# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Criminal Action No. 09-cr-00266-CMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

- DAVID A. BANKS;
- DEMETRIUS K. HARPER, a/k/a KEN HARPER;
- 3. GARY L. WALKER;
- 4. CLINTON A. STEWART, a/k/a C. ALFRED STEWART;
- 5. DAVID A. ZIRPOLO; and
- 6. KENDRICK BARNES,

Defendants.

# REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT (Jury Trial Day 7)

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Proceedings before the HONORABLE CHRISTINE M. ARGUELLO, Judge, United States District Court, for the District of Colorado, commencing at 8:58 a.m. on the 4th day of October 2011, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, Denver, Colorado.

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- 2 (Proceedings commence at 8:58 a.m.)
- 3 (The following is had in open court, outside the
- 4 hearing and presence of the jury.)
- 5 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 6 All right. Did we get the foundation laid for a
- 7 number of exhibits so that we don't have to waste the
- 8 jury's time?
- 9 MS. HAZRA: Yes, Your Honor, we have conferred and
- 10 come up with a list of exhibits that are stipulated, first
- 11 as to whether or not they can be admitted, and then a
- 12 second category is whether or not they can be deemed
- 13 admissible.
- 14 THE COURT: Which have been stipulated to? Go
- 15 ahead and list the admitted ones first.
- MS. HAZRA: Government's Exhibit 1E.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. 1E is admitted.
- 18 (Exhibit No. 1E is admitted.)
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Government's Exhibit 211.00, Your
- Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. 211.00 is admitted.
- 22 (Exhibit No. 211.00 is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: 211.01 we move to admit.
- 24 THE COURT: 211.00 is admitted.
- 25 (Exhibit No. 211.01 is admitted.)

- 1 MS. HAZRA: Then skip to the 400s -- Government
- 2 401.00.
- 3 THE COURT: Exhibit 401.00 is admitted.
- 4 (Exhibit No. 401.00 is admitted.)
- 5 MS. HAZRA: 411.00.
- 6 THE COURT: Admitted?
- 7 MS. HAZRA: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: Okay, admitted.
- 9 (Exhibit No. 411.00 is admitted.)
- 10 MS. HAZRA: 440.01 we would move to admit.
- THE COURT: 440.01 is admitted.
- 12 (Exhibit No. 440.01 is admitted.)
- 13 MS. HAZRA: 441.00.
- 14 THE COURT: That's admitted.
- 15 (Exhibit No. 441.00 is admitted.)
- 16 MS. HAZRA: 446.02.
- 17 THE COURT: 446.02 is admitted.
- 18 (Exhibit No. 446.02 is admitted.)
- 19 MS. HAZRA: And that is the end of the admitted
- 20 documents, but I will look to Mr. Walker for confirmation.
- 21 MR. WALKER: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. Which ones are admissible?
- MS. HAZRA: We'll start back at the beginning, Your
- 24 Honor. Government's Exhibit 32.01.
- THE COURT: 32.01 is deemed admissible.

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- 1 (Exhibit No. 32.01 is found admissible.)
- MS. HAZRA: Then the whole from 33.00 to 33.11,
- 3 that whole range of exhibits there, we would ask to be
- 4 deemed admissible. So, for the record, 33.00, 33.01,
- 5 33.02, 33.03, 33.04, 33.05, 33.06, 33.07, 33.08, 33.09,
- 6 33.10 and 33.11.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. No objection from the
- 8 defendants?
- 9 MR. WALKER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All of those are deemed admissible.
- 11 (Exhibit Nos. 33.00, 33.01, 33.02, 33.03, 33.04,
- 33.05, 33.06, 33.07, 33.08, 33.09, 33.10, 33.11 are found
- 13 admissible.)
- 14 MS. HAZRA: Next, Your Honor, Government would ask
- that Government's Exhibit 214.00 be deemed admissible.
- 16 THE COURT: 214.00 is deemed admissible.
- 17 (Exhibit No. 214.00 is found admissible.)
- MS. HAZRA: Government's Exhibit 402.00.
- 19 THE COURT: 402.00 is deemed admissible.
- 20 (Exhibit No. 402.00 is found admissible.)
- 21 MS. HAZRA: 403.00.
- THE COURT: 403.00 is deemed admissible.
- 23 (Exhibit No. 403.00 is found admissible.)
- 24 MS. HAZRA: 412.00.
- THE COURT: 412.00 deemed admissible.

- 1 (Exhibit No. 412.00 is found admissible.)
- 2 MS. HAZRA: 412.01.
- 3 THE COURT: 412.01 is deemed admissible.
- 4 (Exhibit No. 412.01 is found admissible.)
- 5 MS. HAZRA: 413.
- 6 THE COURT: 413.00 is deemed admissible.
- 7 (Exhibit No. 413.00 is found admissible.)
- 8 MS. HAZRA: Next, 442.00.
- 9 THE COURT: 442.00 is deemed admissible.
- 10 (Exhibit No. 442.00 is found admissible.)
- 11 MS. HAZRA: And 443.00.
- 12 THE COURT: 443.00 is deemed admissible.
- 13 (Exhibit No 443.00 is found admissible.)
- 14 MS. HAZRA: And I believe that is it, but I am
- 15 going to again look to Mr. Walker.
- 16 THE COURT: Mr. Walker, do all agree with all of
- 17 those?
- 18 MR. WALKER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Thank you very much. I appreciate
- that, and the jury will definitely appreciate that.
- 21 All right. And I understand that Ms. Barnes has
- 22 spoken to you about the chewing of gum, and the bringing
- of anything other than water in, and having telephones on
- 24 during trial.
- MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor, and we have notified

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- 1 the people in the gallery to adhere to those rules, as
- 2 well.
- 3 THE COURT: All right. We are going to post
- 4 something. I never have posted it, but we will post it so
- 5 people know. But you have need to understand, the jury
- 6 are very observant. They notice what is going on around
- 7 them. So people who sit in the back need to know they are
- 8 being watched, as well.
- 9 MR. BANKS: Okay, thank you.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Anything further?
- MS. HAZRA: No, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Anything further from the defendants?
- MR. BANKS: No, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Barnes, please bring in
- 15 the jury.
- 16 MS. HAZRA: Would you like Special Agent Smith to
- 17 go to the stand now.
- 18 THE COURT: Yes. Why doesn't he retake the stand
- 19 at this point.
- 20 (The following is had in open court, in the hearing
- and presence of the jury.)
- 22 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- Welcome back.
- THE COURT: Ms. Hazra, you may proceed.
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

#### 1 SPECIAL AGENT JOHN SMITH

- 2 having been previously duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Cont'd)
- 4 BY MS. HAZRA:
- 5 Q. Special Agent Smith, I would like to again pick up
- 6 not where we left off, but moving on.
- 7 In the course of your investigation, did you have
- 8 an opportunity to investigate the various addresses
- 9 related to the entities involved?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, at this time I would ask
- 12 permission to publish Government's Exhibit 150.01, which
- 13 has already been admitted.
- 14 THE COURT: 150.01 may be published.
- MS. HAZRA: Mr. Kirsch, if you could highlight the
- 16 address in the second portion there.
- 17 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, could you --
- THE COURT: The jurors' screens are not on.
- 19 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, can you identify the
- 20 entity we are seeing up on the screen right now?
- 21 A. Yes. The entity is SWV.
- 22 O. And is there a particular address listed for that?
- 23 A. Yes, there is.
- 24 Q. Based on your investigation, is this entity an
- 25 address supplied to several staffing companies?

- 1 A. Yes, it was.
- 2 Q. And generally on what document was it supplied?
- 3 A. I saw it on credit applications.
- 4 Q. Submitted by whom?
- 5 A. By DKH or IRP.
- 6 Q. Did you have an occasion to go to that address that
- 7 is listed there?
- 8 A. Yes, I did.
- 9 Q. Specifically 7645 North Union Boulevard, Suite 441?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 O. What is at that address?
- 12 A. That address is a UPS Store, or formerly called Mail
- 13 Boxes Etc. It is a place that has post office boxes. It
- is not an office building with actual suites.
- MS. HAZRA: Next, Your Honor, if I could have
- 16 permission to publish Government's Exhibit 32, which has
- 17 previously been admitted into evidence.
- 18 THE COURT: You may.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Mr. Kirsch, if you could highlight the
- 20 address at the top there.
- 21 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, if you could please,
- 22 for the record, identify what address is being highlighted
- in Government's Exhibit 32?
- 24 A. Yes. That is the same address, 7645 North Union
- 25 Boulevard, No. 432, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

- 1 Q. What is the company for whom that address is being
- 2 supplied?
- 3 A. Leading Team, Inc.
- 4 Q. And did you have an occasion to go to that address?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. What is that address?
- 7 A. The UPS Store.
- 8 Q. Is it the same UPS Store that had the SWV address?
- 9 A. Yes, it is.
- 10 Q. So what does No. 432 indicate?
- 11 A. 432 is just a P.O. Box at that UPS Store.
- 12 Q. And, just for the record, Special Agent, what is
- 13 Government's Exhibit 32?
- 14 MS. HAZRA: And Mr. Kirsch, may have to back out to
- 15 show you.
- 16 THE WITNESS: 32.00, that is an invoice from a
- 17 staffing company called Adecco Technical to Leading Team
- 18 at the address we just talked about.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Last, Your Honor, I would ask
- 20 permission to publish Government's Exhibit 440.01, which
- 21 has just been admitted into evidence.
- 22 THE COURT: I am sorry, yes, it may be admitted
- 23 into evidence.
- MS. HAZRA: Thank you.
- 25 First, Mr. Kirsch, if you could highlight the

- 1 bottom there under "Trade References."
- 2 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, is this the same SWV,
- 3 Inc., that we were discussing in the prior exhibit?
- 4 A. Yes, it is.
- 5 Q. With the same address?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Is there a handwritten notation in there related to
- 8 that company?
- 9 A. Yes, there is.
- 10 Q. What is that?
- 11 A. "L/M Sylvia McGee."
- MS. HAZRA: And now, Mr. Kirsch, if you could back
- 13 out of this that is highlighted.
- 14 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And just if you could identify what
- Government's Exhibit 440.01 is, for the record.
- 16 A. Yes. 440.01 is a credit application submitted by DKH
- 17 Enterprises to The Job Store Staffing Services.
- MS. HAZRA: And then, Mr. Kirsch, if you could
- 19 highlight the top, the address with the company.
- 20 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, did you have an
- 21 opportunity to go to the address that is listed in the "A"
- 22 section under "Company"?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. What is that address, and who is the entity it is
- 25 associated with?

- 1 A. That address that is on the screen; 4164 Austin
- 2 Bluffs Parkway, Suite 171, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 3 And it is affiliated with DKH Enterprises.
- 4 Q. And what was at that address when you went there?
- 5 A. That is a UPS Store, formerly a Mail Boxes Etc. That
- 6 is just a post office box. It is not an office building
- 7 with a suite.
- 8 Q. Yesterday we were talking about your participation in
- 9 a search warrant at the premises of DKH, IRP and Leading
- 10 Team.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. As part of that search, I believe the FBI came up
- with an identification system; is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes, we did.
- 15 Q. And what was that identification system pertaining
- 16 to?
- 17 A. The identification system labeled offices and cube
- 18 areas, so we would know -- have a unique identifier for
- 19 each area.
- 20 Q. And what was the purpose of designating each area
- 21 that was searched with a unique identifier?
- 22 A. That way we could label it and we would know if we
- 23 took something from that area, where it came from.
- 24 Q. Primarily what was taken from those areas?
- 25 A. You know, we took paper documents relating to the

- 1 staffing companies and other time cards, invoices, other
- 2 things related to our case.
- 3 Q. And did you also conduct any imaging of computers
- 4 there?
- 5 A. Yes, we did.
- 6 Q. Was each area assigned a letter?
- 7 A. Yes, it was.
- 8 Q. Special Agent, what -- whose office or what area
- 9 searched was related to room F?
- 10 A. Room F was Clinton Stewart's office.
- 11 O. And what was the area that was assigned designation
- 12 room N, as in Nancy?
- 13 A. I remember a Nancy Nancy.
- 14 Q. What was Nancy Nancy?
- 15 A. NN was David Banks' office.
- 16 O. And how about room P?
- 17 A. Room P was the office of Gary Walker.
- 18 Q. And whose office was room T, as in Tom?
- 19 A. Room T, as in Tom, was Mr. Demetrius Harper's office.
- 20 Q. And how about the area associated with room Z, as in
- 21 zebra?
- 22 A. That was the office of Amos Clark.
- 23 Q. As part of your search, Special Agent, were there
- 24 letters assigned to receptionist areas?
- 25 A. Yes, there were.

- 1 O. And what were the areas identified by the letters N
- 2 and M, as in Mary?
- 3 A. The letter N, as in Nancy, was a desk of a
- 4 receptionist. And the letter M, as in Mary, was an office
- 5 that would have been for a receptionist.
- 6 Q. You just said that you took several documents related
- 7 to your investigation in this case and so on during the
- 8 search.
- 9 MS. HAZRA: I would ask at this time permission to
- 10 publish Government's Exhibit 1E, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: You may.
- 12 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is 1E, Special Agent Smith?
- 13 A. Exhibit 1E is a time card from the staffing company
- 14 Talent Tree for the employee that was hired by them named
- 15 Gary Walker, for the customer DKH Enterprises, approved by
- 16 Demetrius Harper.
- 17 Q. Is this one of the documents that was found during
- 18 the search?
- 19 A. Yes, it was.
- 20 Q. And is the time card for a particular time period of
- 21 hours worked?
- 22 A. Yes, it is.
- 23 Q. And can you identify that, if you are able to?
- 24 A. Yes. It is from -- the hours, as reported on this
- 25 card are from -- start on 7/28/2003, and end on 8/2/2003,

- 1 with a week ending date in the bottom left-hand corner
- 2 there of 8/3/03.
- 3 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Mr. Kirsch.
- 4 Next, Your Honor, I would ask permission to publish
- 5 stipulated Exhibit 446.02.
- 6 THE COURT: 446.02 may be published.
- 7 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, was this another
- 8 document that was connected to your investigation?
- 9 A. Yes, it was, or it is.
- 10 Q. And what is -- can you just please describe this
- 11 document for the record.
- 12 A. Yes. 446.02 is a letter from DKH Enterprises, signed
- by Mr. Harper, president of DKH, to a staffing company
- 14 representative for the staffing company Job Store, Inc.
- talking about outstanding invoices; \$45,000, and a payment
- 16 schedule arrangement.
- 17 MS. HAZRA: Thank you.
- Next, Your Honor, I would ask permission to publish
- 19 Government's Exhibit 601.01, which is stipulated.
- THE COURT: 601.01 may be published.
- 21 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, was this a document
- 22 that was found during the search?
- 23 A. Yes, it was.
- 24 THE COURT: Actually, I am sorry, 601.01, it needs
- 25 to be admitted.

- 1 It is admitted, and it may be published.
- 2 (Exhibit No. 601.01 is admitted.)
- 3 MS. HAZRA: I apologize, Your Honor. I am so
- 4 sorry.
- 5 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is Government's Exhibit 601.01?
- 6 A. 601.01 is a time card from -- kind of the middle of
- 7 the screen you see it is from Professional Staffing
- 8 Solutions, LLC. That is the company. The employee's name
- 9 is Charlisa Stewart. And it is approved by -- well, it's
- 10 company name is DKH Enterprises, and there is an approval
- 11 signature. And you notice there are no hours on the card.
- 12 Q. So it is a blank time card, essentially?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I believe you talked yesterday about Ms. Stewart.
- 15 Based on your investigation, what role, if any, did she
- 16 have with the company?
- 17 A. Yes. Charlisa Stewart, she obviously was an employee
- 18 there, and she is the sister of David Banks. And she is
- 19 married to the gentleman we discussed yesterday, Clifford
- 20 Stewart, who is the brother of Clinton Stewart.
- 21 O. And as far as we can tell, there are no hours
- 22 reflected in this blank time card?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 MS. HAZRA: If I could next move to admit and
- 25 publish, Your Honor, Government's stipulated Exhibit

- 1 608.60?
- 2 THE COURT: 608.80?
- MS. HAZRA: 608.60, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: 608.60 will be admitted, and it may be
- 5 published.
- 6 (Exhibit No. 608.60 is admitted.)
- 7 MS. HAZRA: If you could highlight that top
- 8 portion.
- 9 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is this another document that was
- 10 seized during the search warrant, Special Agent?
- 11 A. Yes, it was.
- 12 Q. What is Government's Exhibit 608.60?
- 13 A. This is an e-mail message from Demetrius Harper to
- 14 Ken Barnes, with a subject of "Staffing Companies." And
- 15 there is some handwritten notes on the right side that you
- 16 guys can see. "Too small." "Good number." And lists
- 17 some staffing companies on the left side that are typed
- 18 out.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Thank you.
- I would next move to admit and publish stipulated
- 21 Government's Exhibit 608.61.
- 22 THE COURT: It will be admitted, and may be
- 23 published.
- 24 (Exhibit No. 608.61 is admitted.)
- Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And how did you come to acquire this

- 1 document, Special Agent?
- 2 A. It was seized during the search warrant.
- 3 Q. And what is Government's Exhibit 608.61?
- 4 A. It is an e-mail from Demetrius Harper to Ken Barnes,
- 5 subject of "Staffing Update." And, again, it has
- 6 handwritten notes on the side, and it lists some company
- 7 names typed on the left.
- 8 Q. Is the date of this e-mail November 18, 2003?
- 9 A. Yes, correct.
- 10 MS. HAZRA: I next move to admit and publish
- 11 stipulated Government's Exhibit 608.62.
- 12 THE COURT: 608.62 is admitted and may be
- 13 published.
- 14 (Exhibit No. 608.62 is admitted.)
- 15 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, how did you come to
- 16 acquire 608.62?
- 17 A. The same way, during the search warrant.
- 18 Q. For the record, what is Government's Exhibit 608.62?
- 19 A. Yes. This is an e-mail from Demetrius Harper to Ken
- 20 Barnes dated November 19, 2003. Also cc'd is Clinton
- 21 Stewart. Subject "Staffing Updates." Again, it lists
- 22 staffing companies on left-hand side typed out,
- 23 handwritten notes on the right-hand side.
- 24 Q. And there is also a list of states on the bottom
- 25 portion; is that right?

- 1 A. Yes. It talks about the American Staffing
- 2 Association, and states below that.
- MS. HAZRA: I would next move to admit and publish,
- 4 Your Honor, Government's stipulated 608.63.
- 5 THE COURT: 608.63 will be admitted, and it may be
- 6 published.
- 7 (Exhibit No. 608.63 is admitted.)
- 8 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And how did you come to acquire this
- 9 document, Special Agent?
- 10 A. This document was acquired during the search warrant.
- 11 O. And what is Government's Exhibit 608.63?
- 12 A. 608.63 is an e-mail from Demetrius Harper to Gary
- 13 Walker, dated November 12, 2003, subject "Staffing
- 14 Companies." That is the top e-mail. Then the bottom,
- 15 that is the reply to the bottom e-mail from Gary Walker to
- 16 Demetrius Harper and Ken Barnes, dated November 11, 2003,
- 17 subject "Staffing Companies."
- 18 Q. Special Agent, do there appear to be both typed --
- 19 typing and handwritten notations on this?
- 20 A. Yes, there does. Yes.
- 21 Q. And some scratching out marks?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 MS. HAZRA: And if you could just kind of highlight
- the second e-mail, just to make it easier to see,
- 25 Mr. Kirsch.

- 1 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And does these appear to be
- 2 handwriting right next to the scratched out names of
- 3 staffing companies?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And this is not your handwriting, is it, Special
- 6 Agent?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 MS. HAZRA: At this point in time, Your Honor, I
- 9 would ask permission to -- I would move to admit and ask
- 10 permission to publish stipulated Government's Exhibit
- 11 608.73, but only page 7 of that exhibit?
- 12 THE COURT: To admit only page 7 or to publish?
- MS. HAZRA: Admit and publish only page 7.
- 14 THE COURT: Any objection to only page 7 of that
- 15 stipulated Exhibit 608.73?
- MR. WALKER: May we have a moment, Your Honor?
- 17 THE COURT: You may.
- 18 MR. WALKER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Page 7 of 608.73 may be admitted, and
- it may be published.
- 21 (Exhibit No. 608.73, page 7 is admitted.)
- 22 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Okay. Special Agent, if you could
- 23 first direct your attention to the top, and we can maybe
- 24 identify the various people listed.
- MS. HAZRA: Mr. Kirsch, if you can highlight that

- 1 top paragraph.
- 2 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) You see there is a "Per" there. Who
- 3 is the two pers listed?
- 4 A. Yes. "Per Clint." And at the bottom, second
- 5 sentence from the bottom, "Per Gary."
- 6 MS. HAZRA: And then is there a way to scroll down,
- 7 Mr. Kirsch?
- 8 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And then who is the individual
- 9 identified in this initial first sentence?
- 10 A. Yes, that individual is "To Demetrius."
- 11 Q. I would direct your attention to the middle of that,
- 12 about the sentence that starts "After so many invoices
- 13 come in -- "
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. "-- common sense tells you, they want those invoices
- 16 paid." Are invoices often the term staffing companies use
- 17 for their bills?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. There is a reference to "W2 angle" and "1099." Is
- 20 that right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. Then that last sentence, is that also part of the "To
- 23 Demetrius"? "Also, everyone up here should be including
- 24 over time, due to the fact, you mind (sic) as well get the
- 25 most of it."

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. After that line is there a new individual identified?
- 3 A. Yes, there is.
- 4 Q. Who is the new individual that is identified below
- 5 that line?
- 6 A. "Per David."
- 7 O. And does this seem to be -- I believe Today's
- 8 Staffing is referenced in this; is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that one of the staffing companies you encountered
- in the course of your investigation?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MS. HAZRA: I would next ask for permission to
- 14 publish -- to move to admit and publish Government's
- 15 Exhibit 609.03. Actually, Your Honor, I believe that this
- 16 has already been admitted. I apologize. May I have just
- 17 one moment to check?
- 18 THE COURT: Yes, it is already admitted.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Thank you.
- 20 THE COURT: 609.03?
- 21 MS. HAZRA: Yes. Then we can move on. I would ask
- 22 permission to move into evidence and publish Government's
- 23 Exhibit 609.04.
- 24 THE COURT: 609.04 will be admitted, and may be
- 25 published.

- 1 (Exhibit No. 609.04 is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 3 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, first of all, how did
- 4 Government's Exhibit 609.04 come into the Government's
- 5 possession?
- 6 A. This item, or Exhibit 609.04 is something we seized
- 7 during the search warrant.
- 8 Q. What is the first page of Government's Exhibit
- 9 609.04?
- 10 A. It is an image of the item we seized. It is a folder
- 11 with the name David Banks on it.
- 12 Q. And I would direct your attention to the second page
- of Government's Exhibit 609.04. What is the second page?
- 14 A. Yes. The second page of this exhibit is a time card
- 15 from the company Robert Half Technology. The consultant
- 16 that worked the hours was David Banks, who reported to
- 17 Dave Zirpolo.
- 18 Q. And then if you continue through this Government
- 19 exhibit. First of all, what is the client's name on this
- 20 second page, Special Agent?
- 21 A. Yes. The client's name is Leading Team, Inc.
- 22 O. And if you would then turn to page 11 on the same
- exhibit, Government's Exhibit 609.04. Just to clarify,
- 24 these were all contained within this one manila folder?
- 25 A. Yes. So the stuff we are seeing was all in that

- 1 folder.
- 2 Q. Okay. What is this -- what is page 11 in that
- 3 folder?
- 4 MS. HAZRA: If you could -- thank you, Mr. Kirsch.
- 5 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is this top portion?
- 6 A. Yes. This is a time reporting card from the staffing
- 7 company Kforce Professional Staffing, for the consultant
- 8 Esther Bailey, and the company/client is Leading Team.
- 9 Q. And are there some hours reported there?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MS. HAZRA: And this -- then, if you could scroll
- down to the bottom, Mr. Kirsch.
- 13 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Does this time card appear to bear
- 14 any signatures?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And whose are the signatures that appear there?
- 17 A. Well, there are two signatures; the consultant,
- 18 Esther Bailey, then the client or approver is David
- 19 Zirpolo.
- 20 Q. If you could turn to the paper copy of 609.04. Are
- 21 there a number of similar-type time cards like that? Are
- there a number of similar-type time cards from Esther
- 23 Bailey approved by David Zirpolo?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And prior to those, in that same folder, are there a

- 1 number of similar time cards that we saw -- actually, no.
- MS. HAZRA: Sorry, Mr. Kirsch, to jump around on
- 3 you. If you could please turn to page 3 of Government's
- 4 Exhibit 609.04.
- 5 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is page 3 of the same exhibit,
- 6 Special Agent?
- 7 A. Yes. Page 3 of this exhibit is an invoice from a
- 8 staffing company, Robert Half Technology, sent to for
- 9 payment to Gary Walker of Leading Team per the work of
- 10 David Banks.
- 11 Q. And are there a number of similar-type pages in
- 12 Government's Exhibit 609.04?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. For different weeks?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And, then, Special Agent, if I could direct your
- 17 attention --
- 18 MS. HAZRA: And, Mr. Kirsch, if you could turn to
- 19 page 25 of this exhibit.
- 20 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is on page 25 of Government's
- 21 Exhibit 609.04?
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. What is the top portion? Let's start with that.
- 24 A. The top portion that is on the screen is a time card
- 25 from the staffing company Kforce Professional Staffing.

- 1 Consultant is Esther Bailey. The client, Leading Team,
- 2 Inc. And there is hours reported; 60 hours.
- 3 Q. So that is similar to the previous time card we saw?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. If I could direct your attention to the bottom
- 6 portion of that time card.
- 7 MS. HAZRA: Mr. Kirsch, if you could focus on the
- 8 signature portion.
- 9 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is there a difference between this
- 10 page 25 that we saw in the previous Kforce time card that
- 11 we saw related to Ms. Bailey?
- 12 A. Yes, there is.
- 13 Q. What is there?
- 14 A. There is a different approver on this time card.
- 15 Q. Who is that?
- 16 A. This one is approved by Gary Walker.
- 17 Q. And then last -- and, first of all, are
- 18 similar-type -- is this the only -- well, strike that.
- 19 Sorry, Your Honor.
- 20 If I can now direct your attention to page 26 of
- 21 this exhibit. What is page 26 of this exhibit?
- 22 A. Okay. This is another time card, but the company
- 23 this time is Analysts International. And the customer
- 24 name is Leading Team. Then below that is the time period
- 25 for Esther Bailey. This is approved by Gary Walker.

- 1 Q. And are there a number of similar-type time cards for
- 2 Analysts International in this folder that is labeled that
- 3 came from David Banks?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MS. HAZRA: I would next move to admit and publish,
- 6 Your Honor, stipulated Government's Exhibit 609.05.
- 7 THE COURT: 609.05 is stipulated. It will be
- 8 admitted, and it may be published.
- 9 (Exhibit No. 609.05 is admitted.)
- 10 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, how did you -- how did
- 11 Government's Exhibit 609.05 come into your possession?
- 12 A. Yes. The same as the last one. We got this during
- 13 the search warrant.
- 14 Q. What is the first page of Government's Exhibit
- 15 609.05?
- 16 A. It is a copy of the outside of the folder that we
- 17 seized that is labeled Gary Walker.
- 18 Q. And, to clarify, how would this have been known to be
- 19 a folder of Gary Walker?
- 20 A. Well, it is labeled with his name, that is one thing.
- 21 And then it would have been taken out of his office that
- 22 we labeled.
- 23 Q. And I would direct your attention to page 3 of
- 24 Government's Exhibit 609.05. And can you please identify
- 25 what we find on page 3.

- 1 A. Yes. Page 3 is an invoice from the staffing company
- 2 Robert Half Technology, sent to Leading Team, for the work
- 3 done by an employee named Gary Walker.
- 4 Q. And are there several similar-type invoices in this
- 5 folder?
- 6 A. I would need to get a copy.
- 7 MS. HAZRA: Oh, I apologize.
- 8 Ms. Barnes, if we could have 609.05, and 609.06.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 10 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) What you are seeing there, are there
- 11 several additional copies of that with different dates?
- 12 A. Yes. There are several copies with different time
- 13 periods.
- 14 Q. Who is the report to supervisor for this page 3?
- 15 A. Right in the middle of the screen, the third column
- 16 from the left, the report to is Clinton Stewart.
- 17 Q. I would next direct your attention to page 11 of
- 18 Government's Exhibit 609.05. Can you please identify that
- 19 for the record.
- 20 A. Yes. This is a time card from the staffing company
- 21 Robert Half Technology, for the consultant. Who reported
- 22 the hours on this time, was Gary Walker. Client was
- 23 Leading Team. And the report to is David Zirpolo.
- 24 Q. Next, if I could direct your attention to page 12 of
- 25 Government's Exhibit 609.05. And what is page 12 of that

- 1 exhibit?
- 2 A. Yes. Page 12 is a time card from Kforce Professional
- 3 Staffing. The consultant at this time is Amos Clark. The
- 4 client is LTI. And there is hours reported on here.
- 5 Q. And if you could scroll down to the bottom. And if
- 6 you could highlight the signature portion. What
- 7 signatures appear at the bottom of page 12 of this
- 8 exhibit?
- 9 A. Yes. There are two signatures. The person that --
- 10 for the hours, is Amos Clark. Then the supervisor
- 11 approval is David Zirpolo.
- 12 Q. And are there several of these time cards contained
- 13 within the folder labeled Gary Walker?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Different dates?
- 16 A. Yes, the dates are different.
- 17 Q. Next I would direct your attention to page 32 of
- 18 Government's Exhibit 609.05. And if you could first of
- 19 all identify the top portion for the record.
- 20 A. Yes. It is a Kforce Staffing time card. Consultant
- 21 this time is Willie Pee. Client is Leading Team, Inc.
- 22 And hours reported, for a total of 60 hours.
- 23 Q. If you could now turn to the bottom, the signature
- 24 portion of that. And, again, do the signatures appear at
- 25 the bottom of this time card for Willie Pee?

