M-A.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

14 Mr. Thompson, you may inquire.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Jansma. Where do you work?

18 A. I work at the FBI.

19 Q. What is your position at the FBI?

20 A. Forensic accountant.

21 Q. How long have you been a forensic accountant at the FBI?

22 A. Five years.

23 Q. What are your general job responsibilities?

24 A. Investigating financial crimes and crimes involving
25 money.

1 Q. Prior to joining the FBI, did you have accounting
2 experience?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. Can you tell us a little bit about that?

5 A. Sure. I spent 25 years in public accounting, and I also
6 had several years in corporate accounting as well.

7 Q. Okay. Do you have any certifications or educational
8 background that you can tell us about?

9 A. Sure. I am a Certified Public Accountant. I've held
10 that designation for 25 years. I'm also a Certified Fraud
11 Examiner.

12 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, you are here to talk about the
13 money; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. One more time. I'm going to start by showing you
16 Government Exhibit BB30a, and this has been admitted into
17 evidence, and it was just discussed prior to your testimony
18 here today with another witness.

19 Okay?

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. And this is a text message exchange between Aimee Bock
22 and Salim Said, the defendants in this case.

23 And if you see, the first text of -- the text are
24 checks being sent back and forth.

25 And turning to page 2, you see the two checks, the

1 images of the two checks that Ms. Bock sent to Mr. Said. Do
2 you see that?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Could you just generally describe those checks?

5 A. Yes. The top check is a check to Stigma-Free
6 International Inc. It's from Feeding Our Future, dated
7 May 19th of 2021. The dollar amount is \$1,124,176.95.

8 Q. And just below that there's a second check from Feeding
9 Our Future to Stigma-Free International with that same date
10 of May 19th of 2021; is that right?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. Is that the same check, or is it a different check?

13 A. That's a different check.

14 Q. What's the amount of that check from Feeding Our Future
15 to Stigma-Free International?

16 A. \$1,123,629.60.

17 Q. And who signed those two checks to Stigma-Free
18 International?

19 A. Aimee Bock.

20 Q. And right below there's another check, Mr. Said
21 responded with an image of another check. That same date,
22 May 19th, 2021, is the date on the check; is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. From Feeding Our Future to Brava Restaurant?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What's the amount on this check?

2 A. \$1,500,600.

3 Q. And who signed it?

4 A. Aimee Bock.

5 Q. And are you familiar with these entities, Stigma-Free
6 International and Brava Restaurant?

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 Q. Generally what are they?

9 A. They are entities that were used to process claims for
10 feeding children using the child nutrition program funds.

11 Q. And who -- were there certain individuals that, or was
12 there a relationship between Stigma-Free International and
13 Brava Restaurant, just generally?

14 A. Yes, they both were using Safari Restaurant as their
15 vendor for some of the times, and then they also sent a lot
16 of money over to the Safari Restaurant.

17 Q. Okay. And we're here to talk about that money; is that
18 right?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. But before we do, I just want to ask you. These three
21 checks that are each over a million dollars, it looks like
22 it's, what, three and a half million dollars paid from
23 Feeding Our Future to Stigma-Free International and Brava
24 Restaurant just on May 19th, 2021, alone; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Did you see other checks like this during the
2 investigation?

3 A. Yes, we did.

4 Q. How many?

5 A. Countless.

6 Q. Okay. And you and your colleagues traced the use of
7 those, that money; is that right?

8 A. Yes, we did.

9 Q. And what are you here to testify about?

10 A. I'm here to testify about the items that were purchased
11 with this money.

12 Q. Okay. So let's do that. I'm going to start with
13 showing you an exhibit that's already in evidence,
14 Government Exhibit X12. And this is one of those sources
15 and uses charts; is that right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And just generally, can you remind the jury what a
18 sources and uses chart is?

19 A. It's an accumulation of the deposits into an account and
20 then the moneys paid out of that. For this one, it's
21 multiple accounts, but they are all through the same entity
22 called Salim Limited LLC?

23 Q. And whose entity is that?

24 A. That's Salim Said's entity.

25 Q. And on the left, it says sources of funds, what does

1 that mean generally?

2 A. That means money that went into the account.

3 Q. And on the right, the uses of funds?

4 A. That's where the money went.

5 Q. On the left, there's a series of entities that deposited
6 money into Salim Said's Salim Limited bank accounts; is that
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you recognize those entities?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. Generally what are they?

12 A. They are entities that funneled money into Salim Limited
13 from the child nutrition program.

14 Q. And all of that \$5 million or so, more than \$5 million
15 that came into that, where did that money originate from
16 before it went through those entities?

17 A. It originated at Feeding Our Future.

18 Q. Okay. And the percentage of money that was deposited
19 into the Salim Limited account, that came ultimately from
20 Feeding Our Future?

21 A. 99.96 percent.

22 Q. Essentially everything?

23 A. Pretty much. The only nonfood program deposits were
24 interest income earned on the money deposited from the food
25 program.

