

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**JUDGE GARNETT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

YURII NAZARENKO,  
a/k/a "Yuriy Nazarenko,"  
a/k/a "Uriel Septimberus"  
a/k/a "Tor Ford,"  
a/k/a "John Wick,"

Defendant.

SEALED INDICTMENT

24 Cr. \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)

**24 CRIM 634**

**COUNT ONE**

**(Conspiracy to Commit Fraud in Connection with Identification Documents,  
Authentication Features, and Information)**

The Grand Jury charges:

**Overview**

1. From approximately 2021, up to and including in or about November 2024, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a "Yuriy Nazarenko," a/k/a "Uriel Septimberus," a/k/a "Tor Ford," a/k/a "John Wick," the defendant, operated and controlled the website "OnlyFake." For a fee, OnlyFake used artificial intelligence to generate fake photos of identification documents such as passports and driver's licenses (the "Digital Fake IDs"). From approximately 2021, up to and including 2024, OnlyFake received at least approximately hundreds of thousands of dollars from customers purchasing Digital Fake IDs, and OnlyFake was used to generate at least approximately 10,000 Digital Fake IDs, which could be used to fraudulently open accounts at financial institutions like banks and cryptocurrency exchanges for the purpose of laundering money.

### **Uses of Digital Fake IDs**

2. The Patriot Act and its regulations require financial institutions such as banks and cryptocurrency exchanges to have Know Your Customer (“KYC”) programs to guard against money laundering. Those KYC programs generally require individuals seeking to open accounts at financial institutions to provide some type of government-issued identification document to prove their real identity. Many other countries have similar laws to prevent money laundering.

3. At all times relevant to this Indictment, many financial institutions allowed, and continue to allow, individuals to open accounts entirely online. Individuals can submit a scan or photograph of their government-issued identification documents to establish their identity, rather than showing the identification document to an employee of the financial institution in person.

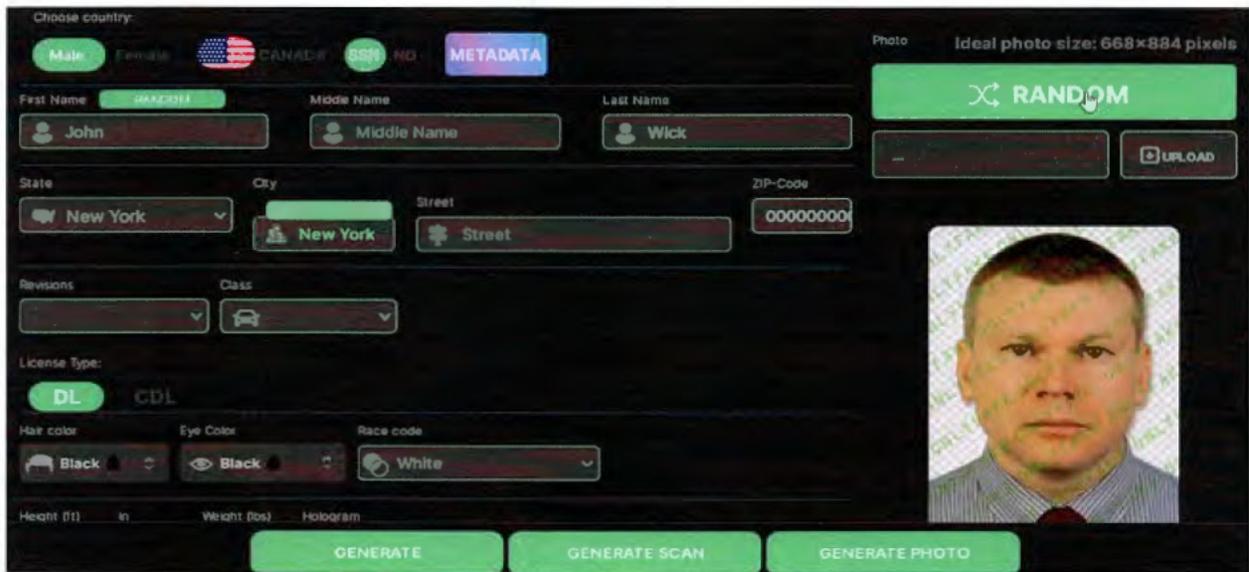
4. The Digital Fake IDs sold by OnlyFake allowed individuals to circumvent KYC programs and to launder money by concealing their real identities.