- 1 A. Yes, there are signatures at the bottom.
- 2 Q. And whose signatures do those appear to be?
- 3 A. Again, there are two signatures. The first that
- 4 reported the hours is Willie Pee. And the other signature
- 5 is the client supervisor, David Zirpolo.
- 6 Q. And I would direct your attention to the next page of
- 7 Government's Exhibit 609.05, which is page 33. What is
- 8 the information at the top there?
- 9 A. Okay. It is a Kforce time card. Consultant Willie
- 10 Pee, again. And Leading Team, Inc. And hours reported,
- 11 for total of 60 hours.
- 12 Q. I would direct your attention to the bottom portion
- of this time card. Does the bottom portion differ from
- 14 the previous time card we saw on page 32?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. And what is the difference?
- 17 A. This time the client approver is Gary Walker. The
- 18 previous one was David Zirpolo.
- 19 Q. Next I would direct your attention to page 34 of this
- 20 exhibit. And what is on page 34 of Government's Exhibit
- 21 609.05?
- 22 A. Yes. Page 34 is a time card from the staffing
- 23 company Analysts International. The customer name is
- 24 Leading Team. The consultant is Willie Pee. There is
- 25 hours reported. And this was approved by Gary Walker.

- 1 Q. And do there appear to be several of those in this
- 2 exhibit?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Thank you, Special Agent. I would next direct your
- 5 attention?
- 6 MS. HAZRA: I would move to admit and publish, Your
- 7 Honor, stipulated Government's Exhibit 609.06.
- 8 THE COURT: 609.06 will be admitted, and it may be
- 9 published.
- 10 (Exhibit No. 609.06 is admitted.)
- 11 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, how did you obtain
- 12 Government's Exhibit 609.06?
- 13 A. Yes. This was obtained during the search warrant.
- 14 Q. And what is the first page of Government's Exhibit
- 15 609.06?
- 16 A. Yes. It is an image of the outside of a folder, and
- it is labeled Demetrius Harper.
- 18 Q. And it is similar to the previous folders we have
- 19 looked at in the last two exhibits?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I would direct your attention to the second page of
- 22 Government's Exhibit 609.06. What is that second page?
- 23 A. Yes. This is an invoice from the staffing company
- 24 Robert Half Technology, to the attention of Gary Walker at
- 25 Leading Team, for the work done by Demetrius Harper. It

- 1 says "Dem Harper" here. And the report to supervisor is
- 2 David Banks.
- 3 Q. And are there a couple of these in Demetrius Harper's
- 4 folder, with different times?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. I would next direct your attention to page 6 of this
- 7 exhibit. It is not the best copy, but if you could
- 8 identify what is at page 6.
- 9 A. Time reporting card for the company Robert Half
- 10 Technology. The client is Leading Team. The person that
- is reporting the hours depicted in the top right is
- 12 Demetrius Harper. And the report to person and the
- 13 approver is Dave Zirpolo.
- 14 Q. And are there several similar-type documents
- 15 contained within this folder?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I would next direct your attention to page 10 of
- 18 Government's Exhibit 609.06. And if you could just
- 19 identify this top portion first.
- 20 A. Yes. This is a time card for the staffing company
- 21 Kforce Professional Staffing. The person that reported
- 22 the hours on this card is Shaun Haughton. The client is
- 23 Leading Team, Inc., and 34 hours.
- 24 Q. If I could direct your attention to the bottom
- 25 portion. What are the signatures that appear at the

- 1 bottom?
- 2 A. Yes. The signatures at the bottom, the first one,
- 3 Shaun Haughton, is the person that reported the work. And
- 4 the approver is David Zirpolo.
- 5 Q. And are there a number of similar-type time cards
- 6 with different dates contained within this exhibit?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. I would next direct your attention to page 24 of the
- 9 same exhibit, Government's Exhibit 609.06. Does there
- 10 appear to be, at least at the top, a time card with the
- 11 same individual we have been discussing, Shaun Haughton?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I would direct your attention to the bottom portion.
- 14 Is there a difference between this time card and the ones
- we have previously been discussing?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. What is that?
- 18 A. This one is signed by Gary Walker as the approver,
- 19 and the other ones were signed by David Zirpolo.
- 20 Q. And then if you could turn to the next page, Special
- 21 Agent, page 25 of the Government's Exhibit 609.06. What
- is this page?
- 23 A. Yes. This is a Kforce time card. The consultant
- 24 this time is Michael Benjamin. And the same client
- 25 Leading Team, Inc. And there are hours reported.

- 1 MS. HAZRA: And then if you could go down to the
- 2 bottom, Mr. Kirsch.
- 3 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And I direct your attention to the
- 4 bottom, Special Agent. Whose signatures appear to be at
- 5 the bottom there?
- 6 A. Yes. The person who reported the hours is Michael
- 7 Benjamin, the top signature. And the client approver is
- 8 David Zirpolo.
- 9 O. And are there a number of these time cards contained
- 10 within this exhibit?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. With different dates?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I would next direct your attention to page 30 of
- 15 Government's Exhibit 609.06. Is this also a time card for
- 16 Michael Benjamin?
- 17 A. Yes, it is.
- 18 Q. And what is the company that is involved?
- 19 A. Again --
- 20 Q. From Kforce?
- 21 A. Yes. It is a Kforce time card.
- 22 Q. I would direct your attention to the bottom portion,
- 23 however, the signature portion. Is there a difference
- 24 between this time card found on page 30, and the previous
- one we were looking at for Mr. Benjamin?

- 1 A. Yes, there is.
- 2 O. What is that?
- 3 A. This time card is approved by Gary Walker. The
- 4 previous one was approved by Mr. David Zirpolo.
- 5 Q. Next I direct your attention to page 31 of
- 6 Government's Exhibit 609.06. What is this page?
- 7 A. This is a time card that relates to the staffing
- 8 company Analysts International. The customer is Leading
- 9 Team, Inc. Michael Benjamin is the consultant who
- 10 reported the hours, approved by Mr. Gary Walker.
- 11 Q. So on page 31 of the Government's exhibit, it is the
- 12 same consultant and same customer approver, but a
- 13 different company; is that right --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- as the one we just looked at?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And are there several of these similar-type time
- 18 cards with different dates contained within this exhibit?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MS. HAZRA: Could I have one moment, Your Honor?
- 21 THE COURT: You may.
- 22 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) I am sorry, Ms. Barnes, I have a few
- 23 more exhibits. If you could please get 700.05 and 700.06.
- 24 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I believe 700 .05 has
- 25 already been admitted into evidence.

- 1 THE COURT: It has been.
- 2 MS. HAZRA: I would ask permission to publish it
- 3 again.
- 4 THE COURT: Yes.
- 5 MS. HAZRA: Mr. Kirsch, if you could focus in first
- 6 of all on the text right now.
- 7 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent Smith, what is
- 8 Government's Exhibit 700.05?
- 9 A. Yes. 700.05 is an official document from the
- 10 Secretary of State in Colorado for -- it is called
- 11 Application for Authority, for the company SWV, Inc.
- 12 Q. And you will see --
- MS. HAZRA: If you could scroll down, Mr. Kirsch,
- 14 to the officers down there, the president and the
- 15 signature at the bottom.
- 16 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) What is the information contained on
- 17 this highlighted portion?
- 18 A. Yes. These are the officers of that company, SWV,
- 19 Inc., and their names and business address.
- 20 Q. And is that business address different from the one
- 21 that you found was to be a UPS Store?
- 22 A. Yes, this is different.
- 23 Q. And I believe you've already discussed the
- 24 relationship among these people, but based on your
- investigation, did you find documents in the search

- 1 warrant related to any of these people?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 O. And who were those individuals?
- 4 A. Three of the four individuals -- I will start at the
- 5 top, Lawanna Clark. Then the one listed as vice
- 6 president, Yolanda Walker. And then the bottom one, I
- 7 think that is treasurer, is Charlisa Stewart.
- 8 Q. And you found documents relating to them when you
- 9 executed the search warrant on the premises of IRP?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, at this point I ask
- 12 permission to move to admit and publish certified document
- 13 700.06.
- 14 THE COURT: Any objection from the defendants?
- MR. WALKER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: 700.06 will be admitted.
- 17 (Exhibit No. 700.06 is admitted.)
- 18 MS. HAZRA: If you would highlight corporate name
- on down so it can be seen a little easier.
- 20 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent, could you identify
- 21 Government's Exhibit 700.06.
- 22 A. Yes. 700.06 is another State of Colorado official
- 23 record related to the company SWV, Inc.
- 24 Q. Has there been a change that appears concerning
- 25 Ms. Lanita Pee?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What is that change?
- 3 A. It looks like -- if you see on the right-hand side,
- 4 in the middle of the document, Charlisa Stewart, it looks
- 5 like they made her the secretary/treasurer, and replaced
- 6 Lanita Pee.
- 7 Q. Thank you, Special Agent. Based on your
- 8 investigation, do you have any knowledge of who Lanita Pee
- 9 is?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 O. Who is she?
- 12 A. She was David Banks' sister.
- 13 Q. Do you know if she was married or not?
- 14 A. Yes, I do.
- 15 Q. And what was the name of her spouse?
- 16 A. Her spouse was Willie Pee.
- 17 MS. HAZRA: If I could have one moment, Your Honor.
- 18 I have nothing further.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 20 Mr. Banks, you may proceed.
- 21 MR. BANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. BANKS:
- 24 Q. Mr. Smith -- Special Agent Smith, you just testified
- 25 about a change in SWV of the secretary from Charlisa

- 1 Stewart to -- from Lanita Pee to Charlisa Stewart.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Were you aware that Lanita Pee died in 1998?
- 4 A. I know that now, yes. I knew that before today.
- 5 Q. So given that, would it be an issue, if a person is
- 6 deceased, to change corporate executives?
- 7 A. The corporation can change however they want to
- 8 change it.
- 9 Q. Exactly. Thank you.
- 10 Now, there has been -- the Government has provided,
- and you have provided a lot of testimony related to family
- 12 relationships that you saw during the course of your
- investigation; is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes. I became aware of these relationships during my
- 15 investigation.
- 16 Q. And the Government and yourself has provided
- 17 continual evidence, if you will, regarding time sheets
- 18 being signed by Gary Walker, Mr. Zirpolo, as related to
- 19 some of these family members; is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes. We had time cards that those people signed.
- 21 Q. Is there something illegal with running a
- 22 family-owned business?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Is there something illegal about families working for
- companies that might be ran by their family members?

- 1 A. Repeat that for me.
- 2 Q. Is it illegal for family members to work in other
- 3 family members' businesses?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Okay. Now, is it also illegal -- let me get back to
- 6 that.
- 7 During the course of your investigation, were there
- 8 other individuals that worked for IRP, for Leading Team --
- 9 THE COURT: One at a time.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) For IRP?
- 11 A. There were a lot of individuals that worked at IRP.
- 12 Q. Were these non-family individuals?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. With regards to Leading Team, were there non-family
- individuals that worked for those companies?
- 16 A. I'm not sure about Leading Team, the records. I
- 17 would have to see the time cards on that.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, I would like to publish
- 20 Exhibit 331.00 once again.
- 21 THE COURT: 331.00 may be published.
- 22 MR. BANKS: If you could scroll down, please. Go
- 23 back up. Right there.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Is that -- who is the individual
- 25 listed as the consultant's name on that time sheet?

- 1 A. Yes. The consultant is Jimmy D. West.
- 2 Q. Is James West related to anybody in the family of the
- 3 defendants in this case?
- 4 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 5 Q. Other names I would like to see if you have any
- 6 recollection. Lam Ha. Does that name ring a bell to you?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What about Mikel Nelson?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are they related?
- 11 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 12 Q. What about David Gabrius?
- 13 A. I have never heard that name.
- 14 Q. Have you heard the name Aneega Rana?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is she related to any of the members?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Paul Pinkney, is that name familiar to you?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- 20 Q. Was he a contractor at IRP?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. Was he related?
- 23 A. Not that I am aware of.
- Q. David Harrier, is that name familiar to you?
- 25 A. Yes, it is.

- 1 0. Did he work for one of the companies?
- 2 A. Yes. He worked at DKH, Leading Team or IRP.
- 3 Q. Diane Lithwick?
- 4 A. Yes, I know that name.
- 5 Q. Did she work for any of these companies?
- 6 A. Yes. She worked for one of the three companies.
- 7 Q. Is she related to any of the defendants?
- 8 A. I'm not sure if she is related.
- 9 Q. Just a couple more names for you, then we may provide
- 10 some more a little later. Damon Curnell?
- 11 A. Yes, I know that name.
- 12 Q. Did he work and was staffed as a contract employee
- 13 with these companies?
- 14 A. Yes, he was.
- 15 O. Abdulla Ali?
- 16 A. I'm not aware of that name.
- 17 Q. Okay. And Abhay Natu?
- 18 A. Yes, I know that name.
- 19 Q. Did he work for IRP Solutions during the course of
- them doing business?
- 21 A. He worked at one of the three companies.
- 22 O. Okay. Now --
- MR. BANKS: Could I have a moment, Your Honor?
- 24 THE COURT: You may.
- Q. (BY MR. BANKS) The list of people I just mentioned

- 1 to you, were any of those related to the defendants in
- 2 this case?
- 3 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now, you have brought up the company SWV;
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you know what SWV does or what type of business
- 8 they were in?
- 9 A. Not -- no.
- 10 Q. Did you know where their physical address was
- 11 located?
- 12 A. I know what is on their corporation records.
- 13 Q. Did you go to the physical address?
- 14 A. I went to the address that is listed on their
- 15 corporation records.
- 16 Q. A minute ago you said that you went to the mailing
- 17 address, what I would say would be the 7645 North Union
- 18 Boulevard address, and there was nothing there but a UPS
- 19 Store; correct?
- 20 A. That is what is at that address, yes.
- 21 Q. So is there an issue with companies having a mailing
- 22 address, in your mind, and a physical address?
- 23 A. No. I know companies have mailing addresses and
- 24 sometimes -- have physical addresses and sometimes mailing
- 25 addresses.

- 1 Q. So would you say in this instance, SWV had a physical
- 2 address?
- 3 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, lack of
- 4 foundation.
- 5 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I know that on their application,
- 7 there was an address. And I have seen in my
- 8 investigation, sometimes it is a box, but it is really --
- 9 it says "suite," but it is not really a suite, it is just
- 10 a mailbox. So I don't know if they had -- I just know
- 11 that is the address I went and saw based on what is on
- 12 their application.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) You just said -- which applications,
- 14 the application to the -- for the corporation? Because
- 15 there was -- if you can recall, let me ask you this.
- 16 THE COURT: No statements just ask him a question.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you recall the address you saw on
- 18 the State of Colorado Secretary of State application?
- 19 A. I would have to see it to confirm exactly which one
- 20 it is. I mean, I saw that address for SWV on multiple
- 21 documents.
- 22 O. Which address did you see on multiple documents?
- 23 A. There is addresses for SWV on -- we saw it on
- 24 documents that Ms. Hazra showed me. There is also one on
- 25 the official Colorado records. So there is addresses. I

- 1 would have to see them to compare the two.
- 2 Q. I will bring that up for you in just a second.
- 3 Did you go to the physical address of SWV?
- 4 A. I went to the address that was listed as the address
- 5 for SWV on your official State of Colorado records, and I
- 6 confirmed that was a UPS Store.
- 7 O. Okay.
- 8 MR. BANKS: May I have one moment, Your Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: You may.
- 10 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, may we move to publish
- 11 700.05?
- 12 THE COURT: You may.
- 13 MR. BANKS: Could you scroll down, please. Stop
- 14 right there.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Can you read the line starting the
- 16 fourth -- or fifth, I am sorry.
- 17 A. Fifth --
- 18 Q. On the exhibit there in front of you.
- 19 A. I see.
- 20 MR. BANKS: He will highlight that.
- 21 THE WITNESS: The fifth.
- 22 O. (BY MR. BANKS) What is the address there?
- 23 A. Yes. I know that address. 3958 North Academy, Suite
- 24 104.
- 25 Q. Was that a physical address or mailing address?

- 1 A. That is a physical address.
- 2 Q. And did you go to that physical address?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, permission to republish
- 5 609.04.
- 6 THE COURT: You may.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, what is highlighted there, Agent
- 8 Smith -- the address highlighted there, is that a physical
- 9 address or mailing address, at least from your
- 10 investigation?
- 11 A. I mean, the other address we just looked at, I
- 12 believe, is 3958 North Academy. This is 3950 North
- 13 Academy. I know the 3958 address is a physical address
- 14 now. But this, I guess, is a few doors down from that.
- 15 Q. Did you have a chance to go to that address and
- 16 verify that Leading Team had a physical address?
- 17 A. I went to 3958, the one on the previous screen?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. At the time, when I would have checked this, IRP had
- 20 moved to the location of the search. And this is Leading
- 21 Team. And at that point it was at the other address where
- the search occurred.
- 23 Q. So the 7645 addresses that you mentioned earlier, and
- 24 you say there was nothing there but a UPS Store/Mail Boxes
- 25 Etc, those would be mailing addresses; is that correct, in

- 1 your opinion?
- 2 A. I know those were addresses used by the companies
- 3 that said suite number. It looked like it said "suite,"
- 4 but when I went there it was a UPS Store.
- 5 Q. Is that a common things to find boxes listed as suite
- 6 numbers?
- 7 A. I have never seen it before this case.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you interview, during the course of your
- 9 investigation, any of the people we just -- I just
- 10 mentioned that were not related to the members -- the
- 11 defendants and/or their families in this case?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And when did you interview them?
- 14 A. I don't have an exact date, but it was sometime after
- 15 the initiation of the investigation.
- 16 Q. Is there a report on the investigation that was
- 17 created for that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you call any of these people before the grand
- 20 jury?
- MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, in your mind -- or is there
- 24 something wrong or illegal with patronizing your family's
- 25 other business?

- 1 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I object as to the legality
- 2 of this. It is seeking of legal opinion.
- 3 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Did you, during the course of your
- 5 investigation, did you find --
- 6 MR. BANKS: I will come back to that question, Your
- 7 Honor.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) When you interviewed these other
- 9 individuals during the course of your investigation --
- 10 we'll start with Mikel Nelson. What was his role in the
- 11 company?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, to the extent it
- 14 calls for hearsay.
- THE COURT: Approach.
- 16 (A bench conference is had, and the following is
- 17 had outside the hearing of the jury.)
- 18 THE COURT: You are going to go through each of
- 19 these witnesses, one at a time?
- 20 MR. BANKS: I am trying to -- there is nothing in
- 21 the record for these people. The Government has some
- 22 selectivity in this case, and I would like to show how
- 23 they were selective in their investigation with regards to
- 24 this particular case.
- 25 THE COURT: And how is this relevant to the direct

- 1 examination? This seems to go beyond the scope of the
- 2 direct.
- 3 MR. BANKS: We can bring him back in our direct --
- 4 he is on our witness list -- if you like.
- 5 THE COURT: So do your direct of him at this time.
- 6 MR. BANKS: Do you want to wait and we can recall
- 7 him? I will eliminate this line of questioning and we
- 8 will call him back at that time.
- 9 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 (The following is had in the hearing of the jury.)
- 11 O. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, Special Agent Smith, you
- 12 mentioned the family relationship associated here. Were
- 13 there any other type of relationships that you found that
- 14 tied all of these individuals together?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Can you explain what that is?
- 17 A. Yes. Through the course of the investigation, I
- 18 became aware that there were lists and stuff that all
- 19 these gentlemen and others that we mentioned, all attended
- 20 the same church in Colorado Springs.
- 21 Q. Now, one final question. Did the individuals that
- 22 you had admitted were not affiliated -- let me ask you
- 23 this. Were the individuals listed that we just -- you
- 24 just testified about, that were not related to us -- to
- 25 the defendants in a family fashion, were they affiliated

- 1 with the church?
- MS. HAZRA: I am going to object, Your Honor, it is
- 3 beyond the scope.
- 4 THE COURT: I am going to overrule.
- 5 THE WITNESS: If you are talking about the majority
- of those names, I believe are not affiliated with the
- 7 church.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Okay. Were those individuals --
- 9 MR. BANKS: That is all I have for right now, Your
- 10 Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Walker?
- 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. WALKER:
- 14 Q. Agent Smith, for the physical addresses that
- 15 Mr. Banks just mentioned before; 3950, Suite B, North
- 16 Academy Boulevard, the physical address for Leading Team,
- 17 Inc., did the FBI perform surveillance at that location?
- 18 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 19 THE COURT: Response?
- 20 MR. WALKER: I'll rephrase my question, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: All right.
- 22 O. (BY MR. WALKER) Agent Smith, you mentioned that
- 23 there was an address associated with Leading Team that you
- 24 went to that was mailboxes -- a mailbox business; is that
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Well, the 3958, I said I went there. I don't
- 2 remember going to 3950, because it had already moved to
- 3 the other place. Then there was some -- as we talked
- 4 about, these Mail Boxes Etc. that I don't know which
- 5 companies, you know, had that. I know DKH had one. And
- 6 then I don't know if I'd seen a Leading Team address for
- 7 one or not.
- 8 Q. And in clarifying these addresses, when you performed
- 9 -- prior to performing or executing the search warrant at
- 10 IRP Solutions at 7350 Campus Drive, did you verify that
- 11 that was the operating address for IRP Solutions?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. And prior to executing the search warrant at IRP
- 14 Solutions at 7350 Campus Drive, did the FBI perform
- 15 surveillance at that address?
- 16 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 17 THE COURT: What is the relevance?
- 18 MR. WALKER: Your Honor, we are going to get to
- 19 establishing the work that was going on for the overtime
- 20 hours at the business that would have been observed by the
- 21 FBI.
- 22 THE COURT: I'll sustain.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) Agent Smith, in performing your
- 24 analysis on the business operations by IRP Solutions, did
- 25 you in any way verify that business was being conducted at

- 1 that address?
- 2 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 3 THE COURT: I'm going to overrule just so we can
- 4 move on. You may answer.
- 5 THE WITNESS: You mentioned "analysis." And on
- 6 that, I am taking it that before I could do a search of
- 7 that location, I had to know it was IRP's business. So
- 8 the analysis that I would have done for the search was I
- 9 drove over there. I saw the IRP sign. I knew it was on
- 10 the second floor of that 7350 Campus Drive. And also
- 11 checked utilities, stuff like that, to confirm that IRP
- 12 was physically in that location. So that is the analysis
- 13 that I did.
- 14 O. (BY MR. WALKER) Okay. But there was no
- investigation into people coming and going from that
- 16 location?
- 17 A. When I did -- what you are calling surveillance, when
- 18 I went to that location, I did notice some things. They
- 19 are documented into a report. But I don't have the
- 20 report. But I know I tried to maybe confirm vehicles that
- 21 were related to people associated with those companies.
- 22 O. And with Leading Team being a party to the
- 23 allegations, did you perform the same surveillance, or in
- 24 my words, analysis for Leading Team?
- 25 A. Yes. I think these questions -- the analysis I had

- 1 to do to do the search was, I had to talk to all these
- 2 staffing companies, also. And, you know, when you talk to
- 3 these people -- you have heard them in the trial here.
- 4 They are telling me that Leading Team is the same as IRP.
- 5 So that is the analysis I did. Plus, I had the
- 6 certification records and stuff like that. So that's part
- 7 of the analysis that led to the execution of a search
- 8 warrant.
- 9 Q. And given that statement, and the fact that Leading
- 10 Team was associated, as we saw on exhibit -- Government's
- 11 Exhibit 609.04, that listed that address for Leading Team.
- 12 Did you also research that address, since it was
- associated with Leading Team?
- 14 A. Can you give me the address real quick?
- 15 Q. That address is 3950, Suite B, North Academy
- 16 Boulevard, Colorado Springs?
- 17 A. The address that I had that I did the research on, as
- 18 we talked about, was 3958. And the 3950, I don't remember
- 19 that address.
- MR. WALKER: Your Honor, may we republish 609.04?
- 21 THE COURT: You may.
- 22 O. (BY MR. WALKER) That would be page 3 of that
- 23 exhibit. And if you look there in the middle of the page,
- 24 Agent Smith, you will see Leading Team, and then the
- 25 address 3950 B, North Academy Boulevard. Is that what you

- 1 see, as well?
- 2 A. Yes, I see that address.
- 3 Q. And that is -- what is that document?
- 4 A. Well, this address 3950, I seized this document
- 5 during the search warrant. So I wouldn't have done a
- 6 surveillance or looked at that address before the search
- 7 warrant, because this came from the search warrant.
- 8 Q. Okay. So given that timeline, do you now understand
- 9 or agree that 3950 B was the physical address of Leading
- 10 Team?
- 11 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, lack of
- 12 foundation.
- 13 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) Agent Smith, I'll go with your
- 15 explanation that the timeline -- in the timeline --
- 16 THE COURT: No statements, just questions.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) So given that timeline, did you,
- 18 after conducting the search warrant, become aware that
- 19 Leading Team had a physical address of 3950, Suite B,
- 20 North Academy Boulevard?
- 21 A. That address is listed on this invoice. I've never
- 22 -- I don't remember ever going to that address, and I
- 23 can't tell you if it is physical or one of these UPS/Mail
- 24 Boxes Etc. stores.
- 25 MR. WALKER: No further questions, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Anyone else? Mr. Barnes?
- 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. BARNES:
- 4 Q. Agent Smith, you mentioned seven letters that were
- 5 tied to people's offices. You didn't mention where
- 6 Mr. Barnes' office was. Do you know what letter that was?
- 7 A. Oh, absolutely.
- 8 Q. Can you tell me that letter?
- 9 A. Yeah. Your office was X, as in x-ray.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you showed exhibits -- there were 608.60,
- 11 -.61, -.62, and they were e-mails. I think they were to
- 12 Ken Barnes or from Ken Barnes. Where did you find those
- 13 e-mails?
- 14 A. Those e-mails I looked at earlier with Ms. Hazra were
- 15 from the search warrant.
- 16 O. Do you remember whose office?
- 17 A. I would have to look at other records to tie that to
- 18 the office.
- 19 Q. Okay. So were they from Mr. Barnes' office, if you
- 20 remember?
- 21 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 23 THE WITNESS: If I was provided with the entire set
- 24 of FBI documentation from the search warrant, I could tell
- 25 you where those came from.

- 1 O. (BY MR. BARNES) These were not e-mails from the
- 2 server, but actually printed out; correct? Since they had
- 3 writing on them, you could assume they were printed out,
- 4 would you agree?
- 5 A. Unless they were scanned into something.
- 6 Q. At some point somebody printed them out and somebody
- 7 wrote on them. You got them in the search warrant,
- 8 correct, not off the computer?
- 9 A. These could have been scanned into the computer.
- 10 But, obviously, somebody had written on it at some point.
- 11 O. Do you remember if you received those records off the
- 12 computer, or were they papers that you picked up during
- 13 the search warrant?
- 14 A. It is one of the two. They came from the --
- 15 somewhere in the population of the IRP office. I could
- 16 tie that to a room if I had to.
- 17 Q. But it is your testimony now you don't know where
- 18 those came from?
- 19 A. I am not saying -- I couldn't tell you definitively
- 20 right now what room, but there is data in the FBI file to
- 21 prove what room this came from.
- 22 Q. So let's assume they were an e-mail. Did you see a
- 23 reply to any of those e-mails from Mr. Barnes in the
- 24 course of the investigation?
- 25 A. What do you mean assume it was an e-mail?