1 Q. Okay. Now on the right there's the uses of funds; is
2 that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that's what we're going to walk through. I want to
5 start with the money that was transferred Salim Limited
6 owner and defendant; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What does that indicate?

9 A. The Cosmopolitan Business Properties purchase, that was
10 to acquire a property on Park Avenue in Minneapolis.

11 Q. How about the one after that?

12 A. Afrikan Village LLC was money used to purchase a
13 commercial property in Ohio.

14 Q. Anisa Chekchekani, who is that?

15 A. That is Salim Said's wife.

16 Q. And then the next bucket is assets, and there's property
17 expenses and vehicle expenses. Generally, what does that
18 entail?

19 A. The property expenses that are listed is the amount that
20 Salim Said took from this account to purchase his personal
21 residence.

22 Q. And where was that residence located?

23 A. On Alvarado Lane.

24 Q. In which city?

25 A. Sorry. I've forgotten the name.

1 Q. Is it in Plymouth, Minnesota?

2 A. Plymouth. Thank you.

3 Q. All right. We'll look at it in a second here.

4 And obviously vehicle expenses, I assume that
5 relates to cars?

6 A. Well, that one is specifically for the purchase of a
7 pickup truck.

8 Q. Okay. All right. I want to walk through those, some of
9 those purchases.

10 Okay?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. And we're going to do that because there are certain
13 counts that are pending against Defendant Salim Said related
14 to those purchases; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And what generally, what kind of charge is that?

17 A. It's a money laundering charge.

18 Q. Okay. And it's a specific type of money laundering
19 charge; is that right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And what does it prohibit?

22 A. That's a 1957 count.

23 Q. And that's Title 18 United States Code 1957?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Generally, what does that prohibit? What does that make

1 illegal?

2 A. Using funds from fraud, fraudulently obtained funds to
3 purchase items.

4 Q. And items above a certain amount; is that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What's the amount?

7 A. 10,000.

8 Q. So these are purchases using more than \$10,000 in fraud
9 proceeds?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. All right. You mentioned there was a truck; is
12 that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I'm going to show you. This is Government Exhibit W26,
15 which is records of a Salim Limited bank account. And at
16 page 22, there's a check dated February 24th account, 2021;
17 is that right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Who is that check to?

20 A. Lupient Chevrolet.

21 Q. What is Lupient Chevrolet?

22 A. It's a car dealership.

23 Q. Here in the Twin Cities?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And who is the purchaser -- and this is a cashier's

1 check; is that right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. What's the amount of the cashier's check?

4 A. \$47,000.

5 Q. And who purchased it?

6 A. Salim Said.

7 Q. Did you look and examine to see what this \$47,000 check
8 to Lupient Chevrolet was used for?

9 A. Yes, we did.

10 Q. What was it used for?

11 A. It was used to purchase a Chevy Silverado pickup truck.

12 Q. Okay. And did you, in the course of your investigation,
13 look into that purchase?

14 A. We did.

15 Q. What did you look for?

16 A. We looked for the purchase records.

17 Q. Okay. And what were you looking to see?

18 A. We were looking to see what the item was that was
19 purchased.

20 Q. Okay. And how it was purchased?

21 A. And how it was purchased.

22 Q. I'm going to show you now what's been marked, but not
23 yet admitted, as Government Exhibit U1. Do you recognize
24 Government Exhibit U1?

25 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. What is it?

2 A. It's the purchase agreement from Lupient Chevrolet.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
4 Government Exhibit U1.

5 THE COURT: Any objection?

6 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

7 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

8 THE COURT: U1 is admitted.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 BY MR. THOMPSON:

11 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, I'm directing your attention to
12 Government Exhibit U1. And I'm going to highlight the top
13 of the exhibit.

14 Can you tell the jury what you are looking at,
15 what they're looking at here?

16 A. They're looking at a purchase agreement for Salim Said
17 on February 23rd of 2021 for the purchase of a 2021
18 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 pickup truck.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. With 44 miles.

21 Q. So a new truck?

22 A. On the odometer. I would call that brand new.

23 Q. Brand new. Okay. What's the purchase price of this
24 Chevrolet Silverado?

25 A. The cash price is \$74,054.

1 Q. Okay. And the purchaser here is Salim Said. That's the
2 defendant in this case?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Directing your attention to the bottom left-hand corner
5 of the first page of Government Exhibit U1, there's a
6 signature on there for the buyer; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Who signed on behalf of the buyer?

9 A. That is consistent with Salim Said's signature.

10 Q. Okay. And directing your attention to page 4 of this
11 purchase agreement for the 2021 Chevy Silverado, what do we
12 see here in the folder from Lupient Chevrolet?

13 A. It is a copy of the official cashier check that was
14 provided to the dealership.

15 Q. Okay. Ms. Jansma, during your investigation, did you
16 look into the source of those \$47,000 that Defendant Salim
17 Said used to purchase this brand new Chevy Silverado truck?

