

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
District of Nevada

United States of America )  
v. )  
F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE )  
Defendant )

Case No. 3:12-CR-00058-LRH-WGC

## ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

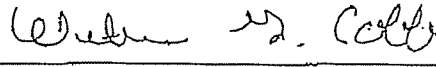
**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay  
(name of person to be arrested) F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE  
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment      Superseding Indictment      Information      Superseding Information      Complaint
- Probation Violation Petition      Supervised Release Violation Petition      Violation Notice      Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(a)(1) - Making Excessive Campaign Contributions (Count One);  
Title 2, United States Code, Section 441f - Making Contributions in the Name of Another (Count Two);  
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2) and 2 - False Statement to a Federal Agency (Count Three);  
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2) - False Statement to a Federal Agency (Count Four)

Date: 06/06/2012

  
Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Reno, Nevada

WILLIAM G. COBB, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

**Return**

This warrant was received on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, and the person was arrested on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
13 Plaintiff,  
14 v.  
15 F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE,  
16 Defendant.

INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE,  
SECTION 441a(a)(1) - Making Excessive  
Campaign Contributions (Count One)

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE,  
SECTION 441f - Making Contributions in  
the Name of Another (Count Two)

TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE,  
SECTIONS 1001(a)(2) and 2 - False  
Statement to a Federal Agency (Count Three)

TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE,  
SECTIONS 1001(a)(2) - False Statement to  
a Federal Agency (Count Four)

17 **THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

18 At all times relevant to this Indictment:

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19 **INTRODUCTION**

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- 24 1. Defendant, **F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE**, was the chief executive of Company A.
- 25 2. Company A was a Nevada limited liability company with offices in the District of Nevada.
- 26 Company A was engaged primarily in the acquisition and management of land-development projects and  
27 also acted as a holding company for various other business entities.
- 28 3. Federal Elected Official 1 was an elected member of the United States Congress.

1 4. Committee B was the federal campaign committee formed to receive campaign contributions  
2 for the re-election of Federal Elected Official 1.

3 5. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, Title 2, United States Code,  
4 Sections 431 through 455 ("Election Act"), regulated financial activity intended to influence the election of  
5 candidates for federal office.

6 6. In order to limit the influence that any one person could have on the outcome of a federal  
7 election, the Election Act established limits on the amounts individuals could contribute to an individual  
8 candidate's political campaign committee.

9 7. To promote transparency and prevent individuals from circumventing these regulations, the  
10 Election Act prohibited a person from making a political contribution in the name of another person,  
11 including giving funds to a straw donor or conduit for the purpose of having the conduit pass the funds on  
12 to a federal candidate as his or her own contribution.

13 8. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) was an agency and department of the United States  
14 with jurisdiction to enforce the limits and prohibitions of the Election Act. In order to deter abuses and  
15 instill public confidence in the election process, the FEC was and is responsible for making available to the  
16 public specific information about the amounts and sources of political contributions to federal candidates  
17 and their political committees.

18 9. Pursuant to the Election Act, the FEC required campaign committees, including Committee  
19 B, to file periodic reports of receipts and disbursements, identifying, among other things, each person who  
20 made a contribution to such committee during the relevant reporting period whose contribution or  
21 contributions had an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the calendar year, together with  
22 the date and the amount of any such contribution. In preparing these reports, federal candidates and political  
23 committees relied on the information provided by the donor, including the individual's name, address, and  
24 occupation. These periodic reports, which were filed with the FEC and made publicly available, were  
25 intended to provide citizens with a transparent record of all contributions to candidates for federal office.

26 10. In 2007, the Election Act limited both primary and general election campaign contributions  
27 to \$2,300, for a total of \$4,600 from any individual to any one candidate.

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1 THE CONDUIT SCHEME

2 11. In or about February 2007, defendant met with Federal Elected Official 1 in Las Vegas,  
3 Nevada, and agreed to act as a fundraiser to collect a target amount of \$150,000 in campaign contributions  
4 for Committee B by March 31, 2007, which marked the end of a legally required reporting period.

5 12. Committee B kept records of the amounts of money raised by campaign fundraisers, including  
6 defendant.

7 13. Aware of the strict limits on individual federal campaign contributions, defendant knowingly  
8 devised a scheme and plan whereby he used family members, employees of Company A, and their respective  
9 spouses as prohibited conduits through which to funnel his own money to Committee B under the guise of  
10 lawful campaign contributions.

11 14. It was a part of the scheme and plan to knowingly make individual campaign contributions  
12 in excess of the limits established by the Election Act.

13 15. It was a part of the scheme and plan to knowingly conceal from the FEC, Committee B,  
14 Federal Elected Official 1, and the public the true source and amount of the campaign contributions.

15 16. It was a part of the scheme and plan to use conduits to knowingly deceive Federal Elected  
16 Official 1 and Committee B into believing that defendant lawfully raised significant sums of money for  
17 Committee B when, in truth and in fact, he had not.