- 1 Q. Let's say, since you don't know if they were
- 2 electronic or paper, you don't know how you picked them
- 3 up. So if they were electronic, was -- was there a reply
- 4 from Mr. Barnes for those e-mails, that you remember from
- 5 the course of your investigation?
- 6 A. We seized a lot of documents, and you are talking
- 7 about eight or nine e-mails we had up on the screen
- 8 earlier. I can't tell you, off the top of my head. A
- 9 reply might have been in those or somewhere in the other
- 10 population of items we seized.
- 11 Q. So, really, you don't know where these came from, who
- wrote on them, what they mean, if there was any
- 13 conversation going on, do you?
- 14 A. I don't agree with that. I know what they mean, and
- 15 I know there is handwriting on there. And it can be
- 16 proved through FBI documentation where they came from.
- 17 Q. So what do they mean?
- 18 A. You are talking about a lot. What do you mean
- 19 "they"?
- 20 Q. You just said you knew what they mean?
- 21 THE COURT: Give him the document. You can't ask
- 22 him a general guestion.
- MR. BARNES: Can we publish, I think, 608.60?
- 24 THE COURT: All right. E-mail from Demetrius
- 25 Harper to Ken Barnes, November 17, 2003.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. BARNES) Can you see that e-mail, Agent
- 2 Smith?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Since -- can you explain what it means, as you said
- 5 earlier?
- 6 A. Yeah. I mean, it is obvious from looking at it that
- 7 Mr. Harper sent you an e-mail on the date that is there,
- 8 talking about staffing companies. And, like I said, there
- 9 is handwritten notes. And it looks like "CO." "Good,
- 10 number." Maybe "too small." It is a dialog between you
- 11 and Mr. Harper about staffing companies.
- 12 Q. Do you see -- a dialog usually means back and forth.
- 13 Do you see a dialog there?
- 14 A. Okay. I will correct my word. It is an e-mail that
- 15 you sent to Mr. Harper about staffing companies.
- 16 Q. And so from there, since you don't see a dialog, how
- 17 are you getting meaning from that?
- 18 A. Can we scroll up and down?
- 19 Q. Sure. Can you scroll down? Is there anything higher
- than that?
- 21 A. Okay. Well, I mean, it is obvious from the e-mail
- 22 that Mr. Harper sent you an e-mail to talk about staffing
- 23 companies.
- 24 Q. So, really, would you agree there is no context to
- 25 this e-mail?

- 1 A. There is absolutely context.
- 2 Q. So could you explain that context, please?
- 3 A. It's -- the context is staffing companies.
- 4 Q. The context would assume that you have some meaning
- 5 to it; that you can understand what the meaning of an
- 6 e-mail sent to Mr. Barnes means. That is what you are
- 7 saying. So if you can explain -- since you know the
- 8 context, you should be able to explain the meaning; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. Yes. You are identifying staffing companies to
- 11 Mr. Harper with their names and their phone numbers.
- 12 Q. How am I identifying them to Mr. Harper? You said I
- 13 am identifying. How am I doing that?
- 14 A. Because you typed an e-mail message.
- 15 Q. I think that says from Demetrius Harper?
- 16 A. I am sorry, I apologize. From Harper to Mr. Barnes.
- 17 So Mr. Harper is identifying staffing companies to you. I
- 18 apologize.
- 19 Q. All right. And so, for instance, you just know it is
- 20 an e-mail sent to Mr. Barnes, correct?
- 21 A. To Ken Barnes.
- 22 O. To Ken Barnes. Do you see any reply to this e-mail
- 23 at all? There was no other e-mail chain here?
- 24 A. Not in this exhibit, no.
- 25 Q. Then in the course of your investigation do you

- 1 remember if there was any e-mail chains to this e-mail or
- 2 the other two that were shown as evidence?
- 3 A. On this -- I mean, I don't have -- obviously there is
- 4 not an e-mail that applies to this. But I don't know if
- 5 it is in the entire population of e-mails. And the same
- 6 goes for the other two.
- 7 MR. BARNES: No more questions on that.
- 8 THE COURT: Anyone else?
- 9 MR. BANKS: Can we have one moment, Your Honor?
- 10 THE COURT: You may.
- 11 MR. BANKS: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Redirect?
- MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MS. HAZRA:
- 16 Q. Special Agent Smith, based on your investigation, do
- 17 you know what kind of business SWV is engaged in?
- 18 A. I know it is probably documented in the file, and I
- 19 would have to look at something else to confirm that exact
- 20 business.
- 21 Q. At the time that you began your investigation, did
- 22 you believe that Leading Team was still an active company
- 23 or not?
- 24 A. No, I didn't.
- 25 Q. And why not?

- 1 A. I believed, from my investigation, that Leading Team,
- 2 Inc., changed their name to IRP.
- 3 MS. HAZRA: Nothing further.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, you
- 5 may step down. And we are going to take a 15-minute
- 6 recess. We will reconvene at -- we'll take a little
- 7 longer. Let's reconvene at 10:45. Court will be in
- 8 recess.
- 9 (A break is taken from 10:26 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)
- 10 (The following is had in open court, outside the
- 11 hearing and presence of the jury.)
- 12 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- Any matters to be brought to the Court's attention
- 14 before we bring in the jury?
- MR. KIRSCH: No, Your Honor.
- MR. BANKS: No, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Barnes, please bring in
- 18 the jury.
- 19 (The following is had in open court, in the hearing
- and presence of the jury.)
- 21 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 22 Government may call its next witness.
- 23 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, we call Michael Seeley.
- 24 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 25 MICHAEL SEELEY

- 1 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 2 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.
- 3 Please state your name, and spell your first and
- 4 last names for the record.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Michael Seeley. M-I-C-H-A-E-L
- 6 S-E-E-L-E-Y.

## 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 8 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 9 Q. Mr. Seeley, can you tell the jury where you live,
- 10 please.
- 11 A. I live in Irving, Texas.
- 12 Q. What do you do for a living there?
- 13 A. I am a controller and IT director for a staffing
- 14 company.
- 15 Q. Did you previously work at a staffing company called
- 16 MSX International?
- 17 A. Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. Approximately when was that?
- 19 A. It was for about 5 years. Around -- I am trying to
- 20 remember. I don't remember the exact dates, but I started
- 21 at this company about 4-and-a-half years ago, so previous
- 22 to that.
- Q. Were you at MSX around December of 2004 and 2005?
- 24 A. Yes, I was.
- 25 Q. What was your position there?

- 1 A. I was the national recruiting manager.
- 2 Q. And where were you based?
- 3 A. I was based in Dallas, Texas.
- 4 Q. How long have you worked in the staffing industry
- 5 generally?
- 6 A. For 20-plus years.
- 7 O. What sort of business was MSX? Was it in the
- 8 staffing business, as well?
- 9 A. It was. My division was staffing contractors,
- 10 primarily in the information technology field.
- 11 Q. Okay. And was one of the services provided by MSX
- 12 payrolling?
- 13 A. It was, yes.
- 14 Q. Can you explain briefly how payrolling worked for
- 15 MSX?
- 16 A. Typically, what would happen is a company would
- 17 contact us and want us to put their employee on our
- 18 payroll, which we would do. Then we would provide them
- 19 with a benefits' package, as well as any other additional
- 20 benefits. We would withhold all of the taxes, all of that
- 21 type of thing. Then we would mark it up; you know,
- 22 basically charge a fee for that, and bill them back for
- 23 every hour that the employee worked.
- 24 Q. And in that payrolling situation, who would issue
- 25 checks to the payrolled employees?

- 1 A. MSX would issue the checks.
- 2 O. Okay. I asked you earlier about 2004, 2005. I want
- 3 to direct your attention to around December of 2004. At
- 4 that time, were you working in the Dallas office?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And at some point did you get a referral about
- 7 possible business with a company called IRP?
- 8 A. I was contacted by our New York office that a company
- 9 had contacted them wanting to run the boys through our
- 10 payroll.
- 11 Q. Can you just explain why would that referral come --
- 12 why send it to Texas?
- 13 A. The recruiting for the, basically, the midwest, for
- 14 everything from Chicago, Dallas west, was handled out of
- our Dallas office, and the fact that they were overloaded,
- 16 as well. But that's generally what would happen is they
- 17 would move it to the closest geographic office we had.
- 18 Q. And did you follow up on this referral, then?
- 19 A. I did, yes.
- 20 Q. How did you do that?
- 21 A. It was via phone call. I picked up the phone and
- 22 made a phone call to find out what the situation was and
- 23 what exactly the client needed.
- Q. Who did you speak to?
- 25 A. I believe I spoke to David Banks.

- 1 O. And did Mr. Banks give you information about his
- 2 relationship with this company IRP?
- 3 A. He did. If I'm not mistaken, I think he was either
- 4 the president or CEO, basically in charge of the company.
- 5 Q. Did he tell you anything about what sort of business
- 6 IRP was engaged in?
- 7 A. He told me they were developing a software that was
- 8 specific to helping the Department of Homeland Security.
- 9 And he also mentioned the New York Police Department, as
- 10 well.
- 11 Q. Did he give you any indication about whether that
- 12 software had been either sold to or implemented by any of
- 13 those agencies?
- 14 A. I don't remember specifically what he said. But my
- impression was that the software had -- was in the process
- of being developed.
- 17 MR. ZIRPOLO: Objection, speculation.
- 18 THE COURT: Sustained. Lay more foundation.
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did you have conversation with
- 21 Mr. Banks about that software?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did Mr. Banks make statements to you about how that
- 24 software was being used by the law enforcement agencies
- 25 that you've mentioned?

- 1 A. Not that I remember specifically, how it was being
- 2 used.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Just that it was being developed.
- 5 Q. Okay. Did you have any source of information about
- 6 how IRP software was being used, other than your
- 7 conversations with Mr. Banks?
- 8 A. I went to their website and looked at it. That was
- 9 all of the other information I had.
- 10 Q. Okay. Based on those sources of information, did you
- 11 have an understanding about the status of IRP's business
- with one or more of those government agencies?
- 13 A. My understanding was they were fully engaged with
- 14 them.
- 15 Q. And can you explain what you mean by the term "fully
- 16 engaged."
- 17 A. Fully engaged, in that they were working directly
- 18 with them on a specific software product.
- 19 Q. All right. And was that information, or that
- 20 impression, was that -- did you use that in deciding
- 21 whether or not MSX should do business with IRP?
- 22 A. It was a factor, yes.
- 23 Q. And in what way?
- 24 A. If there was no -- if we didn't feel like there was a
- 25 current relationship with a client, that there would be no

- 1 revenue stream for them, so we would probably not engage
- 2 them to do a payroll service.
- 3 Q. Did you take any other steps in the process of
- 4 deciding whether or not to do business with IRP?
- 5 A. We followed our internal process of doing a credit
- 6 check.
- 7 O. Okay. Do you perform that yourself?
- 8 A. No, I did not. It is performed by our accounting
- 9 department.
- 10 Q. All right.
- 11 A. I did fill out a form to initiate the process, but
- 12 didn't do the actual credit check, myself.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then after receiving that information and
- 14 the information from Mr. Banks, did MSX decide to do
- 15 business with IRP?
- 16 A. We did.
- 17 Q. Can I ask you to take a look now at what is marked
- 18 for identification as Government Exhibit 1.00M. It should
- 19 be in a folder there in front of you.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. Can I ask if you recognize that document?
- 22 A. I do. It was our standard service agreement.
- 23 Q. And there are some attachments to it, as well, or
- 24 related documents there also as part of that exhibit; is
- 25 that right?

- 1 A. Yes. Normal course of business, we would do a
- 2 purchase order for each individual person and what their
- 3 hourly bill rate would be.
- 4 Q. And is this the agreement that was executed between
- 5 MSX and IRP Solutions?
- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I move to admit 1.00M.
- 8 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 9 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 10 THE COURT: 1.00M may be admitted.
- 11 (Exhibit No. 1.00M is admitted.)
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: May we publish that, Your Honor?
- 13 THE COURT: You may.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Can we start with page 2 of that,
- 15 Special Agent Smith, and enlarge the signatures for us,
- 16 please.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) That doesn't appear to be your
- 18 signature, Mr. Seeley, on the left side?
- 19 A. No, it is not.
- 20 Q. Who is Larry Curran?
- 21 A. Our regional sales manager.
- 22 O. And the name on the right, is that the person that
- you had spoken to, to get the information about IRP?
- 24 A. As far as I know, yes.
- MR. KIRSCH: Could we please publish the next page

- 1 of that exhibit?
- 2 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Do you see the name there for the
- 3 consultants's name, Mr. Seeley?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Was that one of the people that was payrolled?
- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 O. If we go to the next page, there is another name
- 8 there. Is that another one of the people who was
- 9 payrolled through MSX?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. If we can go to the next page, there is another name
- 12 there. Again, is that another person who was payrolled?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. And then, finally, go to the last page, please. This
- is the name Enrico Howard. Are those the people that were
- 16 payrolled by MSX for IRP?
- 17 A. Yes, they are.
- 18 Q. Did MSX have a process in place for keeping track of
- 19 the time that those four employees were working?
- 20 A. Yes, we did.
- 21 Q. Can you explain that process?
- 22 A. It was done through time cards. The employees would
- 23 fill out a time card and then have them signed by a
- 24 supervisor, and then they would submit those time cards to
- us, and we would process the payroll based on the time

- 1 cards, typically, on a weekly basis, and in some cases
- 2 every two weeks.
- 3 Q. Can I please ask you to look now at what is marked
- 4 for identification as Government Exhibit 261.00.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. I want to ask you if you recognize the set of
- 7 documents that is in that exhibit.
- 8 A. I do, yes.
- 9 Q. What are they, please?
- 10 A. They are standard weekly time sheets.
- 11 O. Do the ones in this exhibit pertain to those four
- 12 employees that were payrolled at IRP?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 15 publish Government Exhibit 261.00.
- 16 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 17 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- THE COURT: 261.00 is admitted, and it may be
- 19 published.
- 20 (Exhibit No. 261.00 is admitted.)
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 Can you expand down to the signatures there,
- 23 please.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. Seeley, can you just help us
- 25 understand the different information that is on the screen

- 1 for this time sheet now, please.
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 Q. Let's just start at the top.
- 4 A. Okay. Do you want me to go through it?
- 5 Q. Yes, please, that would be great.
- 6 A. Basically, there is basic instructions for the
- 7 employee how to fill it out. The client name, the
- 8 consultant's name, the work location, a daytime telephone
- 9 number in case we needed to get ahold of them, then the
- 10 week ending information, as well. And then the form is
- 11 blank when the employee gets it, and they fill out the
- day, the dates, the number of regular hours and overtime
- hours they worked, then it totals out. Then at the
- 14 bottom, it asks for the consultant to sign the time card.
- 15 Q. Why do you do that?
- 16 A. Just to verify that the consultant agrees that that
- is the amount of hours they worked.
- 18 Q. And then it looks like you have the supervisor sign,
- 19 as well?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. Why do you have that happen?
- 22 A. To verify from some managerial position that the
- 23 employee actually did work those hours.
- 24 Q. The name that's printed here for supervisor appears
- 25 to be Dave Zirpolo. Is that a name that you recall from

- 1 your dealings?
- 2 A. It is, yes.
- 3 Q. And for the purposes of -- for MSX's purposes in
- 4 paying these employees, does MSX care whether the person
- 5 whose name is reflected here is the person who is doing
- 6 the work reflected in the time card?
- 7 A. Absolutely.
- 8 Q. Why is that?
- 9 A. Well, we want to make sure we are paying the person
- 10 that is actually doing the work. It could create a number
- of problems, not just from a tax, you know, issue, but
- 12 federal payroll laws. We're governed, you know -- in
- 13 Texas, we are governed by Texas payroll laws, as well. So
- 14 there would be a number of problems that occurred if we
- 15 actually paid the wrong person or paid the person
- 16 incorrectly.
- 17 MR. KIRSCH: All right. If I could publish page 10
- 18 of this exhibit now, please, Special Agent Smith.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) And can you identify -- maybe we can
- 20 expand just the time portion of that. Can you identify
- 21 the employee that this time card was submitted for?
- 22 A. It appears to be Enrico Howard.
- 23 Q. And this is for the week ending when?
- 24 A. Looks like 12/17 of 2004.
- 25 O. Is that consistent with the printed dates down there?

- 1 A. It is. Since the -- yeah, the employee didn't work
- 2 on the 18th or 19th.
- 3 Q. And how many hours were reported, then, for this
- 4 week?
- 5 A. A total of 40.
- 6 MR. KIRSCH: Could I ask you to put that on the
- 7 left side of the screen, Special Agent Smith.
- 8 Your Honor, I would ask permission to publish
- 9 Exhibit 191, which I believe has been admitted, page 54.
- 10 THE COURT: Yes, you may publish.
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- Then can you expand the time card of that, please.
- I am sorry, can we go back to Exhibi 261, page 11.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) On the left side of the screen now,
- 15 what is the week that is reflected there?
- 16 A. It looks like week ending 12/26.
- 17 Q. And then on the right side of the screen, there is a
- 18 time card for another company called of The Judge Group.
- 19 Have you actually heard of The Judge Group?
- 20 A. Actually, I have, yes.
- 21 Q. Do you know what kind of company that is?
- 22 A. My understanding is they are a staffing company, as
- 23 well.
- 24 Q. Did you have an understanding that while MSX was
- 25 payrolling Mr. Howard, that he was being also payrolled at

- 1 IRP Solutions by The Judge Group?
- 2 A. No. This is the first time I was made aware of that.
- 3 Q. I take it you didn't know he reported 12 hours of
- 4 work for your company on the 20th, 21st and 22nd, and also
- 5 reported 12 hours of work for The Judge Group on each of
- 6 those days?
- 7 A. I absolutely did not know that.
- 8 Q. Would you have been concerned to learn that
- 9 Mr. Howard was reporting that he was working 24 hours a
- 10 day on those days?
- 11 A. I think concerned would be a mild way to put it.
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: Could I now ask -- on the left side of
- the screen, can we please publish page 39 of Government
- 14 Exhibit 261. Expand the same portion, please.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Which employee is that MSX time card
- 16 for, Mr. Seeley?
- 17 A. It says for Cliff Stewart.
- 18 Q. And that is for the week ending when?
- 19 A. January 2nd.
- 20 Q. How many hours did Mr. Stewart report to MSX that
- 21 week?
- 22 A. A total of 52.
- 23 MR. KIRSCH: On the right side of the screen, can
- 24 we please publish page 14 of Government Exhibit 191.
- Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did you know, Mr. Seeley, that

- 1 Clifford Stewart was also billing time to The Judge Group
- 2 for being payrolled at IRP at the same time that he was
- 3 billing time to MSX?
- 4 A. No, I did not.
- 5 Q. Would you have had a similar reaction to learning
- 6 that information as you described to your reaction about
- 7 learning about Mr. Howard?
- 8 A. Yes, I would.
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Can I ask you to look now, please,
- 11 Mr. Seeley, at what we marked for identification as
- 12 Government Exhibit 263.00.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. Do you have those in front of you?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 Q. Do you recognize those?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. What are they?
- 19 A. It is basically a paycheck payroll register.
- 20 Q. Are those records from MSX International?
- 21 A. They are.
- 22 O. Do they pertain to the payrolled employees we have
- 23 been discussing?
- 24 A. Yes, they do.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask the Court to

- 1 find that Government Exhibit 263.00 is made admissible.
- 2 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 3 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 4 THE COURT: 263.00 is deemed admissible.
- 5 (Exhibit No. 263.00 is found admissible.)
- 6 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did MSX have a mechanism in place to
- 7 bill IRP for the work that these employees were performing
- 8 plus the markup you described before?
- 9 A. Yes, we did.
- 10 Q. How did that work?
- 11 A. It was all sub-tied directly to the time cards. The
- 12 time cards generated a paycheck for the employee, and at
- 13 the same time generated an invoice to the client.
- 14 Q. Do you know where the processing of that paperwork
- 15 occurred?
- 16 A. At one point it was in New York. Then it was moved
- 17 to Detroit. So at this exact place and time, I am not
- 18 entirely sure which location the invoices were generated
- 19 out of.
- 20 Q. Either Detroit or New York?
- 21 A. One of the two were the only two places it could have
- 22 come from.
- 23 Q. Do you know how the invoices were transmitted to the
- 24 client?
- 25 A. Typically via mail.

- 1 O. United States Mail?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. And can I ask you to look now at what is
- 4 marked for identification as Government Exhibit 262.00.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Do you recognize the documents that are in that
- 7 exhibit?
- 8 A. I do. They are standard invoices.
- 9 Q. Do all of the ones in this exhibit pertain to IRP
- 10 Solutions Corporation?
- 11 A. Yes, they do.
- 12 Q. And, again, do they represent invoices for the
- payrolled employees we have been discussing?
- 14 A. Yes, they do.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask the Court to
- 16 find Government Exhibit 262.00 admissible.
- 17 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 18 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 19 THE COURT: Exhibit 262.00 is deemed admissible.
- 20 (Exhibit No. 262.00 is found admissible.)
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Then two more exhibits, Mr. Seeley.
- 23 First, I want to ask you to -- they are marked as
- 24 Government Exhibit 20.00 and 23.00.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Let's start with 20, if we could. Do you recognize
- 2 that exhibit?
- 3 A. Yes. Again, our standard invoices, along with time
- 4 sheets attached to them.
- 5 Q. And the invoices that MSX issued, they were tied to a
- 6 particular employee; is that correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And this particular exhibit, besides the invoice, has
- 9 a couple of other documents?
- 10 A. Yes. It has the time cards attached to it, as well.
- 11 O. And are those time cards that relate to the invoice?
- 12 A. Let me double check here. Yes, they are.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I move to admit and
- 14 publish Government Exhibit 20.00, please.
- 15 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 17 THE COURT: 20.00 is admitted, and it may be
- 18 published.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 20.00 is admitted.)
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 Just expand the top part of that, please.
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) We have on the screen now,
- 23 Mr. Seeley, the top of the invoice; is that right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 MR. KIRSCH: Okay. And then if we can scroll down.

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- 1 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) This particular invoice relates to
- 2 work performed by what employee?
- 3 A. Kendrick Barnes.
- 4 MR. KIRSCH: Then if we can go to page 2 of that
- 5 exhibit, please.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Is this one of the time cards that
- 7 supports that invoice? Is that one of the time cards that
- 8 supports the invoice on page 1, Mr. Seeley?
- 9 A. Actually, looking at it, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Can I ask you to look at Government's Exhibit
- 11 23 now, please.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 O. What is contained in that exhibit?
- 14 A. Similar document. It is the MSX standard invoice,
- 15 with two time sheets attached to it.
- 16 O. Also for Mr. Barnes?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit
- 19 Government Exhibit 23.00.
- 20 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 21 MR. BANKS: No objection.
- 22 THE COURT: Exhibit 23.00 will be admitted, and it
- 23 may be published.
- 24 (Exhibit No. 23.00 is admitted.)
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. Seeley, again, those invoices in
- 2 20 and 23, did you say before those would have been mailed
- 3 to the client IRP?
- 4 A. Typically, that is how they were delivered, yes.
- 5 Q. All right. Do you know, while you were at MSX,
- 6 whether or not IRP made payments on any of these invoices?
- 7 A. My understanding is that there were no payments made.
- 8 Q. Did you have an understanding about the approximate
- 9 amount of the total outstanding invoices?
- 10 A. Off the top of my head, I remember it being 144,000,
- 11 something along those lines.
- 12 Q. Did you ever make any attempts to collect on those
- 13 invoices?
- 14 A. I did. I placed a number of phone calls.
- 15 O. To who?
- 16 A. Initially tried to reach David Banks.
- 17 O. Were you able to reach Mr. Banks?
- 18 A. No, I was not.
- 19 Q. Do you remember anyone else that you called?
- 20 A. I tried to call their CFO. I don't recall his name
- 21 off the top of my head. I was unable to reach him, as
- 22 well.
- 23 Q. Did you continue to payroll the people at MSX --
- 24 A. No.
- 25 O. -- I mean the people at IRP?

- 1 A. No. We stopped the service immediately.
- 2 Q. Did you receive any time cards after you had begun
- 3 making the collection efforts?
- 4 A. No, we did not.
- 5 Q. Was that surprising to you?
- 6 A. It was extremely unusual, yes.
- 7 O. That was unusual?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Could I have a moment, please, Your
- 10 Honor?
- 11 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. Seeley, when you tried to
- 12 contact Mr. Banks, did you leave messages?
- 13 A. I left messages with the receptionist. I don't
- 14 recall leaving messages or voice mails. I do recall
- leaving messages with the receptionist, though.
- 16 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you. No other questions.
- 17 THE COURT: Mr. Banks, you may proceed.
- 18 MR. BANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. BANKS:
- 21 Q. Mr. Seeley, you said you are a controller?
- 22 A. Right now, yes.
- 23 Q. Does that -- can you explain a little bit about what
- 24 a controller does?
- 25 A. I primarily handle most of the accounting for our

- 1 company.
- 2 Q. Do you have a degree in accounting?
- 3 A. I do not. I have a bachelor's of business degree.
- 4 Q. Just curious. With regards to -- let me ask you this
- 5 question first. How does the Albertini Group relate to
- 6 MSX?
- 7 A. It doesn't. I'm currently employed by the Albertini
- 8 Group. I was previously employed by MSX International.
- 9 Q. Okay. Thank you. I was kind of confused on that.
- Now, what is the general credit policy of MSX?
- 11 A. Well, I don't know the general credit policy. I know
- 12 the general credit procedure. The general credit
- 13 procedure was when we had a new client, we would fill out
- 14 a credit application for that client and submit it to our
- 15 accounting department for approval.
- 16 Q. Did -- was there a credit app in this case?
- 17 A. There was, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. What was the results of that credit app?
- 19 A. That it was approved. I only get whether it is
- 20 approved or not approved.
- 21 Q. Okay. So you didn't make the decision on whether or
- 22 not -- now, you didn't make the decision on whether or not
- 23 to move forward or not move forward?
- 24 A. That's correct. Based on the credit.
- 25 Q. Okay. Now, does MSX have any policy that you know of

- 1 where they review balance sheets, bank references, any
- 2 sort of financial statements prior to doing business with
- 3 a customer?
- 4 A. I'm not entirely sure what the policy was. I would
- 5 just fill out credit application forms with the company
- 6 information on it and turn it into our accounting
- 7 department.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned earlier in your testimony
- 9 that it would have been concerning to you, at least from
- 10 the Government's questioning, if somebody else was
- 11 performing work?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 O. Other than what was listed on the time sheet;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Absolutely.
- 16 Q. Did you pay anyone else -- anyone else besides the
- 17 person listed on the time sheet?
- 18 A. No, we did not.
- 19 Q. Okay. So you would have absolutely no indication or
- 20 evidence to support that another person was actually doing
- 21 the work; correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. Now, was a part of your application process, at least
- 24 on your credit application, did it include bank
- 25 references?

- 1 A. I don't recall. I would have to look at the credit
- 2 application again to see what all was on there.
- 3 MR. BANKS: May I have one moment, Your Honor?
- 4 THE COURT: You may.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, you said it would be concerning
- 6 -- I am not sure exactly what term, but it would be
- 7 gravely concerning to you if a contractor was working
- 8 multiple engagements while he was a contractor with MSX;
- 9 is that correct?
- 10 A. No, that is not correct. I said it would be
- 11 concerning if they were working 24 hours a day for two
- 12 different places, specifically referring to what I saw as
- the time sheet for a person that was working a total of 24
- 14 hours in one day.
- 15 Q. Have you been an IT contractor?
- 16 A. I am not.
- 17 Q. Have you known contractors -- IT contractors or
- 18 consultants who work multiple engagements?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
- 20 Q. Are you familiar with the term called VPN?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. Can you explain what VPN is?
- 23 A. Virtual private network?
- 24 Q. Yes, sir.
- 25 A. It gives a person the ability to log into external

- 1 networks remotely and have it look like and feel like they
- 2 are actually on site.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, so a person working from home, typically,
- 4 in your opinion, would use a VPN to access their company's
- 5 network?
- 6 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance and foundation.
- 7 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 8 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, what I am trying to do --
- 9 THE COURT: I sustained the objection. I think you
- 10 asked him as many questions as you can ask him.
- 11 MR. BANKS: Very well. Very well.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) So if a consultant chooses to work
- 13 multiple projects, is there any sort of MSX policy
- 14 prohibiting them from doing so?
- 15 A. Not that I am aware of.
- 16 O. Okay. If we could --
- 17 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, could we publish exhibit
- 18 001M, as in Mike?
- 19 THE COURT: Yes, you may.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Mr. Seeley, are you familiar with the
- 21 services agreement of MSX?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Are you familiar with this language in 7A?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree that 7A is consistent with MSX's

- 1 policies concerning a business relationship?
- 2 A. I would say it is, yes.
- 3 MR. BANKS: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Anyone else?
- 5 MR. WALKER: Can we have one moment, Your Honor?
- 6 THE COURT: You may.
- 7 MR. WALKER: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. May this witness be
- 9 excused?
- I am sorry, any redirect?
- MR. KIRSCH: No redirect, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You are excused.
- Government may call its next witness.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor. The Government
- 15 calls Kimberly Carter.
- She is going to need Exhibits 7, 14, then 420.01
- 17 through 423.01.
- 18 THE COURT: Go ahead and step up into the witness
- 19 box and remain standing, please. Ms. Barnes will be with
- 20 you shortly.
- 21 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 22 KIMBERLY CARTER
- 23 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 24 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.
- 25 Please state your name, and spell your first and

- 1 last names for the record.
- 2 THE WITNESS: Kimberly Carter. K-I-M-B-E-R-L-Y
- $3 \quad C-A-R-T-E-R$ .
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 6 Q. Ms. Carter, are you employed now?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Where do you work?
- 9 A. Modis.
- 10 Q. What sort of company is Modis?
- 11 A. IT staffing, professional services.
- 12 Q. What is your position there?
- 13 A. I am a senior business development executive.
- 14 Q. How long have you been working in the staffing
- 15 industry?
- 16 A. Over 20 years.
- 17 Q. Can you identify any of the other companies where
- 18 you've worked?
- 19 A. Technisource, Spherion, Bartech.
- 20 Q. In 2004, were you working at Technisource?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. What was your position at that time?
- 23 A. I was regional vice president.
- 24 Q. For what region?
- 25 A. Mid-Atlantic.