18 A. Yes, we did.

19 Q. What were you looking for?

20 A. We were looking for legitimate sources of funds, but we
21 were only identifying that they were funds from the food
22 program.

23 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you Government Exhibit U16,
24 which is not in evidence. Now, is this a chart you created?

25 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. What is this chart --

2 A. This is.

3 Q. -- based on? What does it depict?

4 A. This is a chart that represents the flow of funds used
5 to purchase the Chevy Silverado.

6 Q. And does it summarize voluminous financial records that
7 are already admitted into evidence in this case?

8 A. Yes, it does.

9 Q. And is this a chart that would aid the jury in its
10 understanding of the flow of funds used to purchase this
11 truck?

12 A. Yes, I hope so.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, we move to admit
14 Government Exhibit U16.

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: U16 is admitted.

19 BY MR. THOMPSON:

20 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, I'm showing you U16 on the
21 screen here. And it's another one of these charts full of
22 numbers, so for those of us who aren't so inclined
23 mathematically or financially, could you just generally
24 describe what's depicted here?

25 A. Well, the bottom is a picture of the pickup truck, and

1 that is an actual photo of the truck that was purchased.

2 Q. Right there?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. All right. Right above it, what do we got?

5 A. Right above it is a copy of the cashier check receipt
6 from Bridgewater Bank that was used to make the purchase.

7 Q. And then above that, we have a bunch of numbers.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. First it says, Salim Limited LLC deposits \$2.8 million
10 between August 2020 and February 2021 and then the balance
11 of accounts on February 24th, 2021.

12 What does that mean?

13 A. That is the cumulative total of deposits made into that
14 entity in any of the accounts owned by Salim Limited LLC was
15 2,891,000, and that money just accumulated until purchases
16 initiated from the account.

17 And so the balance on February 24th right before
18 this \$47,000 cashier check was purchased was \$2,100,125.

19 Q. Not bad.

20 Did you look into that, the \$2.1 million or the
21 total of \$2.8 million, that was deposited into that account
22 to see where it came from?

23 A. We did.

24 Q. And on the right here, it says 100 percent of funds
25 derived from the Federal Child Nutrition Program; is that

1 right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. But the financial tracings is a little more complicated
4 than that, right?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. That's the bottom line result?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What do we see when we look at it?

9 A. You want to start at the top?

10 Q. Start wherever you think it would be easiest for the
11 ladies and gentlemen of the jury to understand.

12 A. Okay. Well, starting at the top, the funds that were
13 deposited into the Feeding Our Future bank account from MDE
14 as reimbursement for the child nutrition program expenses
15 that each of the entities below were claiming as expenses
16 for feeding children, the total payments through
17 February 24th of 2021, from the start of the program, were
18 \$16,296,459.

19 Q. And those are to the various entities here that were
20 participating in the program under the sponsorship of
21 Feeding Our Future?

22 A. Yes. The Stigma-Free International Inc., ASA Limited
23 LLC, Olive Management Inc., Safari Restaurant, and Brava
24 Restaurant and Cafe. And there was also a \$500,000,
25 combination of three payments, that were directly to Salim

1 Limited LLC from the Feeding Our Future account.

2 Q. And those were all the entities that were paying money
3 or that paid money into Defendant Said's company Salim
4 Limited?

5 A. Yes. So the next set of the yellow colored boxes with
6 the arrows show how much money was then transferred to the
7 Salim Limited LLC bank account.

8 Q. Okay. And when you were tracing, you were looking to
9 determine whether the money that were in these accounts was
10 money from the Federal Child Nutrition Program; is that
11 right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what did you find?

14 A. We found that it was all from the child nutrition
15 program.

16 Q. In fact, that sources and uses chart we just looked at
17 for Salim Limited, there's also charts for each one of these
18 entities, Stigma-Free International, ASA Limited, Olive
19 Management, et cetera?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I believe your colleague Ms. Roase talked about those
22 earlier?

23 A. I believe so yes.

24 Q. Okay. But bottom line, all the money into those
25 accounts was food money?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. From Feeding Our Future, either directly or indirectly?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And what did that lead you to conclude?

5 A. That the vehicle was purchased with fraudulent funds,
6 because they should have been used to feed children.

7 Q. But they were used to buy --

8 A. To buy a truck.

9 Q. Okay. And that's actually charged as Count 42 in the
10 indictment against Defendant Salim Said; is that right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Okay. Now that Chevy Silverado pictured here, you said
13 that's an actual picture; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. When was that picture taken?

16 A. It was taken after the vehicle was seized on, which was
17 seized in January of 2022, and this is a picture from the
18 impound lot.

19 Q. Who seized the Chevy Silverado?

20 A. The FBI.

21 Q. Why?

22 A. Because it was determined to be acquired from the use of
23 money from committing a crime.

24 Q. Okay. So it's being taken back?

25 A. Taken back.

1 Q. Okay. All right. Count 44 of the indictment is also
2 another money laundering charge against Defendant Salim
3 Said; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you make a chart summarizing that, that purchase as
6 well?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. And that's another car, right?