18 EXECUTION OF THE SCHEME

19 17. In or about March 2007, defendant directly and indirectly solicited employees of Company  
20 A and their spouses to make the maximum allowable federal campaign contributions to Committee B,  
21 knowing that his personal money would be used to advance funds to or reimburse these individuals. The  
22 funding of the contributions took several forms, including issuing personal checks and authorizing wire  
23 transfers from his personal bank account. In some instances, the defendant attempted to conceal the  
24 reimbursements to various employees of Company A by verbally characterizing them as bonuses.

25 18. In or about March 2007, defendant gave his own money to adult members of his family and  
26 their respective spouses, with the intent and purpose that this money would be used to make the maximum  
27 allowable contribution to Committee B under the name of the family member or spouse.

28 19. To maximize the use of each conduit contributor, defendant caused his family members,

1 employees of Company A, and their respective spouses to each make a contribution of \$4,600 to Committee  
2 B and Federal Elected Official 1, the maximum total amount permitted under the Election Act in 2007. In  
3 connection with the conduit contributions, defendant paid \$5,000 to each individual who contributed \$4,600  
4 to Committee B. Likewise, defendant paid \$10,000 to each couple that contributed a total of \$9,200.

5 20. On or about March 27, 2007, defendant and his spouse each contributed \$4,600 to Committee  
6 B, thereby reaching their individual contribution limits allowed by the Election Act to Committee B.

7 21. On or about March 28, 2007, defendant caused a Company A employee to transmit to  
8 Committee B a packet containing contributions totaling approximately \$138,000, the vast majority of which  
9 comprised conduit contributions that defendant had funded from his personal funds in order to satisfy his  
10 \$150,000 pledge to Federal Elected Official 1.

11 22. On or about April 15, 2007, and in furtherance of his scheme and plan, defendant caused  
12 Committee B to file reports with the FEC falsely stating that the conduits had made the contributions, when  
13 in truth and in fact, and as defendant well knew, each contribution was made by the defendant.

14 COUNT ONE

15 Making Excessive Campaign Contributions  
16 (Title 2, United States Code §§ 441a(a)(1) and 437g(d)(1)(A)(i))

17 23. The Grand Jury incorporates paragraphs 1 through 22 as paragraph 23 of this Indictment as  
18 though fully set forth herein.

19 24. In or about March 2007, in the District of Nevada and elsewhere,

20 F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE,

21 defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully make, and cause to be made, contributions to Committee B,  
22 the official federal campaign committee of Federal Elected Official 1, a candidate for re-election to the  
23 United States Congress, which contributions exceeded the limitation contained in the Election Act, and  
24 which violation aggregated \$25,000 and more during the 2007 calendar year.

25 All in violation of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 441a(a)(1) and 437g(d)(1)(A)(i).

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1                                    COUNT TWO

2                                    Making Contributions in the Name of Another  
3                                    (Title 2, United States Code §§ 441f and 437g(d)(1)(A)(i))

4                25.      The Grand Jury incorporates paragraphs 1 through 22 as paragraph 25 of this Indictment as  
5 though fully set forth herein.

6                26.      In or about March 2007, in the District of Nevada and elsewhere,

7                                    F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE,

8 defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully make, and cause to be made, contributions of money,  
9 aggregating \$25,000 and more during the 2007 calendar year, in the names of others, to Committee B, the  
10 official federal campaign committee of Federal Elected Official 1, a candidate for re-election to the United  
11 States Congress.

12                    All in violation of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 441f and 437(g)(d)(1)(A)(i).

13                                    COUNT THREE

14                                    False Statement to a Federal Agency  
15                                    (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and 2)

16                27.      The Grand Jury incorporates paragraphs 1 through 22 as paragraph 27 of this Indictment as  
17 though fully set forth herein.

18                28.      On or about April 15, 2007, in the District of Nevada and elsewhere, in a matter within the  
19 jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission, a department or agency of the United States Government,

20                                    F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE,

21 defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully cause to be made, a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent  
22 statement and representation, to wit: an April 2007 quarterly report filed with the FEC, which falsely,  
23 fictitiously, and fraudulently stated that contributions to Committee B came from the funds of individual  
24 members of defendant's family, employees of Company A, and certain of their spouses, when, in truth and  
25 in fact, as defendant well knew, the contributions came from the funds of the defendant.

26                    All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and 2.

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**COUNT FOUR**

False Statement to a Federal Agency  
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2))

29. The Grand Jury incorporates paragraphs 1 through 22 as paragraph 29 of this Indictment as though fully set forth herein.

30. On or about February 9, 2012, in the District of Nevada and elsewhere, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a department or agency of the United States Government,

**F. HARVEY WHITTEMORE,**

defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully make materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations, to wit: in the course of an interview by FBI agents conducting an official investigation, defendant claimed that he (a) never made a request for campaign contributions, (b) never asked employees of Company A to contribute to Federal Elected Official 1, (c) never provided payments to anyone with the expectation that they would use the money as reimbursement for any campaign contribution, (d) never spoke to any candidate about raising money for the candidate, and (e) never gave money to extended family, including nieces and nephews, to make campaign contributions, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant then and there well knew, each of these assertions was false, fictitious, and fraudulent.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2).

DATED: this 6 day of June, 2012.

A TRUE BILL:

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