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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ANTHONY HUTCHISON and
BRIAN BUSBY,

Defendants.

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CRIMINAL NO. **4:21-cr-588**

(UNDER SEAL)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Introduction

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. The Houston Independent School District (“HISD”) was a public entity providing prekindergarten through high school education for students in Houston, Texas. HISD was governed by a Board of Education consisting of nine elected Trustees. HISD received directly, and indirectly through the Texas Education Agency, approximately \$300 million per year in federal program funds and grants from the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies. The administration of HISD included a Chief Operating Officer who managed various departments within HISD, including the Construction Services group and the Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations group.

2. ANTHONY HUTCHISON (“HUTCHISON”), operating as Southwest Wholesale LLC (Southwest Wholesale) and Just Partners Construction LLC (Just Construction), obtained contracts and purchase orders from HISD to provide grounds maintenance, landscaping, construction, and repair services to HISD schools and other properties. Operating as AL & H Custom Homes LLC, HUTCHISON engaged in home remodeling.

3. BRIAN BUSBY (“BUSBY”) was the HISD Chief Operating Officer (COO). As part of his responsibilities, he oversaw the Construction Services group and the Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations group.

4. Derrick Sanders (“Sanders”), who has been charged separately, was the HISD Officer of Construction Services.

5. Alfred Hoskins (“Hoskins”), who has been charged separately, was at various times the HISD General Manager of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations, the HISD General Manager of Maintenance Services and Repairs, and the HISD Senior Manager of Facilities Maintenance.

6. Gerron Hall (“Hall”), who has been charged separately, was the HISD Area Manager for Maintenance (South).

7. Luis Tovar (“Tovar”), who has been charged separately, was the HISD Area Manager for Maintenance (North).

8. Rhonda Skillern-Jones (“Skillern-Jones”), who has been charged separately, was elected to the HISD Board of Education as a Trustee, and served two terms from 2012 to 2019. She was the President of the Board in 2015 and 2018.

COUNT ONE
(18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy)

9. Beginning in or around 2011 and continuing through in or around 2020, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, the Defendants,

**ANTHONY HUTCHISON and
BRIAN BUSBY,**