9 A. It is.

10 Q. What kind of car?

11 A. It is a Mercedes.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. It's like an SUV.

14 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked, but not yet
15 admitted, as Government Exhibit U3. And, Ms. Jansma, is
16 this the purchase documents related to the purchase of that
17 Mercedes Benz SUV?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. Was that obtained from the dealership?

20 A. Yes, Feldmann Imports.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
22 Government Exhibit U3.

23 THE COURT: Any objection?

24 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

25 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

1 THE COURT: U3 is admitted.

2 BY MR. THOMPSON:

3 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, let's start at the first page
4 here. This is a little bit of a dense document, but first
5 starts off identifying the vehicle that was purchased; is
6 that right?

7 A. Yes. This is the document applying for a license.

8 Q. And the model is a 2021, so new car again?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what's the make of the car?

11 A. It's a Mercedes GLS.

12 Q. It's a type of SUV; is that right?

13 A. Yes, I believe so.

14 Q. And down here at the bottom of page 1, it listed the
15 purchaser; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Actually, two purchasers of this car; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Who are the purchasers?

20 A. Salim Said and Anisa Chekchekani.

21 Q. And remind us again. Who is Anisa Chekchekani?

22 A. She is Salim Said's wife.

23 Q. I'm going to direct your attention now to page 4, which
24 is more of the purchase documents for this car from the
25 dealership; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Which is Feldmann Imports?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. The buyer name Salim Said?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Cobuyer Anisa Chekchekani?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what does it say about the amount being spent on
9 this car?

10 A. Well \$60,000 down, with the remaining financed over
11 24 months.

12 Q. Okay. And I'll direct your attention to page 6 here.
13 Is there a date on this payment?

14 A. There is.

15 Q. What's the date?

16 A. March 3rd of 2021.

17 Q. Did you look into this car? Well, we have a picture of
18 this car, is that right, actually from the dealership?

19 A. Yes, yes.

20 Q. Okay. And this is --

21 I'm going to show you what's been marked but not
22 yet admitted. This is going to be tough to do here. I'm
23 going to start it and stop it here, if it will let me. Oh,
24 boy. Okay.

25 Government Exhibit GG73 is a video of this from

1 the dealership; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And this was recovered from Defendant Said's phone or
4 Google drive; is that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 Your Honor, I move to admit Government Exhibit
8 GG73.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

11 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

12 THE COURT: GG73 is admitted.

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 Q. Ms. Jansma, I'm going to show you this video on the
15 screen. Okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 (Video recording played)

18 Q. This is taken at the dealership; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. There's a car there. Do you recognize that car?

21 A. Yes, that's the Mercedes.

22 Q. That he purchased?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. Okay. Did you look into how this was purchased?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Did you do a chart summarizing it?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Okay. And it is Government Exhibit U17, which is not
4 yet in evidence. Is that the chart you created?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. Did you create it in a similar way to the one that we
7 looked at earlier?

8 A. I did.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
10 Government Exhibit U17.

11 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

12 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

13 THE COURT: U17 is admitted.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, why don't we stop at the bottom
16 because that worked. Okay? That's the picture of the car;
17 is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. In the winter?

20 A. Yes, that's from the impound lot.

21 Q. Okay. And did you look into the check that was used to
22 purchase the car?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And is that depicted on the photo here?

25 A. It is.

1 Q. And did you look to see where that check came from?

2 It's a \$60,000 check from a Wells Fargo account; is that
3 right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Whose account is that?

6 A. It's Anisa Chekchekani's account, Salim Said's wife.

7 Q. Okay. And did you look into that account during your
8 investigation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And in fact we have it admitted into evidence, correct?

11 We do.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Is this Government Exhibit W98? Is that the account?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. I'm going to direct your attention to page 476 of
16 the account. Is that the check that was used to purchase
17 the Mercedes?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. What's the date of the check?

20 A. March 4th of 2021.

21 Q. And who is it paid to?

22 A. Feldmann Imports.

23 Q. That was March 4th. I want to direct your attention
24 elsewhere in the account. Page 442, there's a check
25 deposited into Ms. Chekchekani's account about a week

1 earlier on February 28th, 2021; is that right?

2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. And what -- can you describe this check for us?

4 A. Yes. It is a check from Salim Limited LLC payable to
5 Anisa Chekchekani for \$30,000.

6 Q. That's the account we looked at earlier that received
7 all the food money?

8 A. Yes, it's one of them, the Bridgewater Bank account.

9 Q. And the next deposit into the accounts at page 444 of
10 Government Exhibit W98; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Another \$30,000 to Ms. Chekchekani from Salim Limited?

