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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER,

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BY: MMC DEPUTY

No. 2:25-CR-00333-AB

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER

1. This constitutes the plea agreement between RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (the "USAO") in the above-captioned case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement,

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DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

- 2. Defendant agrees to:
- a. Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and, at the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to a two-count information in the form attached to this agreement as Exhibit A or a substantially similar form, which charges defendant with violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(iii) (Accessing a Computer and Obtaining Information) (Count 1) and 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(7), (c)(3)(A) (Threatening to Damage a Protected Computer) (Count 2).
 - b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.
- d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter.
- e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not within the scope of this agreement.
- f. Be truthful at all times with the United States
 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.
- g. Pay the applicable special assessments at or before the time of sentencing unless defendant has demonstrated a lack of ability to pay such assessments.
- h. Agree to and not oppose the imposition of the following conditions of probation or supervised release:

i. Defendant shall be limited to maintaining no more than one virtual currency wallet, and that one wallet shall be used for all virtual currency transactions. Defendant shall not obtain or open any virtual currency wallets/accounts without prior approval of the Probation Officer. All virtual currency transactions, along with any virtual currency wallet Extended Public Keys (XPUB), shall be disclosed to the Probation Officer upon request. Defendant shall be limited to only using and possessing open public blockchain virtual currencies and restricted from using privacy-based blockchain virtual currencies, unless prior approval is obtained from the Probation Officer.

ii. Defendant shall possess and use only those digital devices, screen usernames, email accounts, social media accounts, messaging applications, and cloud storage accounts, as well as any passwords or passcodes for all such digital devices and accounts, that have been disclosed to the Probation Officer upon commencement of supervision. Any new devices, accounts, applications, passwords, or passcodes are to be disclosed to the Probation Officer prior to the first use. A digital device is any electronic system or device that can access, view, obtain, store, or transmit digital data related to email accounts, financial accounts, and social media accounts.

iii. All computers, computer-related devices, and their peripheral equipment, used by defendant shall be subject to search, seizure, and computer monitoring. This shall not apply to items used at the employment site that are maintained and monitored by the employer.

- iv. Defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Computer Monitoring Program. Defendant shall pay the cost of the Computer Monitoring Program unless defendant demonstrates an inability to pay, as determined by the Probation Officer.
- v. Defendant shall comply with the Internal Revenue Service's reporting requirements as they pertain to virtual currencies and shall provide proof of having done so to the Probation Officer.
- vi. Defendant shall submit defendant's person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers, cell phones, other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, email accounts, social media accounts, cloud storage accounts, or other areas under the defendant's control, to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer or law enforcement officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. Any search pursuant to this condition will be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner upon reasonable suspicion that the defendant has violated a condition of his supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation.

THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

- 3. The USAO agrees to:
 - a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.

c. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offenses up to and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an additional one-level reduction if available under that section.

NATURE OF THE OFFENSES

- 4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count one, that is, accessing a computer and obtaining information, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(iii), the following must be true: (i) defendant intentionally accessed without authorization a protected computer; (ii) by accessing a computer without authorization, defendant obtained information from a computer that was used in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce or communication; and (iii) and the value of the information obtained exceeded \$5,000.
- 5. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count two, that is, threatening to damage a protected computer, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(7)(C), (c)(3)(A), the following must be true: (i) defendant transmitted a communication in interstate or foreign commerce; (ii) defendant acted with intent to extort money or any other thing of value from any individual, firm, corporation, educational institution, financial institution, government entity, or legal or other entity; (iii) the communication contained a threat to impair the confidentiality of information from a computer without authorization; and (iv) defendant's threat concerned a computer that was used in or affected interstate or foreign commerce or communication.

PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

- 6. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of 18 U.S.C. \$ 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(iii) (Count One), is: 5 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.
- 7. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of 18 U.S.C. \$ 1030(a)(7)(C), (c)(3)(A) (Count Two), is: 5 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.
- 8. Defendant understands, therefore, that the total maximum sentence for all offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty is: 10 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$500,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offenses, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$200.
- 9. Defendant understands that defendant will be required to pay full restitution to the victim(s) of the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that, in return for the USAO's compliance with its obligations under this agreement, the Court may order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty and in amounts greater than those alleged in the counts to which defendant is pleading guilty. In particular, defendant agrees that the Court may

order restitution to any victim of any of the following for any losses suffered by that victim as a result: (a) any relevant conduct, as defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty; and (b) any charges not prosecuted pursuant to this agreement as well as all relevant conduct, as defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with those charges.