### **OnlyFake**

5. At all times relevant to this Indictment, OnlyFake offered its customers the ability to generate various types of Digital Fake IDs using artificial intelligence. For example, OnlyFake allowed its customers to generate fake U.S. identification documents, including digital versions of driver’s licenses for each of the fifty states, United States passports, United States passport cards, and Social Security cards. OnlyFake also offered customers the ability to generate fake digital versions of identification documents of various other countries, including passports for approximately 56 countries other than the United States.

6. OnlyFake customers could choose the type of Digital Fake ID they wanted and input the information they wanted on the Digital Fake ID, including a photograph they could upload. Customers could also choose instead to have OnlyFake randomize that information,

including the photograph. Customers could further choose whether the Digital Fake ID should appear to be a scan of a real identification document, or appear to be a photograph of a real identification document taken on a surface like a table. A picture of the menu to generate a Digital Fake ID is below:



7. Examples of a fake New York driver's license and a fake United States passport generated through OnlyFake are below:





friends.” In truth and in fact, however, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, knew that the Digital Fake IDs—which were offered for sale in various quantities, including in batches of 1,000 at a time—were being used to circumvent KYC regulations. For example:

a. On or about June 4, 2022, an OnlyFake customer service email address sent a potential customer a list of “reviews” of the Digital Fake IDs provided by OnlyFake customers on various online forums that are commonly frequented by individuals engaged in criminal activity. Many of those reviews explained that customers had successfully used the Digital Fake IDs to create accounts at various financial institutions.

b. On or about August 29, 2024, an OnlyFake customer service messaging account provided advice to an undercover law enforcement agent as to how to better use Digital Fake IDs from OnlyFake to circumvent KYC at cryptocurrency exchanges.

11. YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and his coconspirators took a number of steps to attempt to evade law enforcement activity in connection with OnlyFake. For example:

a. When customers made payments of cryptocurrency to OnlyFake for Digital Fake IDs, NAZARENKO transferred those funds through different cryptocurrency wallets in an attempt to conceal the source and ownership of those funds.

b. On or about February 5, 2024, a news website published an article about OnlyFake (“Article-1”). Article-1 described, among other things, the use of OnlyFake to create fake identification documents for the purpose of opening accounts at financial institutions. Approximately one day after Article-1 was published, NAZARENKO deleted substantially all of the emails from his personal email account.

**STATUTORY ALLEGATIONS**

12. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November, 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to commit fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents, authentication features, and information, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8).

13. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowingly and without lawful authority would and did produce and attempt to produce an identification document, authentication feature, and a false identification document, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver’s license and personal identification card, and (B) more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(1), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), and 1028(f); to wit, NAZARENKO conspired with others to sell thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

14. It was further a part and an object of the conspiracy that YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowingly would and did transfer and attempt to

transfer an identification document, authentication feature, and a false identification document knowing that such document and feature was stolen and produced without lawful authority, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver's license and personal identification card, and (B) more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(2), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), and 1028(f); to wit, NAZARENKO conspired with others to sell thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

15. It was further a part and an object of the conspiracy that YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a "Yuriy Nazarenko," a/k/a "Uriel Septimberus," a/k/a "Tor Ford," a/k/a "John Wick," the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowingly would and did possess and attempt to possess with intent to use unlawfully and transfer unlawfully five and more identification documents (other than those issued lawfully for the use of the possessor), authentication features, and false identification documents, and the offense involved the production and transfer of an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver's license and personal identification card, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(3), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), and 1028(f); to wit, NAZARENKO conspired with others to sell thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

16. It was further a part and an object of the conspiracy that YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowingly would and did traffic and attempt to traffic in false and actual authentication features for use in false identification documents, document-making implements, and means of identification, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver’s license and personal identification card, and (B) the production and transfer of more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(8), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), and 1028(b)(1)(B); to wit, NAZARENKO conspired with others to sell thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

**Overt Acts**

17. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:

a. On or about May 23, 2024, an undercover law enforcement officer (“UC-1”) purchased a digital version of a fake New York state identification card from OnlyFake while UC-1 was located in the Southern District of New York, and OnlyFake generated a digital version of a fake New York state identification card.

b. On or about May 23, 2024, UC-1 purchased a digital version of a fake United States passport card from OnlyFake while UC-1 was located in the Southern District of New York, and OnlyFake generated a digital version of a fake United States passport card.

c. On or about June 3, 2024, UC-1 purchased a digital version of a fake New York state driver's license from OnlyFake while UC-1 was located in the Southern District of New York, and OnlyFake generated a digital version of a fake New York state driver's license.

d. On or about June 4, 2024, UC-1 purchased a digital version of a fake United States passport from OnlyFake while UC-1 was located in the Southern District of New York, and OnlyFake generated digital version of a fake United States passport.

e. On or about June 6, 2024, UC-1 purchased a digital version of a fake United States Social Security card from OnlyFake while UC-1 was located in the Southern District of New York, and OnlyFake generated a digital version of a fake Social Security card.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(f).)