- 1 Q. Where were you based then?
- 2 A. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 3 Q. And what were your duties as the regional vice
- 4 president?
- 5 A. I oversaw the markets, ranging from Delaware to South
- 6 Carolina.
- 7 Q. At that time, did you go by the same last name?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. What was your last name at that time?
- 10 A. Pillas.
- 11 O. Spell that?
- 12 A. P-I-L-L-A-S.
- 13 Q. Thank you. And, Technisource, was that a staffing
- 14 company?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did it have a particular focus?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What was its focus?
- 19 A. IT staffing.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did Technisource at that time provide a
- 21 service known as payrolling?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. How is it that payrolling worked for Technisource?
- 24 A. We would bring on resources in an hourly W2 capacity
- 25 and bill them to a specific client.

- 1 Q. And when you use the term "resources," is that the
- 2 same?
- 3 A. Consultant.
- 4 Q. Is that, in other words, is that an employee?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And in a payrolling situation, typically who would
- 7 identify those employees or resources?
- 8 A. Most often it was the client.
- 9 Q. Okay. Who paid them?
- 10 A. Technisource.
- 11 Q. Okay. And then how is it that Technisource profited
- 12 from that arrangement?
- 13 A. The margin of the difference between the salaried,
- 14 benefits, taxes and the bill rate to the client.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. So cost of goods minus --
- 17 Q. Okay. Was payrolling, relative to other kinds of
- 18 business Technisource did, was payrolling a profitable
- 19 kind of business that Technisource did?
- 20 A. I mean, we were a for-profit company. So there would
- 21 be some profit out of that.
- 22 Q. How did profitability of payrolling compare to
- 23 profitability of other --
- 24 A. It was low.
- 25 Q. Was there typically a reason that given that lower

- 1 profit margin, that Technisource would engage in a
- 2 payrolling arrangement?
- 3 A. Because we weren't doing the recruiting piece of the
- 4 business in actually finding resources or consultants, the
- 5 client was bringing that piece to the table.
- 6 Q. All right. While you were at Technisource, did you
- 7 become aware that Technisource was doing business with a
- 8 company called IRP Solutions Corporation?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And were you responsible for initiating that
- 11 relationship?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 O. Who did that?
- 14 A. Randy Hayes.
- 15 Q. And what was Mr. Hayes' role?
- 16 A. He was the sales rep in the Baltimore office.
- 17 Q. Did you participate in executing the agreement that
- 18 was ultimately signed with IRP?
- 19 A. I would have signed any sort of agreement with any
- 20 client.
- 21 Q. Can I ask you to take a look at what is marked for
- 22 identification purposes at Government Exhibit 420.01. It
- 23 should be in a folder like this up there in front of you.
- 24 420.01. Have you had a chance to look at that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you recognize that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And is that the agreement between Technisource and
- 4 IRP?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And is your signature on page 13 of that exhibit?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. KIRSCH: I would move to admit and publish
- 9 Government Exhibit 420.01.
- 10 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 11 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 12 THE COURT: Exhibit 420.01 is admitted, and it may
- 13 be published.
- 14 (Exhibit No. 420.01 is admitted.)
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- Special Agent Smith, can you please expand the top
- 17 paragraph. We'll start right there.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Is this page 13 on the screen now?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Ms. Carter, that is your signature there under
- 21 Technisource?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you have an understanding about who it was that
- 24 signed on behalf of IRP?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 0. Who was that?
- 2 A. David Banks.
- 3 MR. KIRSCH: If we go to page 15 of that exhibit.
- 4 Just expand that text, please.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) What is this Exhibit A?
- 6 A. The specific -- the specific document for a
- 7 particular resource.
- 8 Q. Okay. And is that the person who's identified under
- 9 Roman Numeral II?
- 10 A. That is a person who -- yes.
- 11 O. Was that one of the people who was payrolled by
- 12 Technisource at IRP --
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. -- Darrell Brantley?
- MR. KIRSCH: And if we can go to page 17 of that
- 16 exhibit, and Roman Numeral II.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Does that identify another person
- 18 who was payrolled there?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Kendrick Barnes?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 MR. KIRSCH: If we go to page 19, Roman Numeral II.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Does that, again, identify another
- 24 person who was payrolled there, Shaun Haughton?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 MR. KIRSCH: And then, finally, if we go to page
- 2 21, Roman Numeral II.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Does that identify another person
- 4 who was payrolled?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you recall whether there were any people beyond
- 7 those four that were payrolled by Technisource?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Did Technisource have a method for keeping track of
- 10 the time that those employees were working?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And how did that work?
- 13 A. Time sheets.
- 14 Q. Can I ask you to look, please, at what is marked for
- identification as Government Exhibit 421.00. Probably the
- 16 fattest envelope which you have up there. Do you have
- 17 that in front of you now?
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Do you recognize the documents that are in that
- 20 exhibit?
- 21 A. They are the standard time sheets that we utilized.
- 22 O. And do these particular ones pertain to those four
- 23 employees that you just identified?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit

- 1 Government Exhibit 421.00.
- 2 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 3 MR. BANKS: No objection.
- 4 THE COURT: 421.00 is admitted.
- 5 (Exhibit No. 421.00 is admitted.)
- 6 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Can I ask you now, please,
- 7 Ms. Carter, to look -- we are going to come back to that
- 8 document in just a minute.
- 9 Can I ask you to look, please, at what is marked
- 10 for identification as Government Exhibit 420.04. Do you
- 11 recognize that exhibit?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. What is it?
- 14 A. It is an hourly consultant agreement between
- 15 Technisource and a specific resource.
- 16 Q. And in this -- does this particular document pertain
- 17 to Kendrick Barnes?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I move to admit and
- 20 publish Government Exhibit 420.04.
- 21 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 22 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- THE COURT: 420.04 will be admitted, and it may be
- 24 published.
- 25 (Exhibit No. 420.04 is admitted.)

- 1 MR. KIRSCH: If you would expand the top part of
- 2 that please, first, Special Agent Smith.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) The consultant here -- I just want
- 4 to make sure we got the terms rights. That is also the
- 5 resource or the employee; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. KIRSCH: Can we go to page 2 of that document,
- 8 please. And expand paragraph 6.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Does this paragraph relate to other
- 10 work that can be performed by a consultant who is employed
- 11 at Technisource?
- 12 A. Can you ask the question again?
- 13 Q. Yes. Does this paragraph pertain to other work,
- 14 outside of work for Technisource, that can be employed by
- a consultant while he or she is employed at Technisource?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. And does it allow a Technisource consultant to work
- 18 for another company for a Technisource client?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 21 Your Honor, I would like to go back to Government
- 22 Exhibit 42 now and publish page 32.
- THE COURT: You may.
- 24 MR. KIRSCH: Can you expand just the time portion
- 25 there, please.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Can you see that on your screen now,
- 2 Ms. Carter?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What employee does this record pertain to?
- 5 A. Kendrick Barnes.
- 6 Q. And this is for the week ending what?
- 7 A. 9/11/04.
- 8 Q. What were the hours that Mr. Barnes reported to
- 9 Technisource for that week?
- 10 A. Forty-two.
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Would you put that on the left side
- 12 the screen, please, Special Agent Smith.
- Then, Your Honor, I am going to ask to publish
- 14 Government Exhibit 131.00, which I believe has been
- 15 admitted.
- 16 THE COURT: Yes, it may.
- 17 MR. KIRSCH: Publish that on the right side,
- 18 Special Agent Smith, page 12, 131.00. And enlarge that,
- 19 please. Can we go back and see if we can get the time on
- 20 the left side a little bit bigger, please.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I can see it.
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) You can see that?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. The time card that is on the right, is that for the
- 25 same time period?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you have any knowledge that Mr. Barnes was
- 3 reporting 43 hours to a different staffing company that he
- 4 worked on behalf of IRP for the same week that he reported
- 5 42 to Technisource?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. What would have happened if you had learned that
- 8 while Mr. Barnes was being staffed there through
- 9 Technisource?
- 10 A. Certainly would have had a conversation and addressed
- 11 it.
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: Okay. Can I ask you, Special Agent
- 13 Smith, to leave the Technisource time card there, and on
- 14 the right side of the screen publish Government Exhibit 8,
- page 2, which I believe has also been admitted.
- May we do that, Your Honor?
- 17 THE COURT: You may.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Are you familiar with a company
- 19 called Staffmark?
- 20 A. Yes, I am.
- 21 Q. Do you know what kind of company that is?
- 22 A. They are a commercial staffing company, and actually
- 23 Technisource was borne out of Staffmark. Previously we
- 24 were in IntelliMark.
- 25 Q. Can you identify the week ending on that time card,

- 1 Ms. Carter?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What is that?
- 4 A. 9/11/04.
- 5 Q. Is that the same week for the two other time cards we
- 6 have already looked at?
- 7 A. It is.
- 8 Q. And according to that time card, how many hours did
- 9 Mr. Barnes work for Staffmark at IRP that week?
- 10 A. Forty-two.
- 11 Q. Did you ever receive any information that Mr. Barnes
- 12 was, while he was billing time to Technisource and to ESG,
- was also billing time to Staffmark?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Would that have caused any issues for you?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did you -- on some of those days there, on Wednesday,
- 18 Thursday and -- at least on Wednesday and Thursday, there
- 19 were 10 hours reported on both of these cards on the
- 20 screen; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. If we went back to the ESG card and it showed 10
- 23 hours reported on some of those days, as well, for a total
- of 30 on more than one of those days, is that something
- 25 that would have caused you concern while you were working

- 1 at Technisource?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Why is that?
- 4 A. There is not that many hours in a day. And he's --
- 5 it is obviously fraudulent.
- 6 MR. BANKS: Objection, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Ms. Carter, did Technisource have a
- 9 process in place for --
- 10 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) -- for billing the hours that were
- worked by these payrolled employees at IRP?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. How did that work?
- 15 A. Time cards were submitted via fax to the branch
- 16 office. The branch office forwarded them to our central
- 17 accounting group, which was in St. Louis, and invoices
- 18 were generated and sent out to the client for payment.
- 19 Q. And do you know where those invoices were generated,
- 20 in what office?
- 21 A. Our accounting department in St. Louis, I believe.
- 22 O. St. Louis, Missouri?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know how it was that they were transmitted to
- 25 the clients?

- 1 A. I believe they were mailed U.S. Mail.
- 2 O. United States Mail?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Can I ask you now to look, please, at what is marked
- 5 for identification as Government Exhibit 422.00.
- 6 A. What was the number again?
- 7 Q. 422.00. Have you had a chance to look at those? Do
- 8 those appear to be copies of MSX invoices -- I am sorry,
- 9 Technisource invoices?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And do they relate to the four payrolled employees we
- 12 have just been discussing?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask the Court to
- find that Government Exhibit 422.00 is admissible.
- 16 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 17 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- THE COURT: 422.00 is deemed admissible.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 422.00 is found admissible.)
- 20 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Ms. Carter, I will ask you to look
- 21 at two more. They are marked as Government Exhibits 7 and
- 22 14.
- 23 A. What are the numbers?
- 24 Q. Exhibits 7 and 14. Do you have 7 in front of you?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Let's start with that one. What is the first page of
- 2 7?
- 3 A. The invoice.
- 4 Q. Is that, again, an invoice that your company issued
- 5 to IRP?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And then what are the remaining pages of that
- 8 exhibit?
- 9 A. The time sheets.
- 10 Q. That pertain to that invoice?
- 11 A. Yes.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 13 publish Government Exhibit 7.00.
- 14 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 16 THE COURT: Exhibit 7.00 is admitted, and it may be
- 17 published.
- 18 (Exhibit No. 7.00 is admitted.)
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) The date in the upper right corner
- 21 on the screen now, Ms. Carter do you know what date that
- 22 would have been? Would that be the date of the invoice?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then the -- whose attention did these go
- 25 to?

- 1 A. David Banks.
- 2 Q. And, again, these -- this particular invoice, the
- 3 person who is listed in the middle of the screen now, who
- 4 is that, for the purposes of this invoice?
- 5 A. Kendrick Barnes.
- 6 Q. And Mr. Barnes was the payrolled employee?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. I am going to direct your attention now to Government
- 9 Exhibit 14. We'll start in the folder, again, if we
- 10 could. Do you recognize the first page of that exhibit?
- 11 A. The first page?
- 12 Q. Yeah.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What is it?
- 15 A. It is an e-mail.
- 16 O. Who sent that e-mail?
- 17 A. David Banks.
- 18 Q. And who did it go to?
- 19 A. To me.
- 20 Q. And what was the subject matter?
- 21 A. He has attached a letter, basically outlining how he
- 22 was going to pay the outstanding invoices.
- 23 Q. And is the second page of the exhibit that letter?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did you receive this e-mail while you were employed

- 1 at Technisource?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 4 publish Government Exhibit 14.00.
- 5 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 6 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Exhibit 14.00 is admitted, and it may
- 8 be published.
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 (Exhibit No. 14.00 is admitted.)
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Can you just expand the top part of
- 12 that, Special Agent Smith.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) We now have the e-mail on the
- 14 screen; is that right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And your office, at the time that you received this
- 17 e-mail, again, that was where?
- 18 A. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 19 Q. Okay. And then can we go to page 2 of that exhibit,
- 20 please. Expand the text of that letter. Can you read
- 21 that on the screen now, Ms. Carter?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I guess we jumped ahead a little bit. This letter
- 24 refers to outstanding invoices. Were there outstanding
- invoices as of November 4, 2004?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Had you taken any steps to try to collect on those
- 3 outstanding invoices?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What had you done?
- 6 A. Numerous repeated calls to Mr. Banks.
- 7 Q. And had you been able to reach Mr. Banks on those
- 8 calls?
- 9 A. Sometimes, yes.
- 10 Q. On any of the calls where you reached Mr. Banks, did
- 11 he give you any information about why the invoices hadn't
- 12 been paid?
- 13 A. It had to do with the software; the piece of software
- 14 they were developing for the New York City Police
- 15 Department, and the delay in developing that software and
- 16 the delay in their payment for that.
- 17 Q. Whose payment?
- 18 A. The New York City Police Department.
- 19 Q. Did you ever have a personal meeting with Mr. Banks
- 20 about this topic?
- 21 A. I did.
- 22 O. Where did that happen?
- 23 A. In Northern Virginia.
- Q. And what was the occasion for that?
- 25 A. To meet in person and to get further clarification on

- 1 how and when we were going to be paid for our outstanding
- 2 invoices.
- 3 Q. Do you recall that that meeting would have been in
- 4 relation to this letter?
- 5 A. I don't.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you recall how it is that the meeting --
- 7 the personal meeting was arranged?
- 8 A. Mr. Banks informed me in one of our telephone calls
- 9 that he was going to be in Washington, D.C. on business,
- 10 and apparently informed me the hotel that they were
- 11 staying at, because my sales manager and myself showed up
- 12 at the hotel to meet with him.
- 13 Q. When you got to the hotel, did you try to contact
- 14 Mr. Banks?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How did you do that?
- 17 A. Initially, I think we tried to contact him via cell
- 18 phone. There was no response. So we used the house phone
- in the lobby to call to his room.
- 20 Q. Were you able to reach him?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. And did you talk to Mr. Banks that day?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did Mr. Banks tell you anything during that meeting
- 25 about the status of their work with the New York Police

- 1 Department?
- 2 A. It was progressing, but it was stalled, and that is
- 3 why we hadn't received payment.
- 4 Q. Did he tell you anything during that meeting about
- 5 when IRP was going to be get paid?
- 6 A. I don't recall.
- 7 Q. Okay. The information that he gave you, did you use
- 8 that information in deciding whether or not to continue to
- 9 payroll employees at IRP?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 O. How did you use that information?
- 12 A. My sales manager and I discussed that, you know, it
- 13 was a positive meeting, and that we had faith and believed
- 14 what Mr. Banks was telling us, and so we were going to
- 15 give them a little more time to start seeing regular
- 16 payment for the outstanding invoices.
- 17 Q. So --
- 18 A. We continued to allow the consultants to bill.
- 19 Q. Did that result in IRP having a higher liability to
- 20 your company?
- 21 A. Yes, it did.
- 22 O. Did you ever get any of the payments that are
- 23 promised in this letter that is on the screen, Government
- 24 Exhibit 14?
- 25 A. Not to my knowledge.

- 1 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did you have additional
- 3 conversations with Mr. Banks after your personal meeting
- 4 about the topic of the outstanding invoices?
- 5 A. I don't recall. Eventually, there was a conversation
- 6 that took place where I said, you know, we can't -- we
- 7 can't continue to provide the resources. We still haven't
- 8 received any payment. And he said he understood, and that
- 9 ended our relationship.
- 10 Q. Did you have an understanding at that point of the
- 11 approximate amount of outstanding invoices from
- 12 Technisource?
- 13 A. It was, rounding up, it was \$400,000.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Can I have a moment, please, Your
- 15 Honor?
- Sorry, Your Honor, 30 more seconds.
- 17 THE COURT: All right.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Ms. Carter, I need to ask you to
- look at two more exhibits, please, 423.00 and 423.01. Do
- 20 you recognize those exhibits?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do they contain payroll records related to the
- 23 employees that were payrolled at IRP?
- 24 A. I mean, there are other people's.
- 25 Q. There are other people listed in there, as well; is

- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. Yes. Yes.
- 3 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I am going to ask that the
- 4 portions of 423.00 and 423.01 that relate to the payrolled
- 5 employees at IRP be deemed admissible.
- 6 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 7 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Those portions that have
- 9 just been identified of 423.00 and 423.01 are deemed
- 10 admissible.
- 11 (Exhibit No. 423.00, 423.01 are found admissible.)
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor. And I have no
- 13 other questions for Ms. Carter.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Banks, you may proceed.
- 15 MR. BANKS: Thank you.
- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. BANKS:
- 18 Q. Ms. Carter, in engaging in a business -- initiating a
- 19 business relationship with IRP Solutions, can you explain
- 20 a little bit about what Technisource relied on to engage
- 21 in that relationship?
- 22 A. Are you asking what background we did prior to?
- 23 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 24 A. From a credit -- you know, from a credit standpoint,
- 25 we did a credit bureau check and a Dun & Bradstreet check.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. That is what I did.
- 3 Q. And what were the results of that credit check?
- 4 A. There was no -- it was limited information. However,
- 5 there was no derogatory information.
- 6 Q. Okay. And would you say Technisource relies on that
- 7 information on whether or not they are going to engage in
- 8 business with a client?
- 9 A. At the time that was a part of the process in order
- 10 to begin a relationship with a new customer.
- 11 Q. What is the rest of the process?
- 12 A. As far as from the sales perspective, it's -- you
- 13 know, there is a conversation with the client. There's a,
- 14 you know, an understanding of what the project is going to
- 15 be or what the relationship is going to be. Documents are
- 16 signed, such as a service agreement.
- 17 Q. So just more of a familiarization with the client;
- 18 what type of business they are, et cetera. Press the
- 19 flesh, if you will; a hand shake, meet face to face and
- 20 discuss those types of issues, correct?
- 21 A. It is not always a face-to-face meeting.
- 22 O. Okay. Thank you. Now if, the credit came back poor,
- 23 would Technisource have engaged in business with IRP?
- 24 A. Probably not.
- 25 O. Okay. Did Mr. Banks at any time try to run from

- 1 Technisource or avoid meeting with Technisource with
- 2 regards to the debt they had incurred?
- 3 A. He was not always available to take my calls, but,
- 4 no.
- 5 Q. Now, with regards to Mr. Barnes, do you know what
- 6 other projects Mr. Barnes was working at that time?
- 7 A. I don't.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with a term "right to work"?
- 9 A. I am.
- 10 Q. Can you explain what your meaning of that term is?
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, lack of foundation.
- 12 THE COURT: Overruled. You may answer.
- 13 THE WITNESS: It means that you can terminate
- 14 someone's employment at any time, and that as an employer,
- an employee can terminate their employment at any time.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Would you agree that Mr. Barnes has a
- 17 right to work for whoever he wants to work for?
- 18 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance and lack of
- 19 foundation.
- 20 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Not according to the contract that he
- 22 signed with Technisource. He specifically could not work
- 23 for another company at the same client.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, that is the agreement between
- you and Mr. Barnes; is that correct?

- 1 A. An agreement between Technisource and Mr. Barnes.
- 2 Q. Technisource and Mr. Barnes; correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. That is not an agreement between IRP Solutions and
- 5 Technisource; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Do you know what Mr. Barnes' responsibilities were on
- 8 the other projects?
- 9 A. I do not.
- 10 Q. Let me ask you a little something about the staffing
- industry in general. With 20 years of experience,
- 12 hopefully you can provide answers to this.
- If -- how do I phrase this? In standard contract
- 14 engagements of a contract employee, are there typically
- 15 standard terms, as far as the work week is concerned, how
- 16 many hours are typically allowed for an employee on a
- 17 traditional engagement?
- 18 A. A standard work week is 40 hours.
- 19 Q. Would you say that most companies hire contract
- 20 employees on a 40-hour work week?
- 21 A. Yes.
- MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 23 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Okay. What did Mr. Banks tell you

- 1 was the reason for delayed payment?
- 2 A. Delayed milestones in delivering the software that
- 3 was being developed to the New York City Police
- 4 Department, and them not providing moneys for the work
- 5 that had been done.
- 6 Q. Okay. Is that the same information -- I know memory
- 7 -- this has been a long time. I don't want to be -- is
- 8 that the same testimony you provided to the American
- 9 Arbitration Association?
- 10 A. I don't know who the American Arbitration Association
- 11 is.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did Mr. Banks tell you that payment was
- delayed due to anticipated software sales with not --
- 14 well, anticipated -- not receiving anticipated revenue
- 15 from a software sale of their product?
- 16 A. I don't understand the question.
- 17 O. Did Mr. Banks tell you the reason that Technisource
- 18 was not paid was because they had not received money from
- 19 anticipated software sales?
- 20 A. No. The only discussion was around the software that
- 21 was being developed, specifically for the New York City
- 22 Police Department. It was my understanding that that was
- 23 the beta version of a case management system that was
- 24 being developed. And their goal was to sell to other law
- 25 enforcement entities, you know, once the initial beta

- 1 version was deployed and sold.
- 2 MR. BANKS: Thank you. Your Honor, may we
- 3 approach?
- 4 THE COURT: You may.
- 5 (A bench conference is had, and the following is
- 6 had outside the hearing of the jury.)
- 7 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, I wanted to get with you.
- 8 I don't want to be presumptive any more. I want your
- 9 ruling. Technisource filed part of the contract that we
- 10 saw, the arbitration clause. In the statement or
- information that was provided to the Arbitration
- 12 Committee, she specifically said that Mr. Banks'
- 13 anticipated software, Your Honor, would return in a cash
- 14 infusion. That is what is reported in arbitration.
- 15 I would like to refresh her recollection.
- 16 THE COURT: But she didn't do this. This wasn't
- 17 her testimony. She doesn't even know who they are. So I
- don't know that this was provided by her. This was a
- 19 summary of the company. I would assume that it was done
- 20 by the lawyers. So unless you can lay a foundation that
- 21 she made any statements -- she already said she doesn't
- 22 know who the American Arbitration Association is.
- MR. BANKS: Can I have one moment? When we go back
- 24 I will take a moment.
- 25 THE COURT: That would be fine.

- 1 (The following is had in the hearing of the jury.)
- 2 MR. BANKS: One moment, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: All right.
- 4 MR. BANKS: I have no further questions for
- 5 Ms. Carter.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. Anybody else?
- 7 MR. BARNES: I have a few questions.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Barnes.

## 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 10 BY MR. BARNES:
- 11 O. Could you tell me how long you have been in the IT
- 12 staffing business?
- 13 A. Since 1989.
- 14 Q. Would you say you are familiar with the type of IT
- 15 positions you staff for clients?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You have kind of a working knowledge. So are you
- 18 familiar -- would you say certain positions have a higher
- 19 workload than other positions in pertaining to -- like,
- 20 you know, for instance, an assistant administrator, would
- 21 you say they have higher or less workload than, say, a
- 22 developer?
- 23 A. No, I think it is project dependent.
- 24 Q. Okay. It is project dependent. So, for instance, do
- 25 you understand -- first of all, do you understand the type

- of jobs a system administrator does?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. So would you agree that a system administrator
- 4 can usually monitor, maybe configure, sets up, like, a
- 5 server of some sort?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. So usually when that server is up and running and
- 8 everything is fine, is that system administrator still
- 9 dealing with that one server or multiple servers, would
- 10 you say?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. How is he dealing with those servers?
- 13 A. Monitoring and maintaining.
- 14 Q. But he is not, like, typing, and he can't go -- he
- 15 can get up and go to the bathroom and come back and the
- 16 server is still doing its thing; correct?
- 17 A. I would assume so.
- 18 Q. So just say that system administrator is sitting
- 19 there waiting to be monitoring the server, do they send
- 20 him home and say, you have nothing to do, go home,
- 21 usually?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. He is really there for, would you agree, for, like,
- 24 insurance. He can monitor the system. If there is a
- 25 need, he can go do what he needs to do, let the server run

- 1 the way it needs to go, and then continue about what he is
- 2 doing forward. Would you agree with that statement?
- 3 A. Depends on what is -- who is managing him and what
- 4 job functions they want him performing during the day.
- 5 Q. Correct. So he could be very, very busy, or he could
- 6 be not very, very busy; is that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And then while he's sitting there monitoring
- 9 the server, could -- is it physically possible for him to
- 10 be doing another job which may demand a little more time
- and, basically, be available for monitoring the system and
- doing another job, say maybe doing development, until he
- is needed on the other system?
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, lack of foundation.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- MR. BANKS: Okay.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. BARNES) You said if you had found out that
- 18 Mr. Barnes was working other contracts, you say you would
- 19 have addressed it. What do you mean by "addressed it"?
- 20 A. I would have asked, what is going on here? Just
- 21 raised a red flag with me personally that there is
- 22 something fraudulent going on.
- 23 Q. Who would you have addressed that to?
- 24 A. Most likely both the consultant and to the client.
- 25 Q. Okay. And what if the client didn't have a problem

- 1 with that consultant working multiple contracts?
- 2 A. I would have a problem with it.
- 3 Q. What would you have done?
- 4 A. Ended the contract.
- 5 Q. Also, is it possible, too, was there a requirement
- 6 that the consultant had to be there at a certain time?
- 7 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 8 Q. Okay. So there also could have been work after hours
- 9 possibly?
- 10 A. Possibly.
- 11 Q. Okay. But if you would have ended the contract --
- 12 let me ask this question. Usually, that clause in there,
- would you agree, is so that you don't have competition
- 14 with other staffing agencies at the client --
- 15 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 16 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. BARNES) You read the employment agreement,
- 18 and it was saying how the client couldn't, you know,
- 19 represent working there as long as they are working at
- 20 Technisource?
- 21 A. Right. That clause is so the consultant is not being
- 22 represented by another consulting company at the same
- 23 client that Technisource employed them at; correct.
- 24 Q. And that clause really is to protect so you don't
- 25 have no direct competition with another staffing agency

- 1 with Technisource?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 MR. BARNES: No further questions.
- 4 MR. WALKER: One moment, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Mr. Walker?
- 6 MR. WALKER: Could we have one moment?
- 7 Your Honor, may we republish Government Exhibit 14?
- 8 THE COURT: You may.
- 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. WALKER:
- 11 Q. Ms. Carter, just take a minute to glance at that so
- 12 you can be aware of its contents.
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- 14 Q. So, in this letter, Mr. Banks is proposing a payment
- schedule for IRP Solutions to pay your company; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And in this payment schedule, he has basically
- 19 outlined 6 months to repay on the outstanding invoices.
- 20 Do you agree?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. And what does this repayment -- proposed repayment
- 23 schedule indicate to you, as far as the intentions of
- 24 Mr. Banks?
- 25 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, lack of foundation.

- 1 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 2 THE WITNESS: That there was going to be an influx
- 3 of cash in order for them to be able to pay the invoices.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) Okay. And you would agree that he's
- 5 stating that that anticipated flow of cash would come from
- 6 one of the agencies that IRP Solutions is currently
- 7 working to close business on?
- 8 A. Yes. That is what the letter says.
- 9 MR. WALKER: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Redirect?
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12 Your Honor, could we please publish 420.01,
- 13 starting with page 15.
- 14 Can you enlarge I and II for us, Special Agent
- 15 Smith.