13 A. Yes, it is.

14 Q. Signed by Salim Said?

15 A. Yes, it is.

16 Q. And this is on March 2nd, 2021?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Two days before they purchased the car?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Go back to U17. All right. So can you describe --

21 Well, this chart gets pretty messy here, but maybe
22 we'll do this one from the top.

23 The money all starts at Feeding Our Future; is
24 that right?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. And where does it go in the first step on its trail to
2 becoming a Mercedes SUV?

3 A. It goes to each of the different entities that had been
4 submitting claims for food reimbursement. Stigma-Free
5 Internationals, ASA Limited, Olive Management and Safari
6 Restaurant.

7 And the one on the far right I believe is Brava
8 Restaurant that sneaks down past the page.

9 Q. That's the one in Rochester?

10 A. Yep.

11 Q. This is all, to be clear, Federal Child Nutrition
12 Program funds?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Designed for?

15 A. Reimbursement for the costs of feeding children under
16 the age of 18.

17 Q. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And it flows down as funds after it leaves
20 Feeding Our Future, it flows to those sites and then
21 ultimately to Salim Limited LLC; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Defendant Said's company?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And on March 2nd, the balance in that account was

1 \$1.9 million; is that right?

2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. And those funds, where did those funds come from?

4 A. 100 percent of those funds were from the child nutrition
5 program and Feeding Our Future.

6 Q. Then on March 4th, he, for those two check we just
7 looked at, he transferred \$60,000 to his wife's account?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. From Salim Limited?

10 A. From Salim Limited, yes.

11 Q. Food money?

12 A. Food money.

13 Q. Prior to his depositing of those two \$30,000 checks,
14 what was the account in his wife's bank account -- what was
15 the balance in his wife's bank account?

16 A. Her balance was \$384.

17 Q. But after receiving the \$60,000, she wrote a check to
18 Feldmann Imports?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And bottom line, with respect to the purchase of that
21 Mercedes?

22 A. It was funded 100 percent by child nutrition program
23 funds.

24 Q. Now what happened -- we saw the video of that Mercedes.
25 It looked pretty nice. We have a picture at the bottom that

1 looks less nice.

2 When was this picture taken?

3 A. I'm not sure of the date, but it was after January 20th
4 of 2022 when it was seized.

5 Q. By federal law enforcement agents?

6 A. Yeah, yes. Correct.

7 Q. I'm going to show you now what's been admitted as
8 Government Exhibit GG1 at page 15 and 16, which are photos
9 taken during the search of Salim Said's residence on
10 January 20th, 2022; is that right?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. And what was in the, parked in the garage that day?

13 A. It was both of the vehicles that we just discussed, the
14 Chevy Silverado and the Mercedes.

15 Q. And they were seized by law enforcement that day?

16 A. Yes, they were.

17 Q. All right. Count 51, well, you said earlier,
18 Ms. Jansma, that in addition to the vehicle purchases that
19 Salim Said also used Federal Child Nutrition Program funds
20 from his entity Salim Limited to purchase real estate; is
21 that right?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. Are there also money laundering counts stemming from
24 those real estate purchases?

25 A. Yes, there are.

1 Q. And did you conduct a similar analysis with respect to
2 those purchases?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. First, I'm going to show you what's been marked, but not
5 yet admitted, as Government Exhibit U5. And is this a
6 settlement statement related to the purchase of property in
7 Plymouth, Minnesota?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. Obtained from the title company?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
12 Government Exhibit U5.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: U5 is admitted.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, for those who haven't bought a
19 house perhaps, can you tell the jury what a settlement
20 statement is?

21 A. Sure. So the settlement statement, that is typically
22 prepared when you purchase a property, shows the buyer's
23 side and the seller's side, with the reconciliation of what
24 the purchase price is, up and down adjustments based on any
25 unpaid or prepaid property taxes or fees for transferring a

1 title and things like that.

2 Q. And that's a stack of documents that you sign when you
3 purchase the house?

4 A. Yep, a big stack. Right.

5 Q. All right. So this settlement statement is for a real
6 estate purchase on July 21st of 2021; is that right?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. What's the property being purchased?

9 A. 5150 Alvarado Lane North in Plymouth.

10 Q. And who are the people purchasing it?

11 A. The purchasers are Salim Said and Anisa Chekchekani.

12 Q. His wife?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The seller?

15 A. Micasa LLC.

16 Q. And what's the price that Salim Said and Anisa
17 Chekchekani paid for this house?

18 A. The agreed upon price was \$1,175,000.

19 Q. Now page 4 has a description of the house; is that
20 right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. It's from the real estate listing?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And there's a description at the bottom here of
25 the house; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you read the sentence that begins, "This immaculate
3 residence?"

4 A. "This immaculate residence completed in 2018 by Robert
5 Thomas Homes is located on a cul de sac in the highly
6 desirable Creekside Hills neighborhood and Wayzata School
7 District (Northwoods Elementary)."

8 Q. At the bottom here it talks about, it offers an
9 incredible sport court, a large family room with wet and
10 lookout windows.

