

INDICTMENT
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

1. JOSEPH PUZZO

Defendant.

Filed:

INDICTMENT NO. 2739-2025

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OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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COUNTS

P. L. § 470.05(1)(a)(ii)(A)(b) MONEY LAUNDERING IN
IN THE FOURTH DEGREE

Joseph Puzzo (1)

P. L. § 190.65(1)(b) SCHEME TO DEFRAUD
IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Joseph Puzzo (2)

P. L. § 175.10 FALSIFYING BUSINESS
RECORDS IN THE FIRST
DEGREE

Joseph Puzzo (3-21)

A TRUE BILL

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

LETITIA JAMES
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS, by this Indictment, accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE FOURTH DEGREE in violation of §470.05(1)(a)(ii)(A)(b) of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about and in between January 15, 2021 and August 12, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York and elsewhere in the State of New York, while acting in concert with others, knowing that property involved in or more financial transactions represented the proceeds of criminal conduct, conducted financial transactions which in fact involved the proceeds of specified criminal conduct, specifically, cash payments made to an individual known to this Grand Jury employed at DELTA AIRLINES (the “DELTA EMPLOYEE”), and knowing that the transaction or transactions in whole or in part were designed to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership or the control of property believed to be the proceeds of the aforementioned criminal conduct and that the total represented value of such property involved in such financial transactions exceeded five thousand dollars.

COUNT TWO

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of SCHEME TO DEFRAUD IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §190.65(1)(b) of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendants, on or about and in between January 15, 2021 and August 12, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, engaged in a scheme constituting a systemic ongoing course of conduct with the intent to defraud more than one person

or to obtain property from more than one person by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises, and so obtained property from one or more of such persons with a value in excess of one thousand dollars.

COUNT THREE

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about February 8, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT FOUR

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSPEH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about March 9, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT FIVE

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about April 10, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT SIX

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about May 1, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT SEVEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE

FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about June 3, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT EIGHT

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about July 7, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT NINE

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about August 6, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the

business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT TEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about September 9, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT ELEVEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about October 7, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT TWELVE

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about November 8, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT THIRTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about December 7, 2021, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT FOURTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about January 11, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT FIFTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about February 5, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT SIXTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE

FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about March 8, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT SEVENTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about April 7, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT EIGHTEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about May 9, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the

business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT NINETEEN

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about June 6, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT TWENTY

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about July 9, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

COUNT TWENTY-ONE

AND THE AFORESAID GRAND JURY, by this Indictment, further accuses the defendant, JOSEPH PUZZO, of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE

FIRST DEGREE in violation of §175.10 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, committed as follows:

Said defendant, on or about August 9, 2022, in the County of Queens, State of New York, while acting in concert with others, with the intent to defraud, made or caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, namely American Compressed Gases, and the defendant's intent to defraud included an intent to commit another crime or to aid or conceal the commission thereof.

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