- 10. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.
- 11. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm, the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.

 Defendant understands that he is pleading guilty to a felony and that it is a federal crime for a convicted felon to possess a firearm or ammunition. Defendant understands that the convictions in this case may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated

collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's quilty pleas.

12. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States citizen, the felony convictions in this case may subject defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial of admission to the United States in the future. The Court cannot, and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony convictions in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

FACTUAL BASIS

13. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the offenses to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree that this statement of facts is sufficient to support pleas of guilty to the charges described in this agreement and to establish the Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 15 below but is not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that relate to that conduct.

In early 2024, defendant posted a computer program on various online platforms, including GitHub, that purported to be computer software that could be used to create A.I.-generated art but that was, in fact, a malicious file that enabled defendant to gain access to victims' computers. Sometime between April and May 2024, victim M.V. downloaded the malicious file defendant posted on GitHub, and

defendant gained access to M.V.'s personal computer, including an online account where M.V. stored login credentials and passwords for M.V.'s personal and work accounts. After gaining unauthorized access to M.V.'s computer and online accounts, defendant accessed an online communications account -- namely, a Slack account -- that M.V. used as an employee of the Walt Disney Company. By accessing M.V.'s Disney Slack account, defendant gained access to non-public Disney Slack channels, and in or around May 2024, defendant downloaded approximately 1.1 terabytes of confidential data from thousands of Disney Slack channels. Defendant admits that the value of the information obtained from Disney exceeded at least \$5,000.

In July 2024, defendant contacted M.V. via email and the online messaging platform Discord, pretending to be a member of a fake Russia-based hacktivist group called "NullBulge." The emails and Discord message contained threats to leak M.V.'s personal information and Disney's Slack data. One message defendant sent to M.V. on July 8, 2024, threatened that in order to "ensure this information remains undisclosed, I need your cooperation," and warned that if M.V. contacted anyone about the message, "we will drop our data publicly and loudly without so much as a warning." Defendant also threatened that this would be a "major, major mistake" for M.V.'s "information and career at Disney." Another email sent to M.V. on July 12, 2024, with the subject line "You sure that's how you want to play?", stated, in part, "Respond, do what we want, or end up on the net. Your choice. We will not contact you again."

On July 12, 2024, after M.V. did not respond to defendant's threats, defendant publicly released the stolen Disney Slack files, as well as M.V.'s bank, medical, and personal information on multiple

online platforms. On July 14, 2024, following the leak of M.V.'s and Disney's data, M.V. received a final email from defendant, again using a NullBulge address that stated, in part, "just wanted to check in to see if you believe us now. We are willing to take your data down, but not for free. Let us know." In addition to M.V., defendant admits that at least two other victims downloaded defendant's malicious file, and that defendant was able to gain unauthorized access to their computers and accounts.

SENTENCING FACTORS

- 14. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crimes of conviction.
- 15. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable Sentencing Guidelines factors:

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       Specific Offense
       Characteristics:
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          Sophisticated Means
                                               U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(10)(C)
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          Conviction under § 1030
                                               U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(18)(A)
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Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that additional specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and departures under the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate, including the application of an enhancement based on the loss amount under U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1).

- 16. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.
- 17. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. \S 3553(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

- 18. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:
 - a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.
 - b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.
- d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
- e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against defendant.

- f. The right to testify and to present evidence in opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify.
- g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that choice not be used against defendant.
- h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses, Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial motions that have been filed or could be filed.

WAIVER OF RETURN OF DIGITAL DATA

19. Understanding that the government has in its possession digital devices and/or digital media seized from defendant, defendant waives any right to the return of digital data contained on those digital devices and/or digital media and agrees that if any of these digital devices and/or digital media are returned to defendant, the government may delete all digital data from those digital devices and/or digital media before they are returned to defendant.

WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

20. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal based on a claim that defendant's guilty pleas were involuntary, by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to appeal defendant's convictions on the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but is not limited to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant is pleading guilty are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support defendant's pleas of guilty.