11 What's a sport court?

12 A. It is like a half a basketball court that's indoors and
13 in your house.

14 Q. The house had that?

15 A. Yep, yes.

16 Q. And it had information at the top here about the size of
17 the house; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what is the square footage of the house that
20 defendant Said and his wife purchased in July 2021 using
21 Federal Child Nutrition Program funds?

22 A. 5,962 square feet.

23 Q. How many bedrooms and bathrooms?

24 A. Five bedrooms, five bathrooms.

25 Q. I'm directing your attention here to page 6 of

1 Government Exhibit U5. There's a check in here; is that
2 right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. For \$250,000?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. Who is it paid to?

7 A. Micasa LLC.

8 Q. Who is it from?

9 A. It's from Salim Limited LLC.

10 Q. What was this check for?

11 A. This was the earnest money or down payment, if you will,
12 for that property on Alvarado Lane.

13 Q. I'm going to show you now what's been marked, but not
14 admitted, as Government Exhibit U6. Is that a photo of the
15 house that he purchased?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
18 Government Exhibit U6.

19 THE COURT: Any objection?

20 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

21 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

22 THE COURT: U6 is admitted.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 Q. Okay. I'm also going to, I'm going to show you now
25 Government Exhibit Z51, which is a series of checks I

1 believe; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And the first one here, that's that \$250,000 check that
4 we just looked at?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now the total purchase price was \$1.175 million; is that
7 right?

8 A. Yes, that's correct.

9 Q. Were there, was this a financed property or no?

10 A. There was a small land contract attached to the sale.

11 Q. What does that mean?

12 A. That means that the seller retained a balance on the
13 property that would be paid at a later time.

14 Q. And how much was that balance?

15 A. 225,000.

16 Q. The rest of it, how was it paid?

17 A. It was paid with a check.

18 Q. And if I look here at page 3 of Government Exhibit Z51,
19 is this records related to that check?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 Q. And what's the amount of this check?

22 A. \$702,000.

23 Q. And who is it paid to?

24 A. It is paid to Results Title.

25 Q. Who purchased it?

1 A. Salim Said.

2 Q. From one of his Salim Limited bank accounts?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you create a chart summarizing the flow of funds
5 into this that were used to purchase this property by Salim
6 Said?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. And has that been marked as Government Exhibit U18,
9 which is not yet in evidence?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And did you create this using similar methods to
12 the two charts we looked at earlier?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I would move to admit
15 Government Exhibit U18.

16 THE COURT: Any objection?

17 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

18 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

19 THE COURT: U18 is admitted.

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, we look here. At the bottom we
22 have the property that was purchased and those two checks
23 that were used to purchase it, correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. On June 14th and July 28th of 2021?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And again, at this chart, does it show where those
3 checks came from?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 Q. Where did it come from?

6 A. Salim Limited LLC.

7 Q. Defendant Said's entity?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And as before, did you look at where Salim Limited got
10 those funds?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And where did those funds that he used to purchase this
13 home in Plymouth come from?

14 A. It came -- oh, sorry. It came from the same entities
15 that the prior two charts also reflect.

16 Q. The entities that he and his other Safari group members
17 had enrolled in the Federal Child Nutrition Program?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Under the sponsorship of what entity?

20 A. Feeding Our Future.

21 Q. And if we look above, you traced this money all the way
22 back; is that right?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. Where did it originate from before it flowed through
25 those different entities, Stigma-Frees, ASA Limited, Olive

1 Management to Salim Limited?

2 A. It came from the Feeding Our Future bank account.

3 Q. And those funds, where it did it come from ultimately?

4 A. Well, Minnesota Department of Education.

5 Q. Federal Child Nutrition Program funds?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Taxpayer money?

8 A. Taxpayer money.

9 Q. What were those funds supposed to be used for?

10 A. For reimbursement for the costs of feeding children
11 nutritious meals.

12 Q. Is that what happened?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Now, Ms. Jansma, you talked earlier about the law
15 enforcement action on January 20th, 2022; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You talked about the seizures of different entities; is
18 that right?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. There was also a search conducted; is that right?

21 A. Yes, there was.

22 Q. Was there a search conducted -- well, how many locations
23 were searched that day?

24 A. Oh, I think it was 12 or 13. It's been a while.

25 Q. Okay. Was this residence, Salim Said's residence, on

1 Alvarado Lane in Plymouth searched that day?

2 A. Yes, it was.

3 Q. And did the agents that conducted that search find
4 evidence related to the Federal Child Nutrition Program?

5 A. Yes, they did.

6 Q. And some of those have been admitted in evidence here
7 today or here at this trial, correct?

8 A. Yes, I presume so.

9 Q. For example, Government Exhibit GG5 is a stack of
10 documents that were recovered during the search of 5150
11 Alvarado Lane on January 20th, 2022; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what do we see here?