## 16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 17 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 18 Q. Ms. Carter, this is the exhibit to the agreement
- 19 between Technisource and IRP; is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And this referred -- the scope of work here is
- 22 network services and network administration?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. Is that the kind of service you were discussing just
- a minute ago with one of the people asking you questions

- here; network administration?
- 2 A. No. I think he was referring more to UNIX
- 3 administration.
- 4 Q. UNIX administration.
- 5 MR. KIRSCH: Can we then please go to page 19 of
- 6 this exhibit. And highlight Roman Numeral I and II,
- 7 please.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Systems administrator. That is what
- 9 he was referring to.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) That is what he was referring to.
- 11 Who was the employee that was payrolled to do that work by
- 12 Technisource?
- 13 A. According to this document, Shaun Haughton.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Could we go back to page 17 of that
- exhibit, please, and highlight I and II.
- 16 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) What work was Kendrick Barnes
- 17 payrolled to do there?
- 18 A. Oracle dba.
- 19 Q. Not what you were talking about a minute ago; is that
- 20 right?
- 21 A. No. It is not what I thought we were talking about.
- 22 O. It is not what you understood you were talking about?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) You were asked a little bit about

- 1 the process that Technisource used to decide whether to
- 2 improve a client -- approve a client. I think you said
- 3 part of that process was the credit check process.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. In the course of that process, did you say that you
- 6 had gotten information -- do you get information about the
- 7 business in which your client is engaged, as well?
- 8 A. From the Dun & Bradstreet there is a description.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. We also, you know, Googled them and had an
- 11 understanding what business they were engaged in from
- 12 their website.
- 13 Q. Did your company also have information that had been
- 14 provided by a representative of IRP?
- 15 A. Say that again? I am sorry.
- 16 Q. Did your company also have information at that time
- that had been provided by a representative of IRP?
- 18 A. That was my understanding.
- 19 Q. And was that information that your company also would
- 20 have used in deciding whether to do business with IRP?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. You were also asked a couple of questions about other
- 23 projects on which Kendrick Barnes may have been working.
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 O. Do you recall those questions? Do you know whether

- 1 Mr. Barnes was working on any other projects?
- 2 A. I don't.
- 3 Q. Do you know whether any other projects even existed
- 4 for Mr. Barnes?
- 5 A. I don't.
- 6 Q. As a matter of fact, do you know whether Mr. Barnes
- 7 actually worked the hours that he reported to
- 8 Technisource?
- 9 MR. ZIRPOLO: Objection, speculation.
- 10 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't.
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Ms. Carter.
- 13 MR. BARNES: If I may, Your Honor?
- 14 THE COURT: Briefly. It has to be limited to
- 15 questions on redirect.
- 16 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. BARNES:
- 18 Q. First off, did I state that I was a systems
- 19 administrator? It was hypothetical. Did I say I was a
- 20 systems administrator?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 O. Number two, is a dba, database administrator, an
- 23 administrator of database, would you say it is similar --
- 24 I mean, even though they are different things, the work is
- 25 you're administering the database, monitoring. Similar --

- 1 you do the same things but for a different product. Would
- 2 you agree with that?
- 3 A. I think it is a completely different skill set. A
- 4 UNIX administrator versus an Oracle dba, database
- 5 administrator.
- 6 Q. So would you agree that if an Oracle database is up
- 7 and running and it is doing its job, there is -- you don't
- 8 have to go poke it to make sure it is still up and
- 9 running; it is kind of doing its thing?
- 10 A. I am not an Oracle dba.
- 11 O. That's fair. But it is similar to -- would you agree
- 12 that it is not a job to where you're just constantly --
- 13 you know, that there is no free time?
- 14 A. I can't answer that.
- MR. BARNES: Okay. That's fine.
- No further questions.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. May this witness be
- 18 excused?
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Yes, please, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Thank you very much. You are excused.
- 21 All right we are going to go ahead and break for
- 22 lunch. I do have a 1:15 hearing, so I am going to give
- 23 you an extra long lunch. I don't think that will take
- 24 more than half an hour. So if you could be back at 1:45.
- 25 Also, I want to let you know that I really

- 1 appreciate your conscientiousness in being lined up, ready
- 2 to come in when I tell you. Not all jurors do that. So I
- 3 really appreciate the fact that you all are raring to go
- 4 to hear the testimony and that we don't have to line you
- 5 up; that you have already done that yourself.
- So, remember you are not to discuss anything with
- 7 anybody, not to talk about this case with anyone while you
- 8 are out to lunch. Enjoy your lunch. We will see you back
- 9 in about an hour and a half.
- 10 Court will be in recess.
- 11 (Lunch break is taken from 12:13 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.)
- 12 (The following is had in open court, outside the
- 13 hearing and presence of the jury.)
- 14 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 15 All right. Are we ready to proceed?
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, could I ask one procedural
- 17 question? Depending how far we get this afternoon, it is
- 18 possible we will have a witness that I would want to ask a
- 19 question about that Exhibit 908.01. If we do get to that
- 20 point, would the Court like me to just go over and put it
- 21 into view -- pick it up and bring it over to the witness'
- view, or how should I handle that?
- 23 THE COURT: You can't do it with the elmo copy?
- 24 MR. KIRSCH: The problem with that copy, Your
- 25 Honor, is when we blow it up, it becomes illegible. It

- 1 was taken from too far away to begin with.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. Yes. When we get to that
- 3 point, just ask if you can move the white board so the
- 4 witness can see. Then I would say have the witness step
- 5 down to address it, so that the defendants and the jury
- 6 can see.
- 7 MR. KIRSCH: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Anything from the defendants?
- 9 MR. BANKS: No, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Barnes, would you
- 11 please bring in the jury.
- So we have our exhibits out for the next witness.
- 13 MR. KIRSCH: Next witness, if he needs any
- 14 exhibits, they will already be in evidence.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay. Great.
- 16 (The following is had in open court, in the hearing
- and presence of the jury.)
- 18 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 19 Government may call its next witness.
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor. The Government
- 21 calls Randal Hayes.
- 22 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 23 RANDAL HAYES
- 24 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 25 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.

- 1 Please state your name, and spell your first and
- 2 last names for the record.
- 3 THE WITNESS: My name is Randal Hayes. And I go by
- 4 Randy. My name is spelled R-A-N-D-A-L H-A-Y-E-S.
- 5 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**
- 6 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 7 Q. Mr. Hayes, can you tell the jury where you work,
- 8 please?
- 9 A. Currently at a company called Modis.
- 10 Q. What kind of a company is that?
- 11 A. An IT staffing and recruiting company.
- 12 Q. Did you previously work at a company called
- 13 Technisource?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When were you with Technisource?
- 16 A. I was there -- I have to go back 5 years -- until
- 17 2006. And I was there 7 years. So 1999 to 2006.
- 18 Q. In the year 2004, what was your position at
- 19 Technisource?
- 20 A. I was an accounts' manager.
- 21 Q. And was there a particular Technisource office where
- 22 you were based?
- 23 A. In Baltimore.
- Q. While you were working at Technisource in Baltimore,
- 25 did you have an occasion to arrange business between

- 1 Technisource and a company called IRP Solutions
- 2 Corporation?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. Do you recall approximately when that process began?
- 5 A. It was in 2005 sometime. I don't recall dates.
- 6 Q. Okay. And if I could ask you to --
- 7 MR. KIRSCH: If I could ask to publish briefly,
- 8 Your Honor, Government Exhibit, I believe it is 420.01.
- 9 THE COURT: Yes, you may.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Do you recognize that as the
- 11 agreement that would have been executed as a part of that
- 12 relationship, Mr. Hayes?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. There is a date there of June 3, 2004, in the top
- 15 paragraph. Does that refresh your memory about the time
- 16 frame?
- 17 A. That would be close. Again, I am not very good at
- 18 dates. I have trouble remembering my anniversary, things
- 19 of that nature, so --
- 20 Q. Okay. No reason to dispute June 3rd of 2004?
- 21 A. No. Not at all.
- 22 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) How is it that you first came in
- 24 contact with anybody related to IRP?
- 25 A. I, as the account manager, was processed to a call

- 1 from a female that was at IRP stating that she needed to
- 2 see if we could do any kind of payrolling service for
- 3 people that they needed at their environment at IRP.
- 4 Q. All right. During that conversation, did you have
- 5 any discussion about the rates that Technisource would
- 6 charge?
- 7 A. We did. I discussed that, you know, in that process,
- 8 we do do things at certain percentages. What we look for
- 9 is percentages of profitability to numbers. So, for
- 10 example, if it is a hundred dollar bill rate, you try to
- 11 get a 20 percent margin. So what you are trying to do is
- 12 create margins, and we discussed that.
- 13 Q. Okay. Was there any point during that conversation
- 14 when you suggested that the rates or that the margin for
- 15 Technisource wasn't high enough?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 0. What happened, if anything, after you made that
- 18 suggestion?
- 19 A. The young lady stated that she would have to go to
- 20 management to be able to get approval to go higher, but
- 21 that they definitely needed the people. And if we could
- 22 work something out, we could get this done. And,
- 23 basically, I said our rates are pretty much
- 24 non-negotiable, and you will have to work within our
- 25 quidelines. And she said she would have to go to

- 1 management.
- 2 Q. All right. At some point did you speak to someone
- 3 that you understood to be in the IRP management?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Who was that?
- 6 A. Mr. Banks.
- 7 O. And how was it that you spoke to Mr. Banks?
- 8 A. Via phone call.
- 9 Q. Did you discuss the rates with Mr. Banks?
- 10 A. Rates didn't become a concern. Mr. Banks just simply
- 11 stated that if we wanted to work with his company, we
- 12 could get things done. All we had to do was provide the
- paperwork, and he would take care of the process.
- 14 Q. Were the rates that you proposed for Technisource
- 15 ultimately agreed to?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. When you had the conversation with Mr. Banks, did you
- 18 ask him about what sort of business IRP was in?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. What did he tell you about that?
- 21 A. They were developing software for legal entities or
- 22 police departments, or even the other -- the Departments
- of Commerce in D.C. So it was all a legal processing
- 24 business.
- 25 O. Related to law enforcement?

- 1 A. Exactly.
- 2 Q. And did Mr. Banks give you any information about sort
- 3 of where that business stood with respect to any
- 4 particular law enforcement agencies?
- 5 A. He indicated the New York Police Department process
- 6 was going to be sold very quickly. And the Department of
- 7 -- I want to say the Department of Justice. But that that
- 8 piece was already created and done, and they were just
- 9 waiting for the final signatures, and they would have that
- 10 piece sold to them. Because they already had the deal in
- 11 place, they just needed to get all of the final approvals.
- 12 Q. Was there any discussion about an entity called the
- 13 Department of Homeland Security?
- 14 A. Yes. The Department of Homeland Security was his
- 15 prime selling point. He said he would be in D.C. in the
- 16 next two to three weeks to be able to close that deal
- finally, and all things would go forward from that point.
- 18 Q. During your conversations with Mr. Banks, did he give
- 19 you any information that IRP had had previous
- 20 relationships with staffing companies that had been
- 21 terminated for nonpayment?
- 22 A. No indication.
- 23 Q. The information that he gave you about the business
- 24 with the New York Police Department and the Department of
- 25 Homeland Security, was that -- let me back up.

- 1 Did you have some role in deciding whether
- 2 Technisource ought to go forward to do business with IRP?
- 3 A. I did.
- 4 Q. Was your input on that question influenced at all by
- 5 the information you got from Mr. Banks about IRP's
- 6 business?
- 7 A. Yes. Because of who they were dealing with, it was
- 8 definitely influenced.
- 9 Q. Did you have dealings with the particular employees
- 10 that were payrolled for IRP, as well?
- 11 A. Yes, I did.
- 12 Q. In particular, did you ever speak to a person named
- 13 Kendrick Barnes?
- 14 A. Yes, on numerous occasions.
- 15 Q. I want to start, I think, by asking you about
- 16 conversations that you might have had at the beginning of
- 17 that relationship. Did you have any conversations with
- 18 Mr. Barnes about whether or not he had worked for
- 19 different staffing companies?
- 20 A. No, not that I recall.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did Mr. Barnes give you any information that
- 22 indicated that he was working for other staffing companies
- 23 at IRP at the same time he was going to be working there
- 24 for Technisource?
- 25 A. No. I do recall him saying he had worked at IRP

- 1 prior --
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. -- but he was being brought back. But no indication
- 4 of other companies.
- 5 Q. If you had gotten information about other companies,
- 6 would that have had some effect on whether you wanted to
- 7 payroll Mr. Barnes there?
- 8 A. Absolutely. You know, no company would want their
- 9 employee working for multiple companies. I mean, it is
- 10 not good business.
- 11 Q. At some point later in the relationship, did you
- learn that the IRP's invoices were not getting paid?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you play any role in any efforts to try to
- 15 collect on those invoices?
- 16 A. Unfortunately, yes, because Technisource has a unique
- 17 thing where their account managers are also responsible to
- 18 make numerous calls on the collection of debts that aren't
- 19 being paid.
- 20 Q. So you participated in that process with respect to
- 21 IRP?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you make telephone calls, yourself?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And who did you try -- who did you call?

- 1 A. Well, primary contact would have been Mr. Banks, due
- 2 to his being one of the executives of the company.
- 3 Q. Do you have any -- do you have a memory of how often
- 4 or how frequently you were trying to call Mr. Banks?
- 5 A. I mean, there were some days I would make five to
- 6 seven calls to the office. And other days I would miss
- 7 and just not do anything on that day, and then go back the
- 8 next day and do three to five calls.
- 9 Q. Were you ever able to reach Mr. Banks?
- 10 A. I don't recall reaching him after we had a problem
- 11 with bills. Maybe at the very beginning I may have and he
- 12 said, yeah, it's coming. Don't worry about it. We have
- 13 it covered. But that was, maybe, I am going to say, three
- 14 weeks in or so, when -- because what they do, the way
- invoices work in staffing companies, it takes 30 days for
- 16 them to ever hit.
- 17 So after 30 days. Maybe three weeks into that
- 18 period. So I am guessing maybe, you know, seven, eight
- 19 weeks, and did have one conversation at that time that I
- 20 recall, and him saying, don't worry. We have it covered.
- 21 This sale is going through. We have no problems.
- 22 O. When you were making the other calls that you
- described, were you leaving messages of any kind?
- 24 A. I left a lot of voice mails.
- Q. Okay. And had you had occasions to try to reach

- 1 Mr. Banks at the beginning of the relationship when you
- were getting things set up?
- 3 A. Yes. As stated, when we had to fill out contract
- 4 work and things.
- 5 Q. How did his availability appear at the beginning of
- 6 the relationship when you would try to call him, to the
- 7 end of the relationship?
- 8 A. I usually had no problems reaching --
- 9 MR. BANKS: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 10 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) You can answer that question, sir.
- 12 A. I usually had no problem reaching Mr. Banks in any
- 13 way, or within a day or so I would get a returned call.
- 14 Q. At the beginning of the relationship?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 MR. KIRSCH: Could I have just one moment, Your
- 17 Honor?
- 18 THE COURT: You may.
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: I think those are all of my questions,
- 20 Your Honor. Thank you.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Banks?
- MR. BANKS: Thank you.
- 23 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. BANKS:
- Q. Mr. Hayes, did you run a D & B credit report on IRP

- 1 Solutions prior to conducting business with them?
- 2 A. Me personally, no. Our staff personnel Amy
- 3 Golabiewski, would have been the person who would have
- 4 done that.
- 5 Q. Would you have been alerted to the results of that
- 6 credit report?
- 7 A. Sometimes, sometimes not. In this case she never
- 8 said anything to me regarding any instance of any kind.
- 9 Q. So, does Technisource do business with companies who
- 10 have a suspect credit rating?
- 11 A. I don't work for Technisource any more. So it is
- 12 hard to answer that as Technisource.
- 13 Q. Did Technisource, when you were engaged with them and
- 14 employed by them, do business with companies that had
- 15 suspect credit ratings?
- 16 A. Generally speaking, no. But occasionally we would do
- it under a guideline where they had to make a pre-payment.
- 18 In other words, if we knew that they were going to have a
- 19 \$50,000 staffing bill, sometimes we would ask for half of
- 20 it up front.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did you ask for half of it up front in this
- 22 case?
- 23 A. Not that I recall.
- 24 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned a minute ago that it was
- 25 not good business for an employee to work for another

- 1 company while they were working with Technisource; is that
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. What other things -- would you consider not doing
- 5 proper due diligence or proper credit not good business?
- 6 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 7 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) If IRP had come back with a suspect
- 9 credit rating, would Technisource have done business with
- 10 them?
- 11 A. I'm not in a position to answer that. I have no way
- 12 of knowing.
- 13 Q. Have you ever seen a company turned down due to lack
- 14 of credit?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now, you also said that your rates were -- that you
- 17 presented to IRP Solutions were non-negotiable; correct?
- 18 A. For the most part, yes, that's absolutely correct.
- 19 Q. So for IRP to do business with you, they would have
- 20 to accept your terms as it relates to the rates; correct?
- 21 A. With rates and all of the other things that go with
- it, including payment schedules, including time sheets,
- 23 everything that went with it, yes.
- 24 Q. So would you say that Technisource was responsible
- 25 for entering into business and fully responsible for

- 1 entering into business with IRP Solutions?
- 2 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance and foundation.
- 3 THE COURT: Sustained as to foundation.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Does Technisource have a policy that
- 5 governs how they enter into business with clients?
- 6 A. I don't know a specific policy, because I haven't
- 7 worked there in over six years, but they did have a
- 8 program that was sent to account managers to be able to
- 9 tell them what they were responsible for to make sure they
- 10 went through the due diligence to find out whether the
- 11 people were viable customers.
- 12 Q. And do you recall what type of due diligence it was?
- 13 You were an account manager; correct?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Do you recall what that process was?
- 16 A. Well, I had to get a Dun & Bradstreet number. I had
- 17 to report it to the people. I had to give them all of the
- information regarding the account, including telephone
- 19 numbers, site of business. Usually had to provide a
- 20 website for the business. Any of the relevant pieces, and
- 21 who the executive management staff was, for any business
- 22 we did business with.
- 23 Q. So it is safe to say, from -- that there was a policy
- 24 in place, and unless those -- is it safe to say there was
- a policy in place?

- 1 A. Again, I never saw a written policy that stated
- 2 exactly what to do for a business, other than what I was
- 3 told for my part to be able to process to go to our
- 4 accounts person, who was Amy.
- 5 Q. But somebody else, would you agree, was making
- 6 decisions on whether or not the company is creditworthy or
- 7 not; correct?
- 8 A. That, I agree.
- 9 Q. At any time did Mr. Banks or any other representative
- 10 from IRP speak to somebody else within that credit
- 11 approving entity within Technisource?
- 12 A. I know Kim Carter, at that time, Kim Pillas was
- spoken to regarding viability of the company.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now a minute ago you testified you were
- influenced by who IRP was dealing with; correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And would you agree that every company that does
- 18 business with Technisource is engaged in some sort of
- business activity or they wouldn't be coming to
- 20 Technisource; correct?
- 21 A. Yes, business activity. But some people develop
- 22 software. Some people are manufacturers. So it varies in
- 23 activities. So the answer is they are in some kind of
- 24 business.
- 25 O. And how do you evaluate, say, a manufacturing

- 1 company, whether or not they would be a viable company?
- 2 A. Usually you go through credit histories. Then you
- 3 also see if they have viable products, and you try to get
- 4 references on if they are paying bills.
- 5 Q. Okay. During your interactions with IRP, who did the
- 6 majority of your conversations -- the majority of your
- 7 conversation was had -- you were engaged with who the
- 8 majority of time when dealing with IRP?
- 9 A. Well, the consultant people, Mr. Banks, and the
- 10 secretary's name, who initiated the conversation to start
- 11 with, who I do not remember the name of. It may come back
- 12 to me if you said it, but I do not remember the name.
- 13 Q. But you remember the name Mr. Barnes?
- 14 A. Yes, I do. I can also tell you Mr. Shannon's name if
- 15 you like.
- 16 O. Did you have a conversation with Mr. Shannon?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. Did Mr. Shannon provide you with any information
- 19 about what was going on at the NYPD?
- 20 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, hearsay.
- 21 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Could you restate the question.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Did Mr. Shannon provide you with any
- 24 information about what was going on with IRP at the New
- 25 York City Police Department?

- 1 A. No, he did not.
- 2 Q. Okay. Did you know Mr. Shannon was a retired veteran
- 3 of the NYPD?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. Did the fact that he was engaged with IRP Solutions
- 6 in their endeavor to do business at NYPD influence you in
- 7 any way to do business?
- 8 A. It had some bearing, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 MR. BANKS: No further questions from me, Your
- Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Walker?
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. WALKER:
- 15 Q. Hello, Mr. Hayes.
- 16 A. Hello.
- 17 Q. Let's rewind to the beginning of your testimony when
- 18 you were talking with Mr. Kirsch. You relayed that you
- 19 were told by Mr. Banks in regards to the NYPD that the
- 20 software was going to be sold very quickly at NYPD?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 O. And you also said that in regards to NYPD and DHS,
- 23 that the deal -- we were close and that deal would finally
- 24 be closing, and all things would go forward from that
- 25 point. Is that also correct?

- 1 A. That's true.
- 2 Q. Did Mr. Banks or anyone else at IRP Solutions make
- 3 any other representations as to the status of closing the
- 4 dealings at NYPD or DHS?
- 5 A. Not that I recall.
- 6 MR. WALKER: Thank you. No further questions.
- 7 THE COURT: Anybody else?
- 8 Any redirect?
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Yes, please, Your Honor.
- 10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 12 Q. Mr. Hayes, do you recognize the name Charlisa
- 13 Stewart?
- 14 A. Yes, I do.
- 15 Q. How do you recognize that name?
- 16 A. That would be the person that initiated the
- 17 conversation to be able to do business with IRP.
- 18 Q. And then the due diligence process that you were
- 19 describing at the beginning of a relationship, does that
- 20 process include gathering information from your potential
- 21 client about what the potential client's business is?
- 22 A. Generally speaking, yes.
- 23 Q. And you -- did you reference that one of the things
- 24 that you would try to do is to determine whether a company
- 25 had a viable product?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Would you consider information that a company gave
- 3 you about its sales in determining whether or not it had a
- 4 viable product?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. Did you consider that information from IRP in
- 7 determining whether or not you thought it had a viable
- 8 product?
- 9 A. It certainly came into consideration, absolutely.
- 10 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Hayes.
- 11 Those are all of my questions.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. May this witness be
- 13 excused.
- MR. KIRSCH: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Thank you very much, Mr. Hayes, you are
- 16 excused.
- Government may call its next witness.
- MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Your Honor. The Government
- 19 calls Jennifer Stephens.
- 20 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 21 **JENNIFER STEPHENS**
- 22 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 23 Please be seated.
- 24 Please state your name, and spell your first and
- 25 last name for the record

- 1 A. Jennifer Stephens. J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R S-T-E-P-H-E-N-S.
- 2 THE COURT: Could I ask you to be sure you lean
- 3 into the microphone because you have a very soft voice.
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 **BY MS. HAZRA:**
- 6 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Stephens. Where are you
- 7 currently employed?
- 8 A. With Express Employment Professionals.
- 9 Q. At some point prior to that did you work for
- 10 Spherion?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you recall when you worked there?
- 13 A. I believe it was 2003 to 2006.
- 14 Q. Were you in a particular office?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. And where was that office?
- 17 A. Colorado Springs.
- 18 Q. What was your position there in 2004?
- 19 A. I was the branch manager.
- 20 Q. And as branch manager, what were your
- 21 responsibilities?
- 22 A. Full P & L responsibilities; profit and loss. The
- 23 full responsibility of the branch was mine.
- Q. What kind of company is Spherion?
- 25 A. It is a staffing service. We provide temporary, temp

- 1 to hire, and direct hire staffing.
- 2 Q. Did you specialize in any particular staffing, or did
- 3 you cover all kinds of staffing?
- 4 A. We were a generalist. All types of staffing.
- 5 Q. At some point in 2004, did you come into contact with
- 6 a company known as IRP Solutions?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. How did you first have contact with them?
- 9 A. They contacted me by phone.
- 10 Q. Do you recall who contacted you?
- 11 A. Sylvia.
- 12 Q. Did Sylvia explain what she wanted?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What was that?
- 15 A. Payrolling.
- 16 Q. Who did she want payrolled, or what kind of work did
- 17 she want payrolled, did she say?
- 18 A. She talked about administrative and IT.
- 19 Q. Based on this initial call with Sylvia, did you
- 20 follow up with anyone at IRP?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 O. And who was that?
- 23 A. David Banks.
- 24 Q. How did you conduct this follow-up with Mr. Banks?
- 25 Was it a meet in person or on the telephone?

- 1 A. At first it was on the phone, then it was in person,
- 2 I believe.
- 3 Q. Where did the meeting in person occur?
- 4 A. At IRP's office.
- 5 Q. Do you recall where they were, roughly?
- 6 A. Campus Drive in Colorado Springs.
- 7 Q. When you met with Mr. Banks, was anyone else there
- 8 besides the two of you?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. During the course of the meeting, did Mr. Banks
- 11 explain more about what IRP Solutions did?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. What did he say?
- 14 A. He said they were developing a software for the NYPD.
- 15 Q. Did he make any statements about the timing of that
- 16 software development?
- 17 A. He just indicated that they were getting ready to
- 18 sign a contract with the NYPD.
- 19 Q. Did Mr. Banks explain why he was reaching out to
- 20 Spherion? Did he talk more about the payrolling
- 21 situation?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What did he say?
- 24 A. He asked us to move forward, and indicated that it
- 25 would be a lucrative, solid relationship for both

- 1 companies.
- 2 Q. And what did he say about the lucrative relationship?
- 3 What did he say, if you can recall?
- 4 A. The development of the software was successful, and
- 5 it would be lucrative; that the business would continue.
- 6 Q. At some point shortly after that meeting, did you
- 7 make a decision to contract with IRP?
- 8 A. I did.
- 9 Q. And provide the payrolling services?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 O. Did Mr Banks' statements about IRP's business and the
- 12 software development have any effect on that decision?
- 13 A. Yes, absolutely.
- 14 Q. Can you please explain.
- 15 A. Well, the way he explained it, this was, once again,
- 16 a very lucrative contract, and it would be lucrative for
- 17 us to continue to do payrolling with him, as they
- 18 continued to develop this software.
- 19 Q. At this point in time, Ms. Stephens, do you recall
- 20 how many employees you agreed to payroll?
- 21 A. I don't remember the exact number, no. I think it
- 22 was maybe 12 to 16. I'm quessing. I don't know.
- 23 Q. At some point early on, did you refer Mr. Banks and
- 24 IRP on to anyone else in your company?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

- 1 0. Who was that?
- 2 A. Larry Mills.
- 3 Q. And why did you refer them to Mr. Mills?
- 4 A. Because Larry Mills was the director for the IT
- 5 division of Spherion.
- 6 Q. So what kind of employees did you handle for IRP?
- 7 A. I did administrative and clerical, as well as some of
- 8 the IT people; lower level IT people. The higher level
- 9 Larry provided.
- 10 Q. And did Spherion supply or payroll both kinds of
- 11 employees to IRP?
- 12 A. Yes, we did.
- 13 Q. At some point, you know, in the beginning of this
- 14 relationship, did you discuss the pay rates for the
- employees that were going to be payrolled at IRP?
- 16 A. No. The pay rates were given to us by IRP. They
- 17 made the decision.
- 18 Q. Based on your experience in the staffing industry,
- 19 how did those pay rates seem?
- 20 A. They were high for the Colorado Springs market.
- 21 Q. And just to be clear, we are talking about the pay
- 22 rate for whom?
- 23 A. For both the administrative, as well as the IT
- 24 people. They were high in comparison to what the market
- 25 bears there.

- 1 Q. And who paid the administrative and IT employees that
- 2 were payrolled to IRP?
- 3 A. Spherion, my office.
- 4 Q. And how did Spherion know the hours upon which to pay
- 5 these employees?
- 6 A. We were provided with a time card.
- 7 O. From whom?
- 8 A. From the employee.
- 9 Q. If you could please look at what has been marked for
- 10 identification purposes as Government Exhibit 361.
- I am sorry, Ms. Barnes, we also need Government's
- 12 Exhibits 362.00 and 360.02.
- 13 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) If you could please look at
- 14 Government's Exhibit 361.00.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Or these documents, I should say.
- 19 A. Yes, I do.
- 20 O. What are these?
- 21 A. Time cards. Spherion time cards. And they are all
- 22 time cards, it appears.
- 23 Q. Are these time cards for the employees that Spherion
- 24 payrolled at IRP?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask Government's
- 2 Exhibit 361 be admitted.
- 3 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 4 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Exhibit 361.00 will be admitted.
- 6 (Exhibit No. 361.00 is admitted.)
- 7 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) After receiving these time cards, did
- 8 Spherion then bill IRP?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MS. HAZRA: Actually, I will back up and ask that
- 11 Government's Exhibit 361 be published?
- 12 THE COURT: It may.
- MS. HAZRA: If you could highlight the next page,
- 14 Special Agent Smith.
- 15 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Ms. Stephens, if you could please --
- 16 this time card should be on the screen in front of you.
- 17 Can you please explain -- first of all, on the left, what
- is the printed name on the left? Who is that supposed to
- 19 be?
- 20 A. Charlisa Stewart.
- 21 Q. That is the employee that was payrolled, or one of
- the employees?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And this is for the week ending June 27, 2004?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. There is also a printed name on the right-hand side.
- 2 Whose name is that?
- 3 A. David Banks.
- 4 Q. And why is that name there?
- 5 A. That it approves the time card for the payment.
- 6 Q. Does Spherion require a client to approve the time
- 7 cards prior to payment?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Special Agent.
- 10 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) If you could please look at page 26
- of Government's Exhibit 361.
- MS. HAZRA: And publish that, please. If you could
- 13 please highlight that.
- 14 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is that a time card for another
- 15 employee that Spherion payrolled for IRP?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who is that employee?
- 18 A. David Zirpolo.
- 19 Q. And does that also bear Mr. Banks' printed name on
- 20 the right-hand side approving the time card?
- 21 A. Yes.
- MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Special Agent.
- 23 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) I believe, Ms. Stephens, your company
- 24 billed IRP. What documents did Spherion send to IRP to
- 25 get paid?