**COUNT TWO**

**(Production of an Identification Document, Authentication Feature, or False Identification Document)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

18. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

19. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a "Yuriy Nazarenko," a/k/a "Uriel Septimberus," a/k/a "Tor Ford," a/k/a "John Wick," the defendant, knowingly and without lawful authority produced and attempted to produce an identification document, authentication feature, and a false identification document, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver's license and

personal identification card, and (B) more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents; to wit, NAZARENKO sold thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(1), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), 1028(c), 1028(f), and 2.)

**COUNT THREE**

**(Transfer of an Identification Document, Authentication Feature, or False Identification Document)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

20. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

21. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, knowingly transferred and attempted to transfer an identification document, authentication feature, and a false identification document knowing that such document and feature was stolen and produced without lawful authority, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver’s license and personal identification card, and (B) more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents; to wit, NAZARENKO sold thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(2), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), 1028(c), 1028(f), and 2.)

**COUNT FOUR**

**(Possession With Intent to Use Unlawfully or Transfer of Five or More Identification Documents, Authentication Features, or False Identification Documents)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

22. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

23. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, knowingly possessed and attempted to possess with intent to use unlawfully and transfer unlawfully five and more identification documents (other than those issued lawfully for the use of the possessor), authentication features, and false identification documents, and the offense involved the production and transfer of an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver’s license and personal identification card; to wit, NAZARENKO sold thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(3), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), 1028(c), 1028(f), and 2.)

**COUNT FIVE**

**(Trafficking In False or Actual Authentication Features for Use in False Identification Documents, Document-Making Implements, or Means of Identification)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

24. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

25. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, knowingly trafficked and attempted to traffic in false and actual authentication features for use in false identification documents, document-making implements, and means of identification, and the offense involved the production and transfer of (A) an identification document, authentication feature, and false identification document that is and appears to be (i) an identification document and authentication feature issued by and under the authority of the United States, and (ii) a birth certificate, and driver’s license and personal identification card, and (B) the production and transfer of more than five identification documents, authentication features, and false identification documents; to wit, NAZARENKO sold thousands of Digital Fake IDs through OnlyFake.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(8), 1028(b)(1)(A)(i)-(ii), 1028(b)(1)(B), 1028(c), 1028(f), and 2.)

**COUNT SIX**  
**(Money Laundering Conspiracy)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

26. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

27. From at least in or about 2021 through at least in or about November 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to commit money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

28. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, would and did conduct and attempt to conduct such a financial transaction, which transaction affected interstate and foreign commerce and involved the use of a financial institution which was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, and which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, the fraud in connection with identification documents, authentication features, and information offenses charged in Counts One through Five of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028(a)(1), 1028(a)(2), 1028(a)(3), 1028(a)(8), and 1028(f), knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), to wit, NAZARENKO transferred the proceeds of the fraud scheme through different cryptocurrency wallets in order to conceal their nature, location, source, ownership, and control.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).)

**COUNT SEVEN**  
**(Money Laundering)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

29. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 and 17(a)-(e) of this Indictment are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

30. From at least in or about 2019 through in or about 2021, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel

Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, would and did conduct and attempt to conduct such a financial transaction, which transaction affected interstate and foreign commerce and involved the use of a financial institution which was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, and which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, the fraud in connection with identification documents, authentication features, and information offenses charged in Counts One through Five of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028 1028(a)(1), 1028(a)(2), 1028(a)(3), 1028(a)(8), and 1028(f), knowing that the transaction was designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, NAZARENKO transferred the proceeds of the fraud scheme through different cryptocurrency wallets in order to conceal their nature, location, source, ownership, and control.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and 2.)

#### **FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

31. As a result of committing the fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents, authentication features, and information offenses alleged in Counts One through Five of this Indictment, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1028(b), any and all property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of said offenses and any and all personal property used or intended to be used to commit said offenses,

including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offenses.

32. As a result of committing the money laundering offenses alleged in Counts Six and Seven of this Indictment, YURII NAZARENKO, a/k/a “Yuriy Nazarenko,” a/k/a “Uriel Septimberus,” a/k/a “Tor Ford,” a/k/a “John Wick,” the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), any and all property, real and personal, involved in said offenses, or any property traceable to such property, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of property involved in said offenses.

**Substitute Assets Provision**

33. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 982;  
Title 21, United States Code, Section 853; and  
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)

  
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