14 A. Those are meal count sheets that were used to submit to
15 the sponsor for requests for reimbursement.

16 Q. And the site name on this one is Stigma-Free, Mankato;
17 is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Now Stigma-Free, is that one of the entities from which
20 Defendant Said received Federal Child Nutrition Program
21 funds that he used to purchase this house?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And those cars?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And these meal counts were found in his house?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. I'm showing you now Government Exhibit GG18,
3 which were other documents that were found during the search
4 of his house in January 2022. And what do we see here?

5 A. The payer of this check is Cosmopolitan Business
6 Solutions, which is Safari Restaurant. And the receiver is
7 Salim Limited LLC, and the date is January 22nd of 2021,
8 \$277,000.

9 Q. Now I know you -- your colleague testified to that
10 account already, but you've looked at it. You are familiar
11 with the Cosmopolitan Business Solutions account; is that
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What money was in that account in January of 2021?

15 A. Funds for the child nutrition program.

16 Q. Another check. Well, that one was January 22nd. Page 2
17 is also another check to Salim Limited that same day,
18 January 22nd, 2021; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. \$135,000?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What's this check from?

23 A. ASA limited.

24 Q. What's ASA Limited?

25 A. It is another entity that's owned by Salim Said and two

1 other codefendants.

2 Q. Is that one of the entities from which Defendant Said
3 received funds that he used to purchase this house in
4 Plymouth?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. GG25 is another document found during the search of
7 Defendant Said's house in Plymouth; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And this is a consulting agreement; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what's the -- who is the client on this consulting
12 agreement found in his house?

13 A. Brava Restaurant.

14 Q. Are you familiar with Brava Restaurant?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What is it?

17 A. It is a restaurant in Rochester that also started to
18 participate in this child nutrition program operation.

19 Q. One of the entities from which Defendant Said received
20 funds that he used to purchase this \$1.1 million house in
21 Plymouth?

22 A. Yes, that is correct.

23 Q. This house, was anything done with it on January 20th,
24 2022?

25 A. Yes. We filed to seize the property.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I believe it's officially called lis pendens so it can't
3 be sold.

4 Q. It's subject to seizure, just like the cars?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Obviously you couldn't haul it away that day?

7 A. No.

8 Q. All right. And that one was charged as Count 51 of the
9 indictment; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Count 52 is another money laundering count; is that
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked, but not yet
15 admitted, as Government Exhibit U7. And is this the title
16 company records or settlement statement related to the
17 purchase of another property?

18 A. Yes, this is.

19 Q. And this one's on 2722 Park Avenue; is that right?

20 A. That is correct.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
22 Government Exhibit U7.

23 THE COURT: Any objection?

24 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

25 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

1 THE COURT: U7 is admitted.

2 BY MR. THOMPSON:

3 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, another settlement statement,
4 correct?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. What's the property that's being sold in this
7 transaction?

8 A. It has two addresses, 2722 and 2742 Park Avenue South,
9 Minneapolis.

10 Q. Okay. And what's the purchase price of this property?

11 A. \$2,780,000.

12 Q. Who is the buyer?

13 A. Cosmopolitan Business Properties LLC.

14 Q. And I'm going to direct your attention to the third page
15 of Government Exhibit U7. Who signs on behalf of that
16 entity Cosmopolitan Business Properties LLC that's
17 purchasing this property?

18 A. Salim Said.

19 Q. And what's -- is his title listed?

20 A. Yes. It says president.

21 Q. Okay. Now I want to show you what's been marked, but
22 not yet admitted, as Government Exhibit U8. Is this a photo
23 of 2722 -- 2722 Park Avenue?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. In Minneapolis?

1 Your Honor, I move to admit Government Exhibit U8.

2 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

3 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

4 THE COURT: U8 is admitted.

5 BY MR. THOMPSON:

6 Q. Okay. Ms. Jansma, could you tell us a little bit about
7 this property?

8 A. Sure. We've commonly referred to it as the mansion. It
9 was used as an office space. There are a few other suites
10 within the building that have been leased out to others.

11 Q. And 2722 Park Avenue, that's in South Minneapolis; is
12 that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. About how far is that from where you sit here today?

15 A. Oh, maybe three or four miles.

16 Q. Okay. And Park Avenue, that's a street that's kind of
17 significant; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Well, what kind of properties are on Park Avenue?

20 A. Nice big, old properties.

21 Q. Big old kind of Gilded Age mansions like this?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Now this property that was purchased was an
24 entity that Salim Said was listed as the president of,
25 correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Cosmopolitan Business Solutions?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you do any digging into the origins of that entity?

5 A. Yes, we did.

6 Q. I'd like to show you what's been marked, but not yet
7 admitted, as Government Exhibit T35. And are these the
8 Secretary of State registration documents for Cosmopolitan
9 Business Solutions?

10 A. Yes, they are.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
12 Government Exhibit T35.

13 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

14 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

15 THE COURT: T35 is admitted.

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Q. All right. Ms. Jansma, when was this entity
18 Cosmopolitan Business Properties registered with the
19 Minnesota Secretary of State?