- 1 A. Invoices.
- 2 Q. If you could look at 362.00. Do you recognize that
- 3 document?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What is Government's Exhibit 362.00?
- 6 A. They are invoices.
- 7 O. That were sent to whom?
- 8 A. IRP Solutions.
- 9 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask that
- 10 Government's Exhibit 362 be admitted.
- 11 THE COURT: Admitted?
- MS. HAZRA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 14 MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 15 THE COURT: Exhibit 362.00 is admitted.
- 16 (Exhibit No. 362.00 is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: May it be published?
- 18 THE COURT: It may.
- MS. HAZRA: Specifically, could page 7 be
- 20 published?
- 21 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) I want to clarify, you talked about
- 22 two sets of employees, Ms. Stephens. On page 7 here of
- 23 Government's Exhibit 362.00, is this one set --
- 24 MS. HAZRA: Is this page 7, Special Agent?
- 25 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is this one set of employees?

- 1 A. Are we looking at page 7?
- 2 Q. My numbers are a little different from here. I
- 3 believe this would be page -- look on the screen in front
- 4 of you.
- 5 A. Yes. Yes. I'm sorry.
- 6 Q. Is that one set of employees that were payrolled?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MS. HAZRA: If you could go to the page before,
- 9 Special Agent.
- 10 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is that the other set of employees?
- 11 You can look on the screen. That is the previous page in
- 12 the exhibit.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Special Agent.
- 15 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Did IRP pay on these invoices?
- 16 A. No, we were never paid.
- 17 Q. When you discovered that they were not paying, did
- 18 you make any attempts to collect money?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. What did you do?
- 21 A. I made phone calls to David Banks. And then I went
- 22 and visited the offices.
- 23 Q. What office did you visit?
- 24 A. The one in Colorado Springs on Campus Drive.
- 25 Q. What happened when you got there?

- 1 A. I asked to see David Banks. I was told no by two
- 2 security guards and escorted from the building.
- 3 Q. After the security guards escorted you from the
- 4 building, did Mr. Banks ever call you back?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you continue in your attempts to call him?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Were you successful?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did IRP ever pay Spherion on these invoices?
- 11 A. No, we were never paid.
- MS. HAZRA: If I could have one moment, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: You may.
- MS. HAZRA: I have nothing further. Thank you.
- 15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 16 Mr. Banks?
- 17 MR. BANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. BANKS:
- 20 Q. Ms. Stephens, how big is Spherion?
- 21 A. It is a large corporation. I'm not sure of its
- 22 annual revenue.
- Q. Would you be able to estimate; millions, billions?
- 24 A. I would imagine it is in the millions.
- Q. Okay. What is Spherion's credit policy before they

- 1 enter into an agreement with a new client?
- 2 A. Generally, we rely heavily upon a Dun & Bradstreet
- 3 report.
- 4 Q. So if the Dun & Bradstreet had came back outside of
- 5 the criteria, or lower than the criteria, Spherion does
- 6 not do business; is that correct?
- 7 A. That was a decision that was left up to each manager.
- 8 But we strongly relied upon that.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, in your testimony a minute ago, you
- 10 mentioned that Mr. Banks said that this could be a
- 11 lucrative opportunity for Spherion; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You also said -- and I will ask you, lucrative if the
- 14 development of the software was successful; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. I was under the impression in the meeting that the
- 17 software was developed, and it was just a matter of things
- 18 being signed.
- 19 Q. A minute ago you testified lucrative if the
- 20 development of the software was successful. Do you recall
- 21 that?
- 22 A. I don't recall saying if the software was successful.
- 23 Q. Okay. I would like to take you to an interview done
- 24 and conducted by the FBI on January 25th of 2005. Do you
- 25 recall that interview or having that interview?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Do you recall statements you provided that may be
- 3 reported -- that are reported in here regarding IRP's
- 4 business with the NYPD?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And what do you recall saying?
- 7 A. That it was a software development for the NYPD.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you recall telling the FBI that IRP is
- 9 trying to secure --
- 10 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, to the extent he
- 11 is reading from it.
- 12 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you recall telling the FBI that
- 14 IRP was trying to secure a contract with the NYPD?
- 15 A. No, I don't recall.
- 16 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, I just would like to use
- 17 this to refresh her recollection; the FBI report of
- 18 January 21st, 2005.
- 19 THE COURT: Has it been marked?
- MR. BANKS: Not yet, Your Honor.
- 21 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Defendants' Exhibit 338.
- 22 THE COURT: Is there a particular paragraph you
- 23 want her to refer to, Mr. Banks?
- MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor, paragraph 3.
- 25 THE COURT: All right -- have you read that.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I have.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Would you say that this accurately --
- 3 that this report states that IRP --
- 4 THE COURT: Ask her your question.
- 5 MR. BANKS: All right.
- 6 THE COURT: You asked her if she remembered. She
- 7 said she didn't recall. Ask her if she recalls.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you recall your testimony now that
- 9 you provided to the FBI?
- 10 A. It says that here.
- 11 Q. It says what?
- 12 A. That IRP is trying to secure a large contract with
- 13 the NYPD.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, do you consider Spherion an
- 15 autonomous-type of organization? They are responsible for
- 16 making their own decisions; correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Mr. Banks, IRP, or any other company cannot force
- 19 Spherion to do anything they don't want to do; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That would be correct.
- 22 O. And based on that, Spherion, as a large corporation,
- 23 has put in policies and procedures that guides its
- 24 decision making with new clients; is that correct?
- 25 A. That would be correct, yes.

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- 1 Q. Now, does Spherion, based on their credit report,
- 2 determine how much credit they are going to extend?
- 3 A. It's the decision of each manager based upon the Dun
- 4 & Bradstreet and the decision of that manager.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, I have no further
- 7 questions.
- 8 THE COURT: Anybody else?
- 9 MR. WALKER: No, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Any redirect?
- 11 MS. HAZRA: If I can have one moment, Your Honor.
- No, thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: May this witness be excused?
- MS. HAZRA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: Thank you very much, you are excused.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Do I leave these items here?
- THE COURT: Yes, please.
- 18 Does the Government -- you may call your next
- 19 witness. But do we have exhibits first we need to get
- 20 out?
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: We do have exhibits. They would be
- 22 13, 19, 90.4, 91.01 and 92.00.
- 23 THE COURT: A little slower for Ms. Barnes.
- 24 COURTROOM DEPUTY: 90.4.
- 25 MR. KIRSCH: 91.01 and 92.00.

- 1 THE COURT: Government may call its next witness.
- 2 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, the Government calls Scott
- 3 Boe.
- 4 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 5 SCOTT BOE
- 6 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 7 THE WITNESS: I affirm.
- 8 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated. Please state
- 9 your name, and spell your first and last names for the
- 10 record.
- 11 THE WITNESS: My name is Scot Boe. S-C-O-T-T
- 12 B-O-E.
- MR. KIRSCH: Ms. Barnes, I am sorry, I didn't catch
- 14 you before you sat down, but I forgot one other exhibit.
- 15 Exhibit 90.01, please.
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 18 Q. Mr. Boe could you tell the jury where you work?
- 19 A. I work for Boecore, Inc., in Colorado Springs.
- 20 Q. What kind of company is Boecore?
- 21 A. Boecore is -- has a defense contracting arm. And
- 22 then in 2007, we spun off a technical staffing company by
- the name of BPS.
- 24 Q. Let me take you back to the latter part of 2004. Did
- 25 you work at the same company or some other version of the

- 1 company at that time?
- 2 A. The original company was Boecore. Yes, I worked at
- 3 Boecore.
- 4 Q. And what sort of business was Boecore engaged in at
- 5 that time?
- 6 A. Technical staffing.
- 7 O. What was your position?
- 8 A. Chief operating officer.
- 9 Q. And how is the ownership of Boecore set up?
- 10 A. The ownership is Kathy Boe, my wife, owns the
- 11 company. And in 2007, the staffing company was spun off
- 12 as an LLC, owned by Boecore. And Kathy owns Boecore.
- 13 Q. Back in 2004, was it your wife that owned the single
- 14 corporation Boecore?
- 15 A. Kathy owned the single corporation.
- 16 Q. And when did you start that company?
- 17 A. December -- she started it in December of 2000.
- 18 Q. And when did you join in?
- 19 A. September of 2001.
- 20 Q. And prior to joining that company, had you worked in
- 21 the staffing industry?
- 22 A. Yes, I did.
- 23 Q. When did you start working in the staffing industry?
- 24 A. In 1995 I worked for -- we went to work for Thompson
- 25 Technical Services, and worked there until 2001. For two

- 1 years prior to that I worked for Gemini Consulting, which
- was a consulting company, not staffing, per se, but still
- 3 consulting.
- 4 Q. All right. Back in 2004, did Boecore engage in some
- 5 business with a company called IRP?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. And were you involved in setting up that business?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recall how it was that IRP first came to the
- 10 attention of Boecore?
- 11 A. Yes. Somebody -- I believe it was Ken Harper from
- 12 IRP, contacted a Mr. Tracy Sharples asking whether or not
- 13 Boecore did what was called payroll service.
- 14 O. Was there an e-mail that was involved in that
- 15 inquiry, as well?
- 16 A. There was definitely an e-mail. I believe that it
- 17 went like this. There was either a phone call or an
- 18 e-mail to Tracy Sharples on the 28th of September. On the
- 19 29th of September, there was a phone call between -- I
- 20 believe it was Ken Harper and Tracy Sharples. Then that
- 21 phone call was followed up with an e-mail on the 29th of
- 22 September.
- 23 Q. Can I ask you to look, please, at what is marked for
- 24 identification as Government Exhibit 90.01. Do you
- 25 recognize that exhibit?

- 1 A. Yeah. That is the e-mail I was talking -- or that I
- 2 just mentioned from Ken Harper to Tracy Sharples on the
- 3 29th of September.
- 4 Q. Did you ultimately receive a copy of that e-mail, as
- 5 well?
- 6 A. Yeah. Tracy had taken some notes from, I believe,
- 7 from the phone conversation with Mr. Harper, and handed me
- 8 a hard copy of this e-mail with his handwritten notes.
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask to admit and
- 10 publish Government's Exhibit 90.01.
- 11 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Exhibit 90.01 is admitted, and it may
- 14 be published.
- 15 (Exhibit No. 90.01 is admitted.)
- 16 MR. KIRSCH: Can we focus on the message on the
- 17 bottom there, please.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) On the screen, am I right this is
- 19 the message that came from Ken Harper?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. There is a -- did you end up having a telephone
- 22 conversation with Mr. Harper after this e-mail?
- 23 A. I had a number of interactions with Mr. Harper. Some
- 24 were by phone, yes, and some were by e-mail.
- 25 Q. Okay. There is a reference in the paragraph that is

- on the bottom to the "added sweetener to Boecore." Do you
- 2 see that?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Did you have telephone conversations with Mr. Harper
- 5 about this idea about the added sweetener?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Can you explain what those conversations were?
- 8 A. My recollection was that this was -- this payroll
- 9 service opportunity was to begin our relationship. And as
- 10 they had additional opportunities where we could not only
- do payroll services, but do the full recruiting process,
- 12 that there would be additional work that we would have the
- opportunity to perform for IRP.
- 14 Q. And why is it that those kind of opportunities where
- 15 you could do the full recruiting, why would that be a
- 16 sweetener?
- 17 A. Well, one, it would just be additional business.
- 18 And, two, the way that the payroll service -- oftentimes,
- 19 because the staffing company doesn't do the recruiting, we
- 20 charge a little bit lower fee than we do if we do the
- 21 recruiting part.
- 22 O. Okay. There is also a reference in the second
- 23 paragraph to this solution -- investigative solution that
- 24 was going to be deployed at the NYPD within the next 60
- 25 days. Based on your conversations with Mr. Harper, did

- 1 you have any understanding about whether there was some
- 2 relationship between this potential extra work and IRP's
- 3 business with the New York Police Department?
- 4 A. That, to me, wasn't particularly clear. It looked
- 5 like, to me, that they had a project that was being
- 6 deployed. Had a customer that was buying this product.
- 7 And I wasn't sure whether it was as a result of this or
- 8 other future business that would lead to the quote,
- 9 unquote, sweetener.
- 10 Q. I want to just make sure that I've clearly understood
- 11 you about what you thought the status of the business was
- 12 with the New York Police Department.
- 13 A. Well, I thought they were deploying a product that
- 14 had been purchased by the New York Police Department.
- 15 They said they were in the implementation phase. So, yes.
- 16 O. And when you reached that conclusion, what was the
- information on which you were basing that?
- 18 A. That e-mail. And, as I said, I had a number of
- 19 discussions with Mr. Harper. And in the course of those
- 20 discussions, it was my understanding that they had this
- 21 product that was being purchased by the New York Police
- 22 Department.
- 23 Q. Did you ultimately agree to have Boecore do
- 24 payrolling of employees at IRP?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And did you execute an agreement to that effect?
- 2 A. I did.
- 3 Q. Can I please ask you to look now at what is marked
- 4 for identification as Government's Exhibit 90.04. Do you
- 5 have that, sir?
- 6 A. I have that in front of me, yes.
- 7 Q. And do you recognize that document?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. What is it, please?
- 10 A. There two documents here. The cover sheet is a
- 11 Professional Service Agreement, which is basically the
- 12 document that you sign with your customer. And then the
- 13 page -- the following three pages are the terms and
- conditions that the relationship is bound by.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 16 publish Government Exhibit 90.04.
- 17 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 18 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Exhibit 90.04 will be admitted, and it
- 20 may be published.
- 21 (Exhibit No. 90.04 is admitted.)
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Can you see that portion of page 1
- on the screen now, Mr. Boe?
- 24 A. I can.
- 25 O. There is a date on there of October 15th of 2004.

- 1 Does that square with your memory about when you started
- 2 this relationship?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And whose signature is on the left side there?
- 5 A. That is my signature.
- 6 Q. There is a name on the other side, of David Banks.
- 7 Had you spoken to Mr. Banks at this point?
- 8 A. At this point, I do not believe I had. I believe
- 9 that I had only spoken to Mr. Harper up to this point, and
- 10 that there was a little bit of delay from the end of
- 11 September, early October, until the 15th. And Mr. Harper
- 12 said he was having -- I don't know if difficulty, but he
- 13 said Mr. Banks might have been traveling or something, and
- 14 taking awhile to get the agreement signed.
- 15 Q. Had Mr. Harper explained to you who Mr. Banks was?
- 16 A. Yeah. He said he was the chief operating officer.
- 17 MR. KIRSCH: If we could publish page 5 of this
- 18 exhibit now. And, again, just enlarge that text in the
- 19 box.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Does this page of the exhibit,
- 21 Mr. Boe, identify the employees who were to be payrolled?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. So that was the two people listed there under
- No. 2, "Personnel"?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 O. Did Boecore have a system in place to keep track of
- 2 the hours that were being worked by Ms. McGhee and
- 3 Mr. Thurman?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. How did that work?
- 6 A. The hours were sent to Boecore by either fax or
- 7 e-mail, and they were put into our timekeeping system
- 8 within the accounting system that we use.
- 9 Q. Okay. Can I ask you now to look at what is marked as
- 10 91.01. Do you have that exhibit in front of you?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And do you recognize the contents of that exhibit?
- 13 A. I do.
- 14 Q. What are they?
- 15 A. Those are -- first one is a time sheet from Sylvia
- 16 McGhee, and it appears -- looks like there are time sheets
- 17 there by week. Looks like Sam Thurman's time sheets, as
- 18 well.
- 19 Q. So are these the time sheets for the two employees
- 20 that Boecore payrolled at IRP?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 23 publish Government Exhibit 91.01.
- MR. BANKS: No objection.
- THE COURT: 91.01 is admitted, and it may be

- 1 published.
- 2 (Exhibit No. 91.01 is admitted.)
- 3 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 4 Can I ask you to expand the lower portion of that
- 5 time sheet, Agent Smith.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. Boe, there is a signature --
- 7 first signature that is on the screen now. Whose
- 8 signature is that supposed to be?
- 9 A. I believe you are talking about the top of those two?
- 10 O. Yes.
- 11 A. That is Sylvia McGhee's signature.
- 12 Q. Is that where the employee is supposed to sign?
- 13 A. That is where the employee is supposed to sign.
- 14 Q. Then underneath that it looks like it says "Manager's
- 15 approval"?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And why is it that you have someone sign there?
- 18 A. Well, we need verification from somebody at the
- 19 customer's site that the employee had worked those hours.
- 20 So we always would have the manager of those employees
- 21 sign the time sheet for that verification.
- 22 Q. In connection with the business at IRP, did you ever
- 23 have a discussion with someone other than Mr. Harper about
- 24 this process of approving time cards?
- 25 A. I did.

- 1 Q. Who was that?
- 2 A. David Zirpolo.
- 3 Q. And when did you speak to Mr. Zirpolo?
- 4 A. I talked to him, I believe, on the 1st of November of
- 5 2004. I believe that was the first time I spoke to him.
- 6 And then I had an office visit with him on, I believe it
- 7 was the 12th of November 2004.
- 8 Q. And what was -- what happened at the office visit
- 9 that you had with Mr. Zirpolo?
- 10 A. Well, my intent was to go and meet the customer and
- 11 get to know their business a little bit better. I always
- 12 like to understand more about the people that we were
- 13 working with. So that was the essence. Wanted to talk a
- 14 little bit and find out how the employees, Sam and Sylvia,
- 15 were performing; if there were any issues. Also, for that
- 16 sweetener, that additional work, to see if there were any
- 17 additional opportunities left.
- 18 Q. Were you asked to recruit any additional employees at
- 19 that time?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did Mr. Zirpolo talk to you at all about the work
- 22 that IRP was engaged in?
- 23 A. Yeah. Again, it was a discussion about the product
- 24 being a tool for police stations to use. I don't remember
- 25 the essence, exactly, about what the tool or product did.

- 1 But that it was being purchased by the New York Police
- 2 Department. And I believe he mentioned there were other
- 3 potential purchasers of that product in the works.
- 4 Q. I know it has been awhile, but I am going to ask you
- 5 to look around the courtroom and see if you recognize the
- 6 Mr. Zirpolo that you met with on that day?
- 7 A. I cannot say for certain that I see Mr. Zirpolo in
- 8 the courtroom.
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Okay.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) At some point -- were you monitoring
- 11 whether or not -- actually, before I ask that question,
- 12 let me ask you about billing. Did Boecore have a process
- in place for billing for the services of these employees?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Can you explain how that worked, please?
- 16 A. Right. The hours were sent to us on the time sheet.
- 17 Hours got entered into the accounting system. And
- depending upon the contract agreement, it was typically
- 19 every two weeks we would invoice a customer. And then we
- 20 were expecting payment within 30 days from that invoice
- 21 date.
- 22 And so the hours that came into the timekeeping
- 23 system, went into the accounting system. And at that
- 24 point, we knew what the contractual relationship was for
- 25 an hourly rate that we would charge a customer. So it was

- 1 basically a simple matter of taking rate times the hours
- worked, and producing an invoice and e-mailing -- not
- 3 e-mailing, mailing them to our customers.
- 4 Q. Okay. Can I ask you to look now at what is marked
- 5 for identification as Government's Exhibit 92.00. Do you
- 6 have that document in front of you?
- 7 A. I do.
- 8 Q. And it is actually -- the exhibit actually contains a
- 9 number of documents. Can you recognize all of those?
- 10 A. I do recognize them.
- 11 O. What are those?
- 12 A. Those are invoices that were sent to our customer at
- 13 IRP.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask the Court to
- find Government Exhibit 92.00 admissible.
- 16 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. BANKS: No objection.
- 18 THE COURT: Exhibit 92.00 is deemed admissible.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 92.00 is found admissible.)
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) And then, Mr. Boe, next exhibits I
- 22 will ask you to look at are Government Exhibits 13 and 19.
- 23 Do you have 13 in front of you now sir?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 O. Is that another invoice from IRP -- excuse me, from

- 1 Boecore to IRP?
- 2 A. It is.
- 3 Q. On page 1?
- 4 A. On page 1.
- 5 Q. Then pages 2 and 3, what are those?
- 6 A. Pages 2 and 3 are approved time sheets for different
- 7 periods of time for Sam Thurman.
- 8 Q. Do those relate to the time period covered by the
- 9 invoice, page 1?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 12 publish Government Exhibit 13.00.
- 13 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: Exhibit 13.00 is admitted, and it may
- 16 be published.
- 17 (Exhibit No. 13.00 is admitted.)
- 18 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 Can you expand the top part of that, please.
- 20 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) So the contractor that is listed on
- 21 the screen now, Mr. Boe, is that the same -- is that
- 22 synonymous with the employee contractor?
- 23 A. Yeah. The name is Samuel Thurman. And this resulted
- 24 because of the hours that Samuel Thurman provided to us.
- 25 So, yes.

- 1 O. And then there are terms, sort of on the right-hand
- 2 side of the screen, that say "Net 30." What does that
- 3 mean?
- 4 A. That is a standard billing/receiving agreement that
- 5 vendors or suppliers have with their customers. It is an
- 6 industry standard that says how long you would expect to
- 7 be paid from the time that you invoice.
- 8 Q. And did I hear you say, when you were describing the
- 9 invoice process, that Boecore mailed these invoices to its
- 10 clients?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Finally, can I ask you to look now at Government's
- 13 Exhibit 19. Is that a similar group of documents to the
- 14 one we just looked at?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Does it have an invoice and two time sheets, again,
- 17 for Mr. Thurman?
- 18 A. Yeah, just different time periods.
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit
- 20 Government Exhibit 19.00.
- 21 MR. WALKER: No objection.
- 22 THE COURT: Exhibit 19.00 will be admitted.
- 23 (Exhibit No. 19.00 is admitted.)
- 24 THE COURT: Do you want to publish?
- MR. KIRSCH: I don't need to publish it, Your

- 1 Honor. Thank you.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. Boe, did you ever have -- going
- 3 back to the beginning of the relationship, did you have an
- 4 occasion to meet the prospective payrolled employees?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Where did that meeting occur?
- 7 A. In our offices on South Cascade Avenue.
- 8 Q. Did you ever have an occasion to visit the IRP
- 9 offices?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether you met any prospective
- 12 employees at that time?
- 13 A. They weren't prospective at the time I met them at
- 14 the IRP office.
- 15 Q. Okay. When you met them at the IRP office, where was
- that sort of in the course of the relationship?
- 17 A. Okay. It was our practice to every two weeks deliver
- 18 payrolls to our workers. And I don't remember exact
- 19 dates, it probably would have been end of October and
- 20 every two weeks thereafter, we would deliver payroll. And
- 21 I would go up to the IRP office and ask for Sylvia and
- 22 Sam. They would come out to the front, and I would talk
- 23 to them for a couple of minutes and deliver paychecks.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. And then the other time I was there was to meet

- 1 Mr. Zirpolo, as part of one of those paycheck delivery
- 2 days.
- 3 Q. All right. Now, were you monitoring whether or not
- 4 Boecore was being paid by IRP for these invoices?
- 5 A. We were.
- 6 Q. And was Boecore getting paid?
- 7 A. We weren't.
- 8 Q. Did you take any steps to try to figure out why
- 9 Boecore wasn't getting paid?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. What did you do?
- 12 A. So we instituted a number of calls and e-mails to
- 13 Mr. Harper, Mr. Zirpolo and Mr. Banks.
- 14 Q. And do you remember -- let's start with Mr. Zirpolo.
- 15 Did you get any response from Mr. Zirpolo?
- 16 A. I believe that at one point he said that he was going
- 17 to have Mr. Banks call me.
- 18 Q. Do you remember whether you got any responses from
- 19 Mr. Harper?
- 20 A. I do not remember if I got -- if I got a response, it
- 21 was yeah, we're about to process payment, or something
- 22 along those lines.
- Q. Do you remember getting any responses from Mr. Banks?
- 24 A. I do: I know that I talked to him at one point, and
- 25 he said, don't worry, you are going to get your money. I

- 1 remember those words.
- 2 Q. At the time that you began making these calls, were
- 3 you still payrolling Ms. McGhee and Mr. Thurman there?
- 4 A. Yeah. So, because of the two weeks before we
- 5 invoice, and another 30 days before we are expecting
- 6 payment, that took it out to really the end of November or
- 7 early December before it became something that, as a
- 8 matter of standard process, we would be checking our
- 9 receivables.
- 10 So then the calls started in the, you know,
- 11 beginning to middle of December saying, yeah, we would
- 12 like to get paid. And so the words were kind of coming
- 13 back, yeah, you are going to get paid. We have to just
- 14 get through this one thing, or whatever.
- So this went on for about three or four weeks
- 16 before we decided that we may not get paid, and we were
- 17 going to terminate the relationship.
- 18 Q. All right. So let me focus you on that sort of three
- 19 to four week period. During that time, were you relying
- 20 at all on the statements that Mr. Banks was making to you
- 21 that you would get paid?
- 22 A. Absolutely.
- 23 Q. At some point, however, you said you decided to
- 24 terminate the employees?
- 25 A. Yeah. At this point it was getting to, I think, the

- 1 middle or maybe the 20th or so of January, and we had not
- 2 received any payment. It had now gone on for what,
- 3 two-and-a-half or three months, and we said it was time to
- 4 unilaterally terminate our side of the relationship.
- 5 Because, as a small business, we didn't want to continue
- 6 to rack up -- we were paying the employees, and we
- 7 couldn't afford to continue to rack up that debt.
- 8 Q. Did you notify the employees about that?
- 9 A. We did.
- 10 THE COURT: Could you please lean forward and speak
- 11 into the microphone.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I am sorry. We did.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did you speak directly to
- 14 Ms. McGhee?
- 15 A. I believe I did.
- 16 Q. What do you recall about that conversation?
- 17 A. That we talked -- we called both -- we called Sylvia.
- 18 And what I recall is it was kind of a nonchalant, okay. I
- 19 would expect -- I felt bad because we had a couple
- 20 employees that we were going to have to terminate their
- 21 employment. And so, you know, in our office we felt kind
- 22 of bad. So when Sylvia didn't really react and was kind
- of nonchalant, I was kind of surprised. But I guess that
- 24 was my reaction or my recollection.
- 25 Q. Did you ever get any payments from IRP?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. And do you recall approximately what the total amount
- of the outstanding invoices was for your company?
- 4 A. 34,610, I believe.
- 5 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Boe.
- 6 THE COURT: Mr. Walker?
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. WALKER:
- 9 Q. Hello, Mr. Boe.
- 10 A. Hi.
- 11 Q. You related that in your early discussions with IRP
- 12 and Mr. Harper, that he related to you that there was a
- 13 project that was going to be deployed at the NYPD?
- 14 A. Yeah. Yep.
- 15 Q. And you also said that your understanding was that
- 16 product had been bought by the NYPD?
- 17 A. That was my understanding.
- 18 O. But at any time did he tell you that the NYPD had
- 19 bought that particular application related to that
- 20 project?
- 21 A. My recollection is that he had.
- 22 O. He had. Okay. And so your understanding was related
- 23 to his statements that the NYPD had bought it, although
- 24 you didn't relay that in your early conveyance of his
- 25 initial conversation, that the project was going to be

- 1 deployed?
- 2 A. Can you repeat the question? I am not sure I
- 3 understand.
- 4 Q. I understand. It got kind of long there, so let me
- 5 break that up for you. So your understanding was based on
- 6 his earlier statement that the project was being deployed
- 7 at the NYPD?
- 8 A. Well, through our early discussions -- early, being
- 9 the first week of October of 2004. Plus the e-mail that
- 10 he sent to Mr. Sharples that said it was being
- 11 implemented.
- 12 Q. In your chain of conversation with IRP employees, you
- 13 also said that Mr. Zirpolo had told you that there were
- other potential customers for the product.
- 15 A. That is my recollection.
- 16 Q. Did he indicate to you that any of those potential
- 17 customers had bought the software associated with that
- 18 project?
- 19 A. That, I don't recall.
- 20 Q. As the receivables for IRP began to age, did you come
- 21 to a point where you believed you had to make a decision
- 22 or take action, as far as those receivables not being
- 23 paid?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. And in the course of making that decision about how

- 1 to proceed with IRP, did you have conversations with any
- 2 other staffing companies?
- 3 A. The -- I did have a conversation with another
- 4 staffing company. I believe it was after the time frame
- 5 when we terminated the two employees.
- 6 Q. Okay. So that was after you had terminated?
- 7 A. That is my recollection. I'm trying to remember. I
- 8 believe it was after February 12th of 2005.
- 9 Q. Okay. But you are not certain?
- 10 A. I'm pretty certain, because -- I'm pretty certain.
- 11 Q. Pretty certain. Okay. And in that -- in making --
- 12 in consulting others, do you remember the name of the
- 13 person that you consulted?
- 14 A. I do.
- MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 16 THE COURT: What is the relevance?
- 17 MR. WALKER: Your Honor, we are going to the other
- 18 staffing company that told Mr. Boe about their
- 19 interactions with IRP Solutions.
- THE COURT: And what is that to this case?
- MR. WALKER: I am sorry?
- 22 THE COURT: What is the relevance to this case?
- MR. WALKER: The relevance there is the --
- 24 THE COURT: No, what is the relevance with whether
- 25 he had any discussions with the other company?