WAIVER OF APPEAL AND COLLATERAL ATTACK

- 21. Defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following: (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the Court, including, to the extent permitted by law, the constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (c) the fine imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) the term of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; and (e) any of the following conditions of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in Second Amended General Order 20-04 of this Court; the drug testing conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C.

 §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); the alcohol and drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7); and any conditions of probation or supervised release agreed to by defendant in paragraph 2 above.
- 22. Defendant also gives up any right to bring a postconviction collateral attack on the convictions or sentence, except a
 post-conviction collateral attack based on a claim of ineffective
 assistance of counsel, a claim of newly discovered evidence, or an
 explicitly retroactive change in the applicable Sentencing
 Guidelines, sentencing statutes, or statutes of conviction.

 Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but is not limited
 to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant is pleading guilty
 are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the statement of
 facts provided herein is insufficient to support defendant's pleas of
 guilty.

23. This agreement does not affect in any way the right of the USAO to appeal the sentence imposed by the Court.

RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

24. Defendant agrees that if, after entering guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds in withdrawing defendant's guilty pleas on any basis other than a claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

25. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant United States Attorney.

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

26. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the signature of this agreement and execution of all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO

may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously entered guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw the guilty pleas, and (b) the USAO will be relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

- 27. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then:
- a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action.
- b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.
- c. Defendant agrees that: (i) any statements made by defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing (if such a hearing occurred prior to the breach); (ii) the agreed to factual basis statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence derived from such statements, shall be admissible against defendant in any such action against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up any claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal

Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or any evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are inadmissible.

COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE NOT PARTIES

- 28. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States
 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this
 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing
 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing
 factors.
- Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are 29. free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 15 are consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

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30. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason, withdraw defendant's guilty pleas, and defendant will remain bound to fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney, or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be at or below the statutory maximum.

NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

31. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein, there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

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1	PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING			
2	32. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered			
3	part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the			
4	entire agreement had been read into the record	of the proceeding.		
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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other reason.

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RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER Defendant Date

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

Tam RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER's attorney. I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of guilty plane.

ALAN EISMER, ESO.

Attorney for Defendant RYAN

MITCHELL KRAMER

4-26-2025 Date

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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
9	FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	CR No.	
11	Plaintiff,	<u>I N F O R M A T I O N</u>	
12	V.	[18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(iii): Accessing a Compute:	
13	RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER, aka "NullBulge,"	and Obtaining Information; 18 U.S.C \$ 1030(a)(7), (c)(3)(A): Threatening	
14	Defendant.	to Damage a Protected Computer; 18 U.S.C. §§ 982 and 1030(i): Criminal	
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18	The United States Attorney charges:		
19	<u>COUNT ONE</u>		
20	[18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(iii)]		
21	On or about May 14, 2024, in Los Angeles County, within the		
22	Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant RYAN		
23	MITCHELL KRAMER, also known as ("aka") "NullBulge," intentionally		
24	accessed a computer without authorization, and thereby obtained		
25	information the value of which exceeded \$5,000, namely, non-public		
26	information, records, and communications belonging to the Walt Disne		
27	Company.		

COUNT TWO

[18 U.S.C. \S 1030(a)(7), (c)(3)(A)]

On or about July 8, 2024, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant RYAN MITCHELL KRAMER, also known as ("aka") "NullBulge," with intent to extort from a person, namely victim M.V., money and other things of value, transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce a communication containing a threat to impair the confidentiality of information obtained from a protected computer without authorization.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

[18 U.S.C. §§ 982 and 1030]

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2) and 1030, in the event of the defendant's conviction of the offenses set forth in Counts One and Two of this Information.
- 2. If so convicted defendant shall forfeit to the United States of America the following:
- (a) All right, title, and interest in any and all property, real or personal, constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offenses;
- (b) Any personal property used or intended to be used to commit the offenses; and
- (c) To the extent such property is not available for forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).
- 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(b)(1) and 1030(i), if so convicted defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the total value of the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as the result of any act or omission of defendant, the property described in the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the

1	court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has
2	been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without
3	difficulty.
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