20 A. June 17th of 2021.

21 Q. Shortly before the property was purchased?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. I want to show you now, you've found some other
24 documents related to the creation of this entity; is that
25 right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Showing you what's been marked, but not admitted, as
3 Government Exhibit T38. And is this an email from
4 Abdulkadir Salah to Salim Said on July 15th, 2021?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. Does it relate to this entity Cosmopolitan Business
7 Properties LLC?

8 A. Yes, it does.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
10 Government Exhibit T38.

11 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

12 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

13 THE COURT: T38 is admitted.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Q. Again, Ms. Jansma, this is from Abdulkadir Salah; is
16 that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who is that?

19 A. That is one of the coowners of Safari Restaurant.

20 Q. Okay. And he writes this email to Salim Said, the
21 defendant in this case?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. And Salah Donyale?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you recognize that name?

1 A. I do.

2 Q. Who is he?

3 A. He's Abshir Omar-Hashim.

4 Q. Ahmed Omar-Hashim?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. He goes by two names?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what is his relationship to this case, if any?

9 A. He also had sites and was participating in the program.
10 He had Olive Management.

11 Q. Defendant in this case too?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And I'm going to direct your attention to the
14 second page of this exhibit, T38. There's an operating
15 agreement for this entity; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Cosmopolitan Business Properties?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. And on page 14 at the end of the operating agreement,
20 there's a signature page for this, the creation of this
21 entity; is that right?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. And who signs as the parties to this operating agreement
24 for Cosmopolitan Business Properties LLC?

25 A. Abdulkadir Salah, Salim Said, Ahmed Ghedi and Ahmed

1 Omar-Hashim.

2 Q. And what's the date on which they execute this operating
3 agreement for this new entity?

4 A. June 17th of 2021.

5 Q. And I want to show you now an email that was sent about
6 six days later on June 23rd, 2021, which is marked, but not
7 admitted, as Government Exhibit T36.

8 Is this an email containing the signed purchase
9 agreement for that 2722 Park Avenue property?

10 A. Yes. The purchase agreement was attached to this.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Your Honor, I move to admit
12 Government Exhibit T36.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: T36 is admitted.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 Q. Ms. Jansma, there's a bunch of people on this email; is
19 that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Including Salim Said?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Abdulkadir Salah?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And it's sent June 23rd, 2021?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What's the subject line?

3 A. Signed, oh, yes, Signed Purchase Agreement. It's a PDF
4 for 2722 and 2742 Park Avenue.

5 Q. And there's two street addresses listed for this
6 property; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What's -- why are there two?

9 A. The other one is the large parking lot that's adjacent
10 to the building.

11 Q. Next to the building?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Which technically is a separate street address?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And the subject line, it looks like it comes from
16 a Realtor of some sort; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The signed purchase agreement with a quick closing and
19 it says, "Cash purchase 100 percent." What does that mean?

20 A. That means there will be no financing.

21 Q. Cut a check?

22 A. Cut a check.

23 Q. And what's the purchase price for this cash purchase of
24 2722 and 2742 Park Avenue?

25 A. \$2,780,000.

1 Q. And who signed on behalf of Cosmopolitan Business
2 Properties for this purchase agreement?

3 A. Salim Said.

4 MR. THOMPSON: We can probably stop now, Your
5 Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. I do have another hearing
7 this afternoon, so I'm going to stop now.

8 We'll return -- I'm going to have you return at
9 10:30 tomorrow morning. All right?

10 All rise for the jury.

11 4:30 p.m.

12 **IN OPEN COURT**

13 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

14 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

15 All right. I have another hearing at 9:00
16 tomorrow morning, so that's why we're starting at 10:30.

17 I think I'll ask you to just not -- I'll try to
18 wrap that one up by 10:30, but I'll ask you to not come in
19 until it's done, unless you need to.

20 It's with defendants who are in custody, so I just
21 want to be respectful of that. Okay? All right.

22 MR. UDOIBOK: What time?

23 THE COURT: 10:30.

24 MR. COLICH: Your Honor, regarding timing, while I
25 can't predict what counsel will do, if I assume that he is

1 going to do something in their case in chief, we have two
2 witnesses, plus potentially my client.

3 We're having some difficulty as far as getting
4 them here tomorrow because they have to be at the mosque and
5 pray all day tomorrow. So we're having some issues about
6 that.

7 So I'm just wondering, is it possible to just
8 agree that we would start our testimony on Wednesday
9 morning?

10 THE COURT: I really don't know what Mr. Udoibok
11 is going to do.

12 MR. COLICH: I understand that.

13 THE COURT: So you all want to come up to the
14 bench, and we can talk about it?

15 MR. COLICH: Yes.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thanks, everybody.

17 (Court adjourned at 4:31 p.m., 03-06-2025.)

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19 I, Renee A. Rogge, certify that the foregoing is a
20 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
21 above-entitled matter.

22 Certified by: /s/Renee A. Rogge
23 Renee A. Rogge, RMR-CRR

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