- 1 MR. WALKER: Your Honor, it is for the end result
- of their conversation about IRP Solutions -- their
- 3 interactions with IRP Solutions.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. I am sustaining the
- 5 objection.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) Mr. Boe, also continuing your
- 7 conversations with IRP Solutions -- and you also mentioned
- 8 that Mr. Banks told you that, don't worry, you are going
- 9 to get your money?
- 10 A. The question, I am not sure what it is.
- 11 Q. Did Mr. Banks tell you that you didn't need to worry,
- 12 you are going to get your money?
- 13 A. That's true.
- 14 Q. Did he give you any reason to believe you were going
- 15 to get your money?
- 16 A. Just his word.
- 17 Q. I am sorry?
- 18 A. His word.
- 19 Q. Did he at that time mention any projects or potential
- 20 customers that would be providing revenue at that point in
- 21 time?
- 22 A. That didn't enter into the discussion from my
- 23 recollection. My recollection was that there was an
- 24 agreement, and that the agreement was signed by him, and
- 25 we were living up to our portion of the agreement.

- 1 Q. And while preparing to bring on the prospective
- 2 employees you mentioned, you did get a chance to meet
- 3 Ms. McGhee and Mr. Thurman?
- 4 A. T did.
- 5 Q. And in your meeting with Mr. Thurman, was that a
- 6 face-to-face meeting?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What would you estimate Mr. Thurman's age to be?
- 9 A. I would say maybe 28 or 30 years old.
- 10 Q. Thank you.
- 11 MR. WALKER: Thank you. No further questions, Your
- 12 Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Mr. Banks?
- MR. BANKS: Thank you.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. BANKS:
- 17 Q. Mr. Boe, how long have you owned your company -- or
- 18 you and your wife, rather, Boecore Enterprises?
- 19 A. Well, my wife owns the company. And she has owned
- 20 it -- it was started in December 2000.
- 21 Q. How long were you an executive with Boecore?
- 22 A. When I began with the company in September of 2001,
- 23 to the current time.
- 24 Q. Okay. You have been the chief operating officer
- 25 since that time?

- 1 A. No. I was the chief operating officer until
- 2 approximately last -- 2010. April of 2010.
- 3 Q. Okay. So you have been intimately involved with the
- 4 operations of Boecore between 2000 and 2010; is that
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 O. Now, in the running of Boecore, did -- has every
- 8 business plan that Boecore undertook been successful?
- 9 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Does Boecore engage in any sort of
- 12 project-based work, say, for Government entities?
- 13 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 14 THE COURT: Mr. Banks, what's the relevance of this
- 15 line?
- MR. BANKS: Well, Mr. Boecore (sic) runs a company,
- 17 we believe, that is engaged in the same type of business
- 18 activity with IRP; engaged with government customers. He
- 19 would certainly have knowledge of that information.
- 20 THE COURT: Ask him if he has knowledge.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you have knowledge of projects --
- 22 information technology projects as relates to doing
- 23 business with the Government?
- 24 A. Not as part of the staffing of Boecore.
- 25 Q. What about implementing a project -- a software

- 1 project or a solution for a government client?
- 2 A. The defense contracting portion of Boecore, the
- answer is yes. The staffing portion of Boecore, which is
- 4 always just a rate times hours arrangement with a
- 5 customer, that doesn't apply.
- 6 Q. Okay. In your experience in dealing with the federal
- 7 government, is that a consistent or similar experience
- 8 with dealing with a corporate client?
- 9 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.
- 10 Q. As far as doing business with the government, is it
- 11 somewhat different than doing business with a corporation?
- 12 A. Well, on the defense contracting side, we have had
- one prior contract where we had a relationship, a contract
- 14 directly related or with the Government, with the United
- 15 States Government, and that was a situation where it was a
- 16 time and material contract, and we did our work and we
- 17 were paid.
- On the commercial side, if it is in the defense
- 19 arena, is still bound by Federal Acquisition Regulations.
- 20 So the prime contractor is -- you know, must stay within
- 21 those guidelines. And they pass those same guidelines on
- 22 as a subcontractor. So on the project or the
- 23 defense-related company, it's really if you are dealing
- 24 directly with the government or on a government contract
- 25 as a subcontractor through a prime contractor, there is

- 1 really little difference.
- 2 O. So doing business with the government is no different
- 3 than doing business with a corporate customer; correct,
- 4 that is your testimony? Even as a defense contracting --
- 5 defense contractor, as you said, directly with the
- 6 government in a defense contracting capability, it is no
- 7 different in doing anything with the government than a
- 8 corporate client; correct?
- 9 A. As far as the rules that you must follow, the law --
- 10 the law is the law, whether it is with -- directly with
- 11 the government or as a subcontractor.
- 12 MR. BANKS: Okay. No further questions there.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, you said that you relied on
- 14 statements made by Mr. Harper and Mr. Banks; correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And those statements, you say, influenced you to do
- 17 business; correct?
- 18 A. You know, the signed contract, as well as those
- 19 statements, yes.
- 20 Q. What, in your years in business, do you consider to
- 21 be determinative with regards to whether or not a company
- 22 pays its bills on time? How do you determine that as a
- 23 businessman?
- 24 A. Well, when we are providing a service, and we're
- 25 expecting payment on a certain date, we watch what we call

- our receivables; when we have been paid, versus when we
- 2 expected to be paid. And that's -- I mean, that is how we
- 3 know whether we get paid, if that is the question.
- 4 Q. That is not the question. I will rephrase. Prior to
- 5 entering into a business relationship with a new client,
- 6 how do you determine whether or not that client has paid
- 7 their bills or has a history of paying their bills?
- 8 A. There is a number of ways. One can -- you know, if
- 9 you have a large exposure, you may look at reputation of
- 10 the company.
- 11 Q. Can you explain "large exposure"?
- 12 A. Yeah. If you had, you know, a large number of people
- that you were billing, you may end at higher rates, and
- 14 your receivables would go up. You may say, is this some
- of our customers with the Northrop Grumman or L-3
- 16 Communications? We, you know, have a real strong sense
- 17 that we will get paid.
- 18 Q. Okay. A Northrop Grumman and -- what about Lockheed
- 19 Martin? Did you say Lockheed Martin?
- 20 A. I said L-3, but Lockheed Martin certainly would be in
- 21 that category.
- 22 O. L-3. Those are major, billion dollar corporations;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. How do you determine if a small business, that is not

- 1 a household name like a Lockheed Martin or Northrop
- 2 Grumman, pays their bills or has a history of paying their
- 3 bills?
- 4 A. How would we? We would -- we would take a look at
- 5 what we're being, you know, asked to do. And if we felt
- 6 that that was going to result in an undue exposure, there
- 7 are tools, such as a Dun & Bradstreet, which you could do.
- 8 You could go out and do references on the company, or ask
- 9 the client for references. Those are tools that one could
- 10 use.
- 11 O. Did you use them in this case?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Would you say nobody; not IRP, not Northrop Grumman,
- 14 forced Boecore to enter into any contract or relationship
- it doesn't want to enter into; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Just because a company may be engaged in or is
- 18 engaged with a large agency, say a federal law enforcement
- 19 agency, that does not indicate that they're going to pay
- 20 their bills; correct?
- 21 A. The strongest -- the strongest indication I had
- 22 was -- if there was a signed contract. Which, in my
- 23 experience, a signed contract is what would be an
- 24 indication that the bill is going to be paid. As long as
- it is kind of a two-way street; we live up to our side of

- 1 the obligation, we expect our customers to live up to
- 2 their side.
- 3 Q. Business plans don't always go, you would agree,
- 4 according to plan; correct?
- 5 A. I mean, ours did.
- 6 Q. So --
- 7 A. Our business plan for our company went quite well.
- 8 Q. In your experience as a businessman, does it go well
- 9 for everybody?
- 10 A. I'm not really -- I haven't read others business
- 11 plans, so I don't know.
- 12 Q. Have you ever been engaged in companies that went
- 13 bankrupt?
- MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you do business with other
- 17 companies?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. In the course of doing business with those other
- 20 companies, have you lost money?
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 23 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 24 THE WITNESS: No.
- 25 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Have you been relegated to late

- 1 payments by other companies?
- 2 A. On occasion.
- 3 Q. Have you ever known any company to go bankrupt?
- 4 MR. KIRSCH: Objection, relevance.
- 5 THE COURT: Where is this leading, Mr. Banks?
- 6 MR. BANKS: I am sorry, Your Honor, I am trying to
- 7 get his knowledge on basic business that goes on in the
- 8 corporate world.
- 9 THE COURT: People go bankrupt every day.
- 10 Businesses go bankrupt every day. It is not relevant to
- 11 this case.
- MR. BANKS: Okay. Your Honor, permission to
- 13 republish Exhibit 90.04.
- 14 THE COURT: You may.
- MR. BANKS: Go to paragraph 16.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Mr. Boe, would you say paragraph
- 17 16 -- once you have had a chance to read it -- is
- 18 consistent with the policy of Boecore; that you adhere to
- 19 this policy at Boecore?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. Would you say you're bound by this service agreement,
- 22 as is IRP?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Would you also say, in reference to this clause in
- 25 your contract, that any prior representations are not

- 1 relevant to whether or not you engage in business;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And that the contract is the governing document --
- 5 the single governing document between IRP and Boecore; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. That is -- the contract is the master agreement. Of
- 8 course, there are time sheets that have come subsequent to
- 9 this that are also part of the record, per se, of the
- 10 agreement. But, yes.
- 11 O. Now, do you really care how another company
- 12 manages -- say, IRP manages its internal operations?
- 13 A. I care, to the extent that we collect on the work
- 14 that we have done as a company for IRP.
- 15 Q. Absolutely. So if you -- if IRP's business plan was
- 16 to close business with the NYPD and you have been paid,
- 17 you really wouldn't have cared how IRP conducted their
- 18 business; correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Now I'll take you back to your statement about Sylvia
- 21 McGhee when you contacted her concerning the termination
- of her employment.
- 23 A. Right.
- 24 O. You said that she had a nonchalant attitude; correct?
- 25 A. I mean, maybe that -- that was my words, yes. You

- 1 know, I do remember being sort of surprised at how -- it
- 2 didn't seem to be a particularly large issue for somebody
- 3 that had just been notified that she wouldn't be able to
- 4 work that Monday.
- 5 Q. Was she supposed to say, oh, my god, or oh, my
- 6 goodness? Is that just your interpretation of how she
- 7 reacted?
- 8 A. My reaction is somebody would say oh, geez, is there
- 9 other opportunities with your company? Is there -- you
- 10 know, this job was great. Do you know what happened? I
- 11 didn't hear any of that.
- 12 Q. Surely you can't speak to the mental state of
- 13 somebody over the phone; correct?
- 14 A. Absolutely not.
- MR. BANKS: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: Anybody else?
- MR. HARPER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Mr. Harper.
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. HARPER:
- 21 O. Good afternoon, Mr. Boe.
- 22 A. Hi.
- 23 Q. You stated earlier in your testimony that the
- 24 software will be deployed. Do you recall that?
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. Yes or no?
- 2 A. The document said it was being deployed.
- 3 Q. That is your understanding?
- 4 A. That was my understanding.
- 5 Q. Then later you testified that you thought a contract
- 6 was in place; is that correct?
- 7 A. Can I see the testimony of that? I don't know if
- 8 that's what I said an hour ago or not.
- 9 Q. So are you stating you don't recall?
- 10 A. I don't remember the exact words. I will say that my
- 11 understanding was that there was a contract, and that IRP
- 12 was, you know, performing under that contract to the New
- 13 York Police Department.
- 14 Q. And with your extensive knowledge, as you mentioned,
- on the defense side of Boecore, did you ask IRP how much
- 16 the contract was worth, since that was your belief?
- 17 A. I did not.
- 18 Q. Why didn't you? Wouldn't you want to know that
- 19 information; how large -- if it was a \$1 contract versus a
- 20 \$10 million contract?
- 21 A. Again, the business at hand was temporary staffing.
- 22 If I were trying to become a subcontractor -- and,
- frankly, Boecore at the time, in 2004, wasn't doing that
- 24 type of business. It was all technical staffing rate
- 25 times hours. Then I would be interested in it, yes. But

- 1 given the nature of the work that we were performing in
- 2 general, and specifically to IRP, you know, I didn't -- as
- 3 long as we were being paid, based on the contract that we
- 4 had signed, I was okay.
- 5 Q. Now, is it a prerequisite of all of your clients to
- 6 have some type of contract or active contract they are
- 7 working on before you do business with them?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. So, specifically to IRP, your understanding is you
- 10 were told that they had a government contract; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. You know, I was told that there was an implementation
- going on for the New York Police Department.
- 14 Q. Let me rephrase it. That is not what I asked you.
- 15 So, specifically to IRP, you were told that they had a
- 16 government contract; is that your testimony?
- 17 A. I believe I was told that there was a contract with
- 18 the New York Police Department. And I guess that would be
- 19 a city government, so, yeah.
- 20 Q. Now, again you stated your belief; is that correct?
- 21 A. I believe that I was told.
- 22 O. Now, are you familiar with contracts such as a BOA or
- 23 IDIQ?
- 24 A. I am familiar with those terms.
- 25 Q. Okay. And did you inquire what type of -- if IRP had

- 1 a BOA or IDIQ in place for this contract?
- 2 A. With their customer?
- 3 Q. That's correct.
- 4 A. I did not.
- 5 Q. Why didn't you?
- 6 A. Again, the work we were doing was staffing; rate
- 7 times hours. And we had a signed contract with IRP to do
- 8 that. So, really, the source of IRP's, you know, ability
- 9 to pay, was not as big an issue as holding up our end of
- 10 the contract and expecting IRP to hold up theirs.
- 11 Q. And you also mentioned, when you informed Ms. McGhee
- 12 she no longer had a job, that she was nonchalant. Did you
- 13 also have the same conversation with Samuel Thurman?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What was his reaction?
- 16 A. His reaction was more what I would expect to be
- 17 typical. He wanted to know if there was something else
- 18 that we might -- another job opportunity that we might
- 19 have for somebody with his skills.
- 20 MR. HARPER: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Anybody else?
- 22 MR. BANKS: Can we have one moment, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 24 MR. BANKS: No further questions, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: All right. Any redirect?

- 1 MR. KIRSCH: May I have just a minute, please, Your
- 2 Honor.

## 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 4 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 5 Q. One question, Mr. Boe. Did you say your business had
- 6 never lost money in any other staffing situation?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you.
- 9 THE COURT: May this witness be excused?
- 10 MR. KIRSCH: Yes, Your Honor, please.
- 11 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Boe. You are excused.
- We will take a break. We will be in recess until
- 13 3:40.
- 14 (A break is taken from 3:26 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.)
- 15 (The following is had in open court, outside the
- 16 hearing and presence of the jury.)
- 17 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 18 Anything that needs to be brought to our attention
- 19 before we bring in the jury?
- 20 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I wanted to make both the
- 21 Court and the defendants aware, based on the rate at which
- 22 we are currently proceeding, the Government expects that
- 23 we will at least begin the testimony of our final witness
- 24 sometime tomorrow.
- THE COURT: Who will your final witness be?

- 1 MR. KIRSCH: Dana Chamberlin. We are not sure if
- 2 we would finish tomorrow or the next day, but we would
- 3 certainly finish the next day.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. We are moving well.
- 5 MR. KIRSCH: We are.
- 6 THE COURT: Mr. Banks?
- 7 MR. BANKS: I quess we will be able to start -- we
- 8 still have to reschedule a few witnesses, but we will
- 9 start to work on that ASAP for coming. We weren't sure if
- it would be the full 2 weeks or 3 weeks. Will start to
- 11 reschedule that.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Barnes, please bring in
- 13 the jury.
- 14 (The following is had in open court, in the hearing
- and presence of the jury.)
- 16 THE COURT: You may be seated.
- 17 Government may call its next witness.
- 18 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Your Honor. Government
- 19 calls Christopher Skillman.
- 20 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention, please.
- 21 AGENT CHRISTOPHER SKILLMAN
- 22 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
- 23 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.
- 24 Please state your name, and spell your first and
- 25 last names for the record.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Christopher Skillman.
- 2 C-H-R-I-S-T-O-P-H-E-R S-K-I-L-L-M-A-N.
- 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MS. HAZRA:
- 5 Q. Good afternoon. Where are you employed?
- 6 A. In Birmingham, Alabama.
- 7 Q. And what do you do?
- 8 A. I'm an FBI agent.
- 9 Q. How long have you been an FBI agent?
- 10 A. For 14-and-a-half years.
- 11 Q. Prior to being in Birmingham, were you previously in
- 12 an office out here in Colorado?
- 13 A. Yes, I was in Denver.
- 14 Q. And when were you in Denver?
- 15 A. From 1997 to June of 2010.
- 16 Q. I would like to direct your attention to February 9,
- 17 2005. Did you participate in the execution of a search
- 18 warrant that day?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. Where were you searching?
- 21 A. In Colorado Springs.
- 22 O. Do you recall the business that you were searching?
- 23 A. IRP.
- Q. Did you have a specific responsibility as part of
- 25 that search?

- 1 A. Yes. I collected evidence.
- 2 Q. Are you part of a team? Is there a specific name for
- 3 your position?
- 4 A. Yes. At the time I was a member of the evidence
- 5 response team.
- 6 Q. On the day of the search, did you have certain
- 7 procedures for recording where the evidence was
- 8 discovered?
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. Can you please briefly describe how you detailed
- 11 that.
- 12 A. I used what is known as an Evidence Recovery Log,
- 13 where we identify items of evidence, a general
- 14 description, and where they were found.
- 15 Q. And when you say you identified where they were
- 16 found, what did you use to do that?
- 17 A. We used a sketch that identified different rooms.
- 18 Q. Specific areas within the building, are they assigned
- 19 an individual letter?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. That letter is where you recorded where items were
- 22 found?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Was all this information contained on -- I think you
- 25 said it was an Evidence Recovery Log?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Who prepared that Evidence Recovery Log?
- 3 A. I did.
- 4 Q. And when did you prepare it?
- 5 A. While I was conducting the search.
- 6 Q. So it was ongoing?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. I would like you to look at what has been marked for
- 9 identification purposes as Government's Exhibit 609.07.
- 10 It is probably -- there should be a number of manila
- 11 envelopes in front of you.
- 12 A. Okay. I have it.
- 13 Q. Do you recognize Government's Exhibit 609.07?
- 14 A. Yes, I do.
- 15 Q. Did it come into your possession before today?
- 16 A. During the search on February 2005.
- 17 Q. And how did you come to possess this item?
- 18 A. I collected it from one of the rooms.
- 19 Q. And do you recall where you found it? Did you find
- 20 it in the premises of IRP?
- 21 A. Yes. I found it in the premises of IRP.
- MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask Government's
- 23 Exhibit 609.07 be admitted.
- MR. BANKS: No objection.
- THE COURT: Exhibit 609.07 is admitted.

- 1 (Exhibit No. 609.07 is admitted.)
- 2 Q. Next, Special Agent, if you could direct your
- 3 attention to Government's Exhibit 1H.
- 4 A. I have it.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize Government's Exhibit 1H?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. And has this document come into your possession
- 8 before?
- 9 A. Yes. I found it during the search in February of
- 10 2005.
- 11 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask that
- 12 Government's Exhibit 1H be admitted.
- 13 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: 1H will be admitted.
- 16 (Exhibit No. 1H is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: May it be published?
- 18 THE COURT: It may.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Special Agent, if you could highlight
- 20 the top portion of that.
- 21 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) And what is this, for the record?
- 22 A. It is an e-mail.
- 23 Q. From whom?
- 24 A. From Demetrius Harper.
- 25 O. To?

- 1 A. Gary Walker.
- 2 Q. Is the date of that e-mail November 12, 2003?
- 3 A. Yes, it is.
- 4 Q. And are there what appear to be initials above the
- 5 header line of Demetrius Harper?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Again, written initials?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MS. HAZRA: And then if you could scroll down,
- 10 Special Agent Smith, to the bottom.
- 11 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Is there another e-mail message below
- 12 from Gary Walker to Demetrius Harper and Ken Barnes?
- 13 A. Yes, dated November 11th.
- 14 Q. And is that -- does that appear to have information
- that's gathered for staffing companies?
- 16 A. Yes, it does.
- 17 O. Are there also a number of handwritten notes on this
- 18 document?
- 19 A. Yes. There is a lot of handwritten notes. "Too
- 20 small." "Maybe too small." What looks like phone
- 21 numbers, names.
- 22 O. And do you recall where this was found, Special
- 23 Agent, specifically within the premises?
- 24 A. This was found in the room we marked T.
- 25 Q. Thank you. If you could please next direct your

- 1 attention to what has been marked for identification
- 2 purposes as Government's Exhibit 606.01.
- 3 A. I have it.
- 4 Q. Do you recognize Government's Exhibit 606.01?
- 5 A. Yes. This is one of the items we collected during
- 6 that search.
- 7 O. The search of IRP?
- 8 A. Yes, the search of IRP.
- 9 Q. And you collected it?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask that
- Government's Exhibit 606.01 be admitted and published.
- 13 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. WALKER: No objection.
- THE COURT: 606.01 will be admitted, and may be
- 16 published.
- 17 (Exhibit No. 606.01 is admitted.)
- 18 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) This first page just has "to be
- 19 filed." Is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes, it is.
- 21 Q. Do you recall where this was found within the
- 22 premises of IRP? Do you recall whether it was found on
- 23 the receptionist desk or in an office?
- 24 A. I recall this was found in room N, but I believe it
- 25 was a receptionist desk.

- 1 Q. If you could please turn to the second page, Special
- 2 Agent. Is page 2 of Government's Exhibit 606.01, does
- 3 that appear to be a letter from an attorney with
- 4 Staffmark?
- 5 A. Yes, it does.
- 6 Q. Concerning a past due account?
- 7 A. Yes, it does.
- 8 Q. If you could please turn to page 3 of that exhibit,
- 9 Special Agent. Does this appear to be another letter
- 10 concerning an outstanding debt from Manpower
- 11 International, addressed to Gary Walker?
- 12 A. Yes, it does.
- 13 Q. And, last, if you could turn to page 4, Special
- 14 Agent. Does this appear to be a letter concerning
- outstanding debt IRP owed to Kelly Temporary Services?
- 16 A. Yes, it does.
- 17 Q. Thank you. And if you could go back to the first
- 18 page, Special Agent, where it says, "to be filed" on the
- 19 first page of Government Exhibit 606.01. Did you put that
- 20 -- did you put that there?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- 22 Q. So it was found with that designation?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Next, if you could look at what has been marked for
- identification purposes as Government's Exhibit 608.04.

- 1 Do you recognize Government's Exhibit 608.04?
- 2 A. Yes. That is also a document I collected during the
- 3 search of IRP.
- 4 Q. And do you recall what letter room you recovered this
- 5 from?
- 6 A. I believe it was T.
- 7 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask that
- 8 Government's Exhibit 608.04 be admitted.
- 9 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 10 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: 608.04 is admitted.
- 12 (Exhibit No. 608.04 is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: May it be published?
- 14 THE COURT: It may.
- MS. HAZRA: If you could highlight the top portion,
- 16 Special Agent.
- 17 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) So you found this document in the
- 18 office. You said that bore the letter T.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. If you could describe the top portion here for the
- 21 record. What is the header of this document?
- 22 A. The heading reads "Personnel Staffing Needs."
- 23 Q. And are there several other designations below that?
- 24 A. Yes. "Today's Staffing." "New company."
- 25 "Superior." "EDP."

- 1 Q. And are there what appear to be names below these
- 2 company names?
- 3 A. Yes, there are.
- 4 Q. Are there also parentheses besides those names with
- 5 other, either initials, or names?
- 6 A. Like in the case of Shaun Haughton, there is (meat).
- 7 Enrico Howard, (LC). Willie Pee, (Clint).
- 8 Q. And then you -- and are there also job descriptions
- 9 and what appears to be a number/hour?
- 10 A. Yes. For instance, Shaun Haughton. Systems admin.
- 11 70/hr.
- 12 MS. HAZRA: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 13 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Lastly, I will have you look at what
- 14 has been marked for identification purposes as
- Government's Exhibit 608.76. Do you recognize that
- 16 exhibit?
- 17 A. Yes. This is the visitor sign-in sheet that I
- 18 collected during the search of IRP.
- 19 MS. HAZRA: Your Honor, I would ask that
- 20 Government's Exhibit 608.76 be admitted.
- 21 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 22 MR. BANKS: May we have one moment, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 24 MR. ZIRPOLO: Objection, relevancy.
- THE COURT: Overruled. Exhibit 608.76 is admitted.

- 1 (Exhibit No. 608.76 is admitted.)
- MS. HAZRA: May it be published, Your Honor?
- 3 THE COURT: It may.
- 4 MS. HAZRA: Special Agent, if you could publish
- 5 page 5 initially. And if you could highlight the text
- 6 portions and the top couple names to make it easier to
- 7 see. Actually, if you could highlight a little bit more
- 8 of the exhibit, sorry, so you can get a better sense of
- 9 what the document is.
- 10 Q. (BY MS. HAZRA) Special Agent Skillman, what is this
- 11 document, since there are many pages to it?
- 12 A. The document is a number of visitor sign-in sheets.
- 13 Q. Is this a sign-in sheet for a particular day?
- 14 A. Yes. This particular day is May 4th of 2004.
- 15 MS. HAZRA: Special Agent Smith, if you could
- 16 please turn to page 43 of the Government's exhibit.
- 17 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) Does the format of Government's
- 18 Exhibit 608.76, does the print around it change as the
- 19 exhibit goes on?
- 20 MS. HAZRA: If you could highlight the top half
- 21 where all of the writing is, Special Agent Smith.
- 22 O. (BY MS. HAZRA) So, here, does this format on page 43
- of Government's Exhibit 608.76 vary a little from the
- 24 previous page we looked at?
- 25 A. Yes. There is a different number of columns, and

- 1 labeled differently.
- 2 Q. All right. What month does this appear to be?
- 3 A. August.
- 4 Q. And then is there still a column for the names?
- 5 A. Yes, there is.
- 6 Q. And the bottom two names, can you see what those
- 7 names are? Are you able to read them?
- 8 A. One is Ken Barnes, and the next is Cliff Stewart.
- 9 Q. And is there a line for visiting?
- 10 A. Yes, there is.
- 11 Q. Did Mr. Barnes and Mr. Stewart appear to be visiting
- 12 the same person?
- 13 A. Yes, Mr. Harper.
- 14 Q. And is the person above them, Kathy Olson, also
- 15 visiting a Ken Harper?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Special Agent Skillman, this visitor sign-in sheet,
- 18 does it have a number of pages?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And when does it appear to start recording visitors?
- 21 A. April 26th of 2004.
- 22 O. And when is the last page?
- 23 A. February 2005.
- 24 Q. And are all -- are all of the pages essentially
- 25 recording the same type of information, in terms of the

- 1 name, visiting, so on?
- 2 A. Essentially the same, yes.
- 3 MS. HAZRA: If I could have one moment, Your Honor.
- 4 Thank you, Your Honor. I have no further questions
- 5 for Special Agent Skillman.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Banks?
- 7 MR. BANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 Your Honor, I would like to republish 609.07.
- 9 THE COURT: You may.
- 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MR. BANKS:
- 12 Q. Mr. Skillman, do you know what this is?
- 13 A. It's a disbursement detail report that contains
- 14 amounts disbursed in wire fees.
- 15 Q. Amounts disbursed to who?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. So you don't know what this document was used for in
- 18 any capacity whatsoever, outside of -- did you say it was
- 19 used for disbursement?
- 20 A. It says "Total amount disbursed: \$16,481.99." But I
- 21 don't know who that was disbursed to.
- 22 O. Okay.
- MR. BANKS: Your Honor, permission to republish
- 24 Exhibit 1H.
- THE COURT: You may.

- 1 O. (BY MR. BANKS) Mr. Skillman, there is a lot of
- 2 writing on this particular document. Do you know the
- 3 meaning of any of this?
- 4 A. In the sense of I recognize there are names on this
- 5 document, and what appear to be phone numbers. But
- 6 meaning, in the sense --
- 7 O. Context?
- 8 A. No, I do not.
- 9 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, permission to republish
- 10 608.04.
- 11 THE COURT: You may.
- 12 MR. BANKS: Thank you.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, this is labeled "Personnel
- 14 Staffing Needs; " correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And you mentioned earlier that you saw certain names
- or words or initials in parentheses; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know what those names or initials are for?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Does this document tell you anything outside of IRP
- looking at their personnel staffing needs?
- 23 A. It contains addresses, e-mail addresses, things of
- 24 that nature.
- MR. BANKS: Will you scroll down, please. Will you

- 1 scroll back up.
- 2 No further questions.
- 3 One more, actually, Your Honor. I have one final
- 4 question. And permission to publish 608.76.
- 5 THE COURT: You may.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Now, you mentioned that the log, as
- 7 far as the columns, changed?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is there some significance to the columns changing in
- 10 your mind?
- 11 A. I'm sorry, in my mind?
- 12 Q. Yeah. Because it was brought to you that you
- identified the columns were changed. Does that present
- 14 any significance to you in your mind?
- 15 A. No, it does not.
- MR. BANKS: I have no further questions, Your
- 17 Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Mr. Walker?
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. WALKER:
- 21 Q. Agent Skillman, you related that you were part of the
- 22 evidence response team on the day that IRP Solutions was
- 23 searched?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And in -- as part of your task on the evidence

- 1 response team, did you have tasks other than collecting
- 2 evidence that was found at the site?
- 3 A. I prepared the Evidence Recovery Log.
- 4 Q. Evidence Recovery Log. What were your other tasks
- 5 for that day?
- 6 A. My recollection of that day was I prepared the
- 7 Evidence Recovery Log and collected the evidence from
- 8 various locations.
- 9 Q. Okay. And as part of those tasks, were you required
- 10 to be armed?
- 11 A. I'm sure that I was.
- 12 Q. Is that a standard procedure for conducting search
- 13 warrants for the FBI?
- 14 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 15 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. WALKER) Is that the standard process for all
- 18 searches of sites for search warrants?
- 19 A. It is standard procedure for all FBI agents to be
- 20 armed when they are conducting their duties.
- 21 Q. And in the conducting of the searches, does the FBI
- 22 have a policy for determining the number of agents that
- are deployed on a search?
- 24 MS. HAZRA: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- 25 THE COURT: What is the relevance?

- 1 MR. WALKER: Your Honor, we are establishing the
- 2 use of force on the day of the raid by the FBI.
- 3 THE COURT: That goes beyond the direct.
- 4 MR. WALKER: Okay. Beyond cross?
- 5 THE COURT: I am sorry, goes beyond the scope of
- 6 their direct.
- 7 MR. WALKER: Thank you. No further questions.
- 8 THE COURT: Any redirect?
- 9 MS. HAZRA: None, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, Agent
- 11 Skillman, you may step down.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, could we confer with the
- defendants very briefly just before Mr. Skillman leaves.
- 14 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Government may call its
- 17 next witness.
- 18 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, the Government calls Jesse
- 19 O'Gorman.
- Ms. Barnes, if we can have Exhibit Nos. 1, 22 -- I
- 21 am sorry, 1N, as in Nancy, 22, and then 80.01 through
- 22 81.00.
- 23 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your attention please.
- 24 JESSE O'GORMAN
- 25 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- 1 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please be seated.
- 2 Please state your name, and spell your first and
- 3 last names for the record.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Jesse O'Gorman. J-E-S-S-E
- $5 \quad O-'-G-O-R-M-A-N.$
- 6 THE COURT: Before we start, anybody who has their
- 7 phones turned on, please turn them off when you come into
- 8 this courtroom. All phones are supposed to be off. We
- 9 just heard a phone buzz. So turn off the phones, and
- 10 don't bring them in here on again.
- 11 You may proceed.
- 12 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 15 Q. Where do you work?
- 16 A. Blackstone Technology Group.
- 17 Q. What is your position there?
- 18 A. I am a partner and executive director of the
- 19 government practice.
- 20 Q. How long have you been with Blackstone?
- 21 A. For 9 years and a month.
- 22 O. And where is it that you office for Blackstone?
- 23 A. Arlington, Virginia.
- 24 Q. Were you also with -- I take it you were also with
- 25 Blackstone in 2004 and 2005?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. What was your role with the company at that time?
- 3 A. Regional manager.
- 4 Q. And what were your duties then as regional manager?
- 5 A. I was responsible for running the operations of our
- 6 Arlington, Virginia, office, as well as running our
- 7 management consulting, technology consulting and staff
- 8 augmentation business.
- 9 Q. As a part of this staff augmentation business that
- 10 Blackstone provided at that time, did it provide a service
- 11 called payrolling?
- 12 A. Yes, we do.
- 13 Q. And prior to joining Blackstone, had you worked in
- 14 the staffing or IT industry?
- 15 A. Yes. I started in the staffing industry in 1996.
- 16 O. Okay.
- 17 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, could I please publish
- 18 Government Exhibit 608.65?
- 19 THE COURT: You may.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. O'Gorman --
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Can we enlarge the text of that.
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) On your screen in just a moment --
- 23 hopefully it is now big enough to be legible. Can you see
- 24 that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. -- there is what appears to be a website that's
- 2 highlighted or colored yellow. Do you know that website?
- 3 A. Yeah. That is my website.
- 4 O. That is the Blackstone website?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Special Agent Smith.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) At some point, when you were -- when
- 8 you were the regional manager at Blackstone, did you
- 9 engage in business with a company called IRP?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. And do you remember when that business began?
- 12 A. Early January of 2005.
- 13 Q. And do you recall how that business began?
- 14 A. I picked up a call from IRP Solutions. Really,
- initial discussion was around if we provided
- 16 payrolling-type services.
- 17 Q. And do you remember who that call was from?
- 18 A. Actually, the gentleman's name is on this document
- 19 that you had up. David Zirpolo.
- 20 Q. David Zirpolo. Okay. And so who initiated that
- 21 call?
- 22 A. First time I spoke with IRP and David was a call from
- 23 David.
- 24 Q. And what did you say he -- what was he calling about?
- 25 A. He was inquiring if our firm provided payrolling

- 1 services.
- 2 Q. What did you tell him?
- 3 A. I explained our payrolling services, and that we did.
- 4 Q. Did you have any discussion with Mr. Zirpolo about
- 5 how he got the name of your company?
- 6 A. I honestly don't recall every part of the discussion.
- 7 But I do remember talking a bit about government
- 8 contracting. That was our primary focus, from both a
- 9 staffing and consulting service standpoint. And there was
- 10 a connection there. So I do remember that being kind of
- 11 the topic, at least of how they potentially came across
- 12 our name.
- 13 Q. All right. Did you have any conversation at that
- 14 time with Mr. Zirpolo about IRP's business?
- 15 A. Yes. The thing that was interesting to me was the
- 16 focus of their business. My business revolves around the
- 17 Homeland Security space; 80 percent of our business is
- 18 Homeland Security. So as I talked to David, I learned
- 19 that there was a core focus there.
- 20 So that was of interest to me in looking for
- 21 partnership in the federal government contracting space in
- those areas, was interesting and exciting.
- 23 Q. And did you, after this telephone call, did you get a
- 24 follow up e-mail from Mr. Zirpolo?
- 25 A. I did, yes.

- 1 O. Can I ask you, please, to look now in the folders
- 2 that are up there. I would like you to look at what is
- 3 marked as 1N, as in Nancy.
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize that exhibit?
- 6 A. I do, yes.
- 7 Q. Can you identify it for us, please?
- 8 A. So this is the initial e-mail follow-up after our
- 9 phone call stating the services that IRP was requesting
- 10 from Blackstone.
- 11 O. Who did this come from?
- 12 A. It came from David Zirpolo.
- 13 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would ask to admit and
- 14 publish Government Exhibit 1N.
- 15 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. ZIRPOLO: No objection.
- 17 THE COURT: Exhibit 1N is admitted, and it may be
- 18 published.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 1N is admitted.)
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 And can you just expand the top half of that,
- 22 Special Agent.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Mr. O'Gorman, there are references
- 24 in the second paragraph of this e-mail to the New York
- 25 Police Department and DHS. What did you understand DHS to

- 1 be in that e-mail?
- 2 A. I understood that to be a client.
- 3 Q. And did you know what DHS stood for?
- 4 A. Absolutely. That is actually my first client within
- 5 the federal government within -- back in 2002.
- 6 O. That is who?
- 7 A. Department of Homeland Security.
- 8 Q. Okay. Thank you. And was this information
- 9 consistent with the information you had gotten on the
- 10 phone from Mr. Zirpolo about IRP's business?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you have an understanding from your conversation
- 13 with Mr. Zirpolo and/or this e-mail about whether or not
- 14 there was a contract in place between IRP and either of
- 15 those entities?
- MR. HARPER: Objection, leading the witness.
- 17 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Based on the conversation and e-mail,
- 19 I felt that there was a contract in place. I didn't
- inquire as to what degree it was, how long it had been in
- 21 place, exact services provided.
- 22 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) What was your understanding about
- 23 that? Was that important to you in deciding whether or
- 24 not to go forward with the payrolling relationship with
- 25 IRP?

- 1 A. Absolutely.
- 2 Q. Why was that?
- 3 A. Well, generally in our business, if there is not a
- 4 funded contract to support the service, then we wouldn't
- 5 do the work.
- 6 Q. Do you know whether or not there was any other sort
- 7 of credit check process that Blackstone used in connection
- 8 with deciding whether or not to do business with IRP?
- 9 A. So, the way we do it at Blackstone is our corporate
- 10 office handles Dun & Bradstreet checks and background
- 11 checks. I don't personally. So, unfortunately, I do not
- 12 know if that happened.
- 13 Q. All right. Do you know whether that was routine at
- 14 that time?
- 15 A. It was routine.
- 16 O. Okay. And the e-mail -- this e-mail that is on the
- 17 screen, where did you receive this e-mail?
- 18 A. I received this e-mail in my office in Arlington.
- 19 Q. In Arlington, Virginia?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Actually, I have one other question about this.
- 22 There is a reference in the third paragraph to something
- about an "added sweetener to Blackstone's staffing." Do
- 24 you see that?
- 25 A. Yep.

- 1 O. Had you had any conversation with Mr. Zirpolo about
- 2 potential other business?
- 3 A. Yes. So, again, the interesting -- the opportunity
- 4 for me was really more future business within the Homeland
- 5 Security account. And so the payroll service was -- to be
- 6 honest, it is not our core business, but it sometimes
- 7 leads to other business. So the fact that IRP was doing
- 8 business with the Department of Homeland Security was an
- 9 added sweetener. So I was hopeful we might work together.
- 10 Q. Did Blackstone agree to payroll some employees at
- 11 IRP?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And did Blackstone have a mechanism in place for
- 14 keeping track of those employees' hours?
- 15 A. Yes. We have a time and expense system.
- 16 Q. What did you call it?
- 17 A. A time and expense system.
- 18 Q. How did that system work?
- 19 A. So once we would sign up an employee, they would get
- 20 instructions for the system. And then on -- I believe at
- 21 the time, on a weekly basis, those employees would be
- 22 asked to enter their time. And then a manager that they
- 23 reported to would approve that time. And then I would
- 24 then go in as the account manager for that and approve the
- 25 time.

- 1 O. This process you are describing, is that all
- 2 happening on the internet?
- 3 A. It is web based, yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. Can I ask you to look now, please, at what is
- 5 marked for identification as Government's Exhibit 81.00.
- 6 Do you have that one now? Do you recognize what is
- 7 contained in that exhibit?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. What are those?
- 10 A. These are copies of time cards from our system.
- 11 Q. And are these time cards for employees that
- 12 Blackstone payrolled for IRP?
- 13 A. Yes, they are.
- 14 MR. KIRSCH: I would move to admit and publish
- 15 Government Exhibit 81.00.
- 16 THE COURT: Any objection?
- 17 MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: 81.00 is admitted.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 81.00 is admitted.)
- 20 THE COURT: And it may be published.
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 Special Agent Smith, can you begin by highlighting
- 23 the very lower left corner of this, the "https."
- 24 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) What is that information on the
- 25 screen now, Mr. O'Gorman, that starts with "https"?

- 1 A. That is the URL for our time expense system.
- 2 Q. That is where a person would log on to enter this
- 3 information?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. KIRSCH: Can we expand that back out now.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Then is there a name on this sheet
- 7 that identifies the employee?
- 8 A. Yes, on the top.
- 9 Q. And this sheet pertains to who?
- 10 A. Amos Clark.
- 11 Q. Could we go to page 3 of this exhibit now, please.
- 12 Is there a name that identifies this employee?
- 13 A. Yes, Barbara McKenzie.
- 14 Q. Then if we can go to page 2 of this exhibit, please.
- 15 Who is the employee whose time was recorded on this sheet?
- 16 A. Kendra Haughton.
- 17 Q. Did you know who was signing as the manager for these
- 18 time sheets?
- 19 A. I did not.
- 20 MR. KIRSCH: Okay. Can we put that time sheet on
- 21 the left side of the screen, please, Special Agent Smith.
- Then, Your Honor, I will ask for permission to
- publish Government's Exhibit 191.00, page 39.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. It may be published.
- MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 Can we go back to the left side first, and try to
- 2 expand that time section; the name and the time section.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Now, do we have the Blackstone time
- 4 sheet up on the left there, Mr. O'Gorman?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with a company called The Judge
- 7 Group?
- 8 A. I am.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether that's a different staffing
- 10 company?
- 11 A. Yes, it is.
- 12 Q. Did you have any information that Ms. Haughton was
- 13 reporting time to The Judge Group for work at IRP on the
- 14 same days that she was reporting time to Blackstone for
- 15 work done at IRP?
- 16 A. No, I did not.
- 17 Q. If you had gotten that information, would that have
- 18 concerned you at all?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
- 20 Q. Why is that?
- 21 A. Well, we are employing Kendra to work for Blackstone.
- 22 We are paying an hourly rate. So it is fairly unethical
- 23 to be doing that in two locations. It costs us a lot of
- 24 money to do that, as well.
- 25 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you Special Agent Smith.

- 1 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Can I ask you now, Mr. O'Gorman, to
- 2 look at what is marked at Government's Exhibit 22.00. Do
- 3 you have that in front of you?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. Can you identify the first page of that exhibit?
- 6 A. It is one of our invoices.
- 7 Q. Does this particular one pertain to payrolled
- 8 employees at IRP?
- 9 A. It does.
- 10 Q. And then the remaining three pages of the exhibits,
- 11 what are those?
- 12 A. These are the time cards associated with the invoice.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, I would move to admit and
- 14 publish Government's Exhibit 22.00.
- 15 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. BANKS: No objection, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: 22.00 is admitted and may be published.
- 18 (Exhibit No. 22.00 is admitted.)
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 Can you expand down to the bottom there.
- 21 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Who was listed as the contact for
- 22 Blackstone -- for IRP, Mr. O'Gorman?
- 23 A. David Zirpolo.
- 24 Q. And how is it that Blackstone transmitted invoices to
- 25 its clients back in 2005?

- 1 A. So there are two routes. There was option for mail,
- 2 and there was the option for e-mail.
- 3 Q. All right. What was the default option?
- 4 A. The default option was mail.
- 5 O. United States Mail?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Would that mail have come from the office that is
- 8 listed in the top left corner there?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, at this time I would like
- 11 to display Government Exhibit 609.01 to this witness.
- 12 THE COURT: All right.
- 13 MR. KIRSCH: Which is the oversized exhibit.
- 14 THE COURT: You may approach.
- MR. KIRSCH: May I move that? Thank you.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) I am going to try that right here.
- 17 Are you able to see that Mr. O'Gorman?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. KIRSCH: Can you gentlemen see that, as well?
- MR. HARPER: I can't.
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, can I ask the witness to
- 22 come down and put it where we had it before, and step out
- 23 towards the board for a moment.
- 24 THE COURT: Yes.
- Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Are you able to see, Mr. O'Gorman,

- 1 that there is a column that appears to have the heading
- 2 "Blackstone." Do you see that?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 O. And there are a set of initials there. "BM" is the
- 5 first one. Were those the initials of one of the
- 6 employees being payrolled by Blackstone, Barbara McKenzie?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Then "KH." Were those initials for another employee
- 9 that was being payrolled?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you see there are also initials in parentheses
- next the "BM" and the "KH"?
- 13 A. I do.
- 14 Q. Can you make out the initials that are next to the
- 15 "BM"?
- 16 A. "DZ."
- 17 Q. If you had learned that it was, in fact, David
- 18 Zirpolo that was working the hours that were being
- 19 reported for Barbara McKenzie --
- 20 MR. WALKER: Objection, Your Honor, speculation.
- 21 THE COURT: Speculation?
- MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: Overruled.
- MR. BANKS: Objection, Your Honor, foundation.
- 25 THE COURT: Sustained.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Was it ever reported to you that
- 2 David Zirpolo was working the hours that were being
- 3 reported under Barbara McKenzie's name?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 MR. BANKS: Objection, Your Honor, foundation.
- 6 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 7 O. (BY MR. KIRSCH) If you had gotten that information,
- 8 would that have caused you to take any action?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What action would you have taken?
- 11 A. We would have stopped the contract immediately.
- 12 Q. Thank you, Mr. O'Gorman. Do you know whether or not
- the invoices that Blackstone issued to IRP were ever paid?
- 14 A. They were not.
- 15 Q. Were you involved in any collection activity with
- 16 respect to those invoices?
- 17 A. I was not.
- 18 MR. KIRSCH: May I have a moment, please, Your
- 19 Honor?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 21 MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, those are all of my
- 22 questions for Mr. O'Gorman.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Banks?
- 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MR. BANKS:

- 1 Q. Mr. O'Gorman, you just looked at that exhibit there
- on the board with the names in parentheses.
- 3 MR. BANKS: And may I move up here a little bit,
- 4 Your Honor, so I can see the exhibit?
- 5 THE COURT: You may.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) You noted that next to the "KH"
- 7 initials there were initials "SK"?
- 8 A. No, "DZ" next to "BM."
- 9 Q. Next to "BM" is "DZ." Do you know if that was a
- 10 supervisor -- the supervisor of BM?
- 11 A. I do not.
- 12 Q. Do you know if that's the person who may substitute
- or be an alternate to BM?
- 14 A. I do not.
- 15 Q. Do you know if that is just a co-worker who handles
- 16 work when BM is not available?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. So you really don't know what those initials mean?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. You could only speculate to what it might or might
- 21 not be; correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Now, you mentioned that a D & B credit -- pulling a
- 24 D & B credit report is a routine policy for Blackstone;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. Has there been an instance when -- where the credit
- 3 department -- let me ask you this first.
- 4 Does the credit department determine from their
- 5 D & B and their credit due diligence analysis whether the
- 6 corporation wants to do business with this business?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What does the credit department base that on?
- 9 A. The Dun & Bradstreet rating.
- 10 Q. Now, do you know a gentleman by the name of Casey
- 11 Courneen?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. Let me ask you this first. Were you the person that
- 14 provided -- did you provide a copy of the Dun & Bradstreet
- 15 report to the FBI upon their request?
- 16 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 17 Q. Do you know if Mr. Courneen provided that information
- 18 to them?
- 19 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 20 Q. Are you familiar with what's on a Dun & Bradstreet
- 21 report? Have you ever had an opportunity to view those?
- 22 A. I have.
- 23 Q. Are you familiar with their rating system?
- 24 A. Somewhat.
- 25 Q. Are you familiar with the term financial stress

- 1 class?
- 2 A. I'm not.
- 3 Q. Now, you've been in the staffing industry for how
- 4 long?
- 5 A. 1996.
- 6 Q. I can't do math for some reason. So that is in the
- 7 neighborhood of 20-plus years, correct?
- 8 A. Little lower.
- 9 Q. I'm starting from 86. So about 15 years or so?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Have you ever encountered a time where a contractor
- worked more than one project?
- 13 A. Not under my -- not explained up front, no.
- 14 Q. Are you aware that it is an industry practice that
- 15 takes place?
- 16 A. Generally, in our staffing service business, it does
- 17 not.
- 18 Q. Okay. But there is nothing prohibiting a person,
- 19 from Blackstone policy, from engaging in two separate
- 20 projects, is there?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 O. Now, you said that a person -- and correct me if I am
- 23 wrong -- working multiple contracts would cost you money.
- 24 Can you explain that?
- 25 A. So if we are paying an individual to work for our

- 1 contract for our company, and that individual is charging
- 2 40-plus hours a week, there is costs involved with us
- 3 doing that. And if we're not paid for that, then there is
- 4 additional costs associated with that.
- 5 Q. Okay. That is the -- that is not on the contractor,
- 6 is it?
- 7 A. We are paying the contractor.
- 8 Q. You are paying the contractor, but you are not
- 9 getting paid, sir. It's between you and the corporation
- 10 that you signed a contract with; is that correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. So IRP was responsible for costing you money, not the
- 13 contractor; is that correct?
- 14 A. IRP was responsible for not paying invoices; correct.
- 15 The contractor was responsible for submitting accurate
- 16 time and doing work under our agreement.
- 17 Q. Do you have any information to provide to the Court
- 18 that any of the contractors that were employed by
- 19 Blackstone did not perform the work?
- 20 A. I do not.
- 21 Q. Do you have any complaints from the client regarding
- the performance of your contractors?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Now, you mentioned the prospect of doing business in
- 25 the DHS space, your testimony, was interesting and

- 1 exciting; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And because that -- would you say the DHS business is
- 4 kind of an area that you like to engage and do business
- 5 in?
- 6 A. Absolutely.
- 7 O. Would you also say, from your own personal interest
- 8 in doing business in the DHS space, that a client who is
- 9 also doing business in that space, brings good synergy
- 10 between Blackstone and -- for Blackstone?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now, were you ever told directly by any person at IRP
- 13 -- let me just put it by Mr. Zirpolo -- that there was a
- 14 contract in place with either the New York City Police
- 15 Department or the Department of Homeland Security?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And when did he tell you that?
- 18 A. Initial phone call.
- 19 Q. Now, would you find it curious that his e-mail
- 20 communication would say something differently than what he
- 21 told you on the phone?
- 22 A. I would.
- 23 Q. Now, it has been since 2005 that you communicated
- 24 with Mr. Zirpolo; correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. And would you say that over a 6-year period or so,
- that it's possible your memory may have decayed some?
- 3 A. It is very possible it has decayed. But based on the
- 4 business terms and what I know to be the discussion, it is
- 5 absolutely not.
- 6 Q. It is absolutely not?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 MR. BANKS: May I have a moment, Your Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: You may.
- 10 MR. BANKS: One more second, Your Honor.
- 11 Your Honor, permission to publish 608.65.
- 12 THE COURT: Yes, 608.65 may be published.
- MR. BANKS: Your Honor, I believe that is the wrong
- 14 exhibit. 1N, please, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: That may be published.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Mr. O'Gorman, can you, starting at
- 17 the second sentence of the first paragraph, read what was
- 18 sent to you on January 14th of 2005 in this e-mail?
- 19 A. "We have a great project that we will be looking to
- 20 wrap up for the New York Police Department and start at
- 21 DHS. Hence, that is the reason that we are reaching out
- 22 to your firm."
- 23 Q. Okay. Did you question Mr. Zirpolo about a contract
- 24 at that point that you said -- that you previously said
- 25 that he told you there was a contract in place?

- 1 A. I did not question him.
- 2 Q. Is there some reason why?
- 3 A. I did some research while I was on the phone, as I do
- 4 with most of my prospects. It was clear that IRP
- 5 Solutions was doing work in that space based on what was
- 6 advertised. So it made sense.
- 7 Q. Sorry, didn't mean to interrupt you, sir. So they
- 8 were doing work in that space, at least from what you
- 9 found on their internet?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Are you aware -- do you recall your May 26, 2009
- 12 interview with the FBI?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you remember who you said called you or reached
- 15 out to you during that interview?
- 16 A. I do not remember exactly, but I imagine it is David
- 17 Zirpolo, due to the fact that is the only person I talked
- 18 to.
- 19 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, may I provide Mr. O'Gorman
- 20 with his May 26, 2009, interview to refresh his
- 21 recollection?
- 22 THE COURT: You may have it marked by Ms. Barnes.
- MR. BANKS: Will do.
- 24 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Defendants' Exhibit 339.
- 25 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) If you could read the second

- 1 paragraph.
- THE COURT: To yourself.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) To yourself. I am sorry.
- 4 A. The entire paragraph?
- 5 Q. Just the first couple of sentences.
- 6 THE COURT: Just read it to yourself.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I've read it.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Is it reported -- from what you read,
- 9 do you mention Mr. Zirpolo in that sentence?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Who do you mention?
- 12 A. I say the person might have been Gary Walker.
- 13 Q. And also can you -- is it also reported that you were
- 14 called by someone in the second sentence?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So today, in 2009, you did not remember who called
- 17 you when questioned by the FBI; correct?
- 18 A. Correct. I couldn't remember the exact name.
- 19 Q. But in 2011, your memory became clearer on who called
- 20 you, correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 MR. BANKS: I have no further questions for
- 23 Mr. O'Gorman.
- 24 THE COURT: Anybody else? Mr. Zirpolo?
- 25 CROSS-EXAMINATION

## 1 BY MR. ZIRPOLO:

- 2 O. Good afternoon.
- 3 MR. ZIRPOLO: Can we publish Exhibit 22, please.
- 4 THE COURT: You may.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. ZIRPOLO) This is an invoice from Blackstone
- 6 Technology?
- 7 A. It is.
- 8 Q. You stated you don't know how it was delivered to
- 9 IRP. It could have been either e-mail or U.S. Postal
- 10 Mail; is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Can you tell from this how it was delivered?
- 13 A. I cannot.
- 14 MR. ZIRPOLO: Thank you. No further questions.
- 15 THE COURT: Anything further from the defendants?
- 16 Any redirect?
- 17 MR. KIRSCH: Yes, please, Your Honor.
- 18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. KIRSCH:
- 20 Q. Mr. O'Gorman, before you came to court today, did you
- 21 have an opportunity to review a variety of documents
- 22 related to Blackstone's interactions with IRP?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did those documents help you remember the person with
- whom you dealt when you were talking to someone at IRP?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You also mentioned that you did some research while
- 3 you were on the telephone. What was the -- where did you
- 4 do that research?
- 5 A. Online. I looked up the IRP website.
- 6 Q. So you were relying on information you got from the
- 7 IRP website?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. You were also asked the question about synergy. Do
- 10 you recall that question?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Is there any synergy for Blackstone to be had from a
- 13 company that said it was doing business with the
- 14 Department of Homeland Security but really wasn't?
- MR. BANKS: Objection, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: I am sorry?
- 17 MR. BANKS: Objection. There is no foundation.
- 18 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. KIRSCH) Did you hear that question?
- 20 A. Can you repeat it?
- 21 Q. Was there any synergy to be had for Blackstone with a
- 22 company that said it was doing business with the
- 23 Department of Homeland Security but really wasn't?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 O. You were also asked, with respect to that white

- 1 board, about the possibility of alternates. Did
- 2 Blackstone employ any alternates for Ms. McKenzie?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 MR. KIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. O'Gorman.
- 5 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, may I?
- 6 THE COURT: It is already the end of the day. May
- 7 this witness be excused.
- 8 MR. KIRSCH: Yes, please, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. O'Gorman, you are
- 10 excused.
- 11 All right. We are going to go ahead and recess for
- 12 the afternoon. If the jury can be here at 9:15. I have
- an 8:15. So I will not have you be here until 9:15
- 14 tomorrow ready to go, that way I make sure I don't keep
- 15 you waiting.
- Remember, do not talk to anyone about this case.
- 17 Do not do any research on this case. Go home, relax and
- have a good evening. We will see you tomorrow at 9:15.
- 19 The jury is excused. Counsel and parties, if you
- 20 will remain.
- 21 (The following is had in open court, outside the
- 22 hearing and presence of the jury.)
- 23 THE COURT: All right. You may be seated.
- The reason I had you remain is, Mr. Stewart,
- 25 apparently our clerk's office is saying the address they

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- 1 have for you is wrong, and your mail is coming back. So
- 2 can you stop by -- you have -- they don't close until
- 3 5:00. Can you stop down there to make sure you have the
- 4 correct address? And I want to make sure that is the
- 5 address you have on the affidavit you submitted, as well.
- 6 All right. Is there anything else, Ms. Barnes, we
- 7 need to take up?
- 8 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Stephanie also needs them to ask
- 9 for her.
- 10 THE COURT: So when you go down, also can you ask
- 11 for Stephanie Matlock. She is the person in charge of the
- 12 CJA form you filled out. All right.
- MR. KIRSCH: Your Honor, can I make it part of the
- 14 record, the reason we asked to speak to the defendants
- when Mr. Skillman was leaving was to confirm they weren't
- 16 going to need to recall him, because he is here from out
- of state. They confirmed they did not. So I just wanted
- 18 to get that on the record.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Because I did not excuse
- 20 him for that purpose. But defendants, during that
- 21 conference -- I figured that is what it was, was defense
- 22 confirming they do not intend to call him.
- 23 Anything further?
- MR. KIRSCH: No, thank you, Your Honor.
- MR. BANKS: No, thank you.

1	THE COURT: Thank you very much. Have a good
2	evening. We will see you tomorrow morning at 9:15.
3	(Court is in recess at 4:50 p.m.)
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