

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN DIVISION

October 2007 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V .

15 HENRY T. NICHOLAS, III,

Defendant.

SA CSA CR 08 - 00140

INDICTMENT

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances and to Maintain Places for the Purpose of Distributing and Using Controlled Substances; 21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Acquire Controlled Substances By Fraud and Deception; 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1): Maintaining and Using a Place for the Purpose of Distributing and Using Controlled Substances]

[UNDER SEAL]



1 The Grand Jury charges:

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COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

- Defendant HENRY T. NICHOLAS, III ("NICHOLAS") was an individual residing in Orange County, within the Central District 8 of California. Defendant NICHOLAS was a co-founder of Broadcom Corporation ("Broadcom"), a publically held technology company 10 headquartered in Irvine, California. From approximately 1998 11 through 2003, defendant NICHOLAS served as Broadcom's Chief 12 Executive Officer and co-chairman of Broadcom's Board of 13 Directors.
- Defendant NICHOLAS owned, possessed, leased, used and 2. 15 maintained one or more of the following properties for, among 16 other things, the purpose of distributing and using controlled 17 | substances:
 - A residential real property located on Rodeo Circle, Laguna Hills, California (the "Rodeo Residence").
- A commercial warehouse-office space located at 21 27324 Camino Capistrano, including Suites 165 and 166, Laguna 22 Niguel, California (the "Warehouse").
- c. A residence located at 9 Telescope, Newport Coast, 24 California (the "Telescope House").
- A condominium-style residence located at One 26 Turnberry Place, 2877 Paradise Road, Suite 3201, Las Vegas, 27 Nevada (the "Turnberry Condo").

OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WII.

- Beginning in approximately January 1999 and continuing through at least approximately December 2005, in Orange County, 4 within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, 5 defendant NICHOLAS and other co-conspirators both known and 6 unknown to the Grand Jury knowingly and intentionally conspired 7 and agreed with each other:
- To distribute and possess with intent to distribute 9 controlled substances, including, without limitation, MDMA (ecstacy), a Schedule I Controlled Substance, and cocaine and methamphetamine, Schedule II Controlled Substances, in violation 12 of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); and
- To maintain places, namely, the Rodeo Residence, 14 the Warehouse, the Telescope House, and the Turnberry Condo, for 15 the purpose of distributing and using controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 856(a)(1).

17 III. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

- The objects of the conspiracy were carried out, and were to be carried out, in substance, as follows:
- Defendant NICHOLAS maintained places, namely, the Rodeo Residence, the Warehouse, the Telescope House, and the Turnberry Condo (the "Drug-Involved Premises") for the purpose of distributing and using controlled substances;
- Defendant NICHOLAS obtained and employed, directed, and caused co-conspirators and associates to obtain controlled substances, including, without limitation, MDMA (ecstacy),

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1 cocaine, and methamphetamine, for distribution and use at the 2 Drug-Involved Premises and elsewhere;

- At times, defendant NICHOLAS employed, directed, and caused co-conspirators and associates to invoice defendant 5 NICHOLAS for such controlled substances using various code words, including, without limitation, "supplies," "party favors," 7 "refreshments," and "E" (ecstacy).
- Defendant NICHOLAS obtained and employed, directed, and caused co-conspirators and associates to obtain large 10 quantities of cash from financial accounts under defendant 11 NICHOLAS's control for purchasing controlled substances and 12 maintaining the Drug-Involved Premises;
- Defendant NICHOLAS spiked the drinks of others with 14 MDMA (ecstacy) without their knowledge, including, without 15 limitation, the drinks of technology executives and 16 representatives who worked for Broadcom's customers;
- Defendant NICHOLAS hired prostitutes and escorts 18 for himself and customers, representatives, and associates of 19 Broadcom and other businesses entities with which he was 20 affiliated and supplied such prostitutes and escorts with controlled substances; and 21 |
- Defendant NICHOLAS used threats of physical 23 |violence and death and payments of money to attempt to conceal 24 his unlawful conduct.

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1 IV. OVERT ACTS

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In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects, on or about the following dates, defendant NICHOLAS and other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury 5 knowingly and intentionally committed and caused others to commit 6 the following overt acts, among others, in the Central District 7 of California and elsewhere:

Overt Act No. 1: In 1999, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and maintained the Rodeo Residence.

Overt Act No. 2: In early 1999, at the Rodeo Residence, 11 defendant NICHOLAS distributed tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) to 12 several associates.

Overt Act No. 3: In or around 1999, defendant NICHOLAS 14 constructed an underground room and tunnel on the Rodeo Residence 15 property.

Overt Act No. 4: In early 1999, in and around Anaheim, 17 California, defendant NICHOLAS distributed tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) to several associates.

Overt Act No. 5: Between approximately July 23 and 25, 1999, 20 at the Woodstock 1999 Concert, in Rome, New York, defendant 21 NICHOLAS possessed with intent to distribute MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 6: Between approximately July 23 and 25, 1999, 23 at the Woodstock 1999 Concert, in Rome, New York, defendant 24 NICHOLAS distributed MDMA (ecstacy) to a technology executive 25 without the executive's knowledge.

Overt Act No. 7: On or about October 9, 1999, at the Rodeo 27 Residence, defendant NICHOLAS possessed MDMA (ecstacy) and 28 cocaine.

Overt Act No. 8: On about October 9, 1999, at the Rodeo 2 Residence, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and caused to be 3 distributed MDMA (ecstacy) and cocaine.

Overt Act No. 9: On or about October 11, 1999, a co-5 conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 6 the purchase of controlled substances described as "Party Favors."

Overt Act No. 10: On or about October 12, 1999, defendant NICHOLAS caused a bank wire transfer in the amount of \$15,453 to 10 a co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 11: On or about December 31, 1999, defendant 12 NICHOLAS possessed and caused to be possessed approximately 300 13 | tablets of MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 12: On or about December 31, 1999, a co-15 conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 16 approximately 300 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) described as "Party 17 Favors (300)" (the "December 31, 1999 Invoice").

Overt Act No. 13: On or about December 31, 1999, defendant 19 NICHOLAS caused to be paid the December 31, 1999 Invoice.

Overt Act No. 14: In 2000, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 21 maintained the Rodeo Residence.

Overt Act No. 15: In or around 2000, defendant NICHOLAS 23 | built out the Warehouse with private rooms, decorative art, 24 furnishings, and electronics.

Overt Act No. 16: In or around 2000, defendant NICHOLAS 26 opened the Warehouse as a place to distribute and use controlled 27 |substances.

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Overt Act No. 17: In early 2000, in New Orleans, Louisiana, 2 defendant NICHOLAS used MDMA (ecstacy) to spike the drink of a technology executive without the executive's knowledge.

Overt Act No. 18: In or around early May 2000, in New Orleans, Louisiana, defendant NICHOLAS knowingly possessed and caused to be possessed approximately 50 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 19: In or around May 2000, a co-conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, approximately 50 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) described as "E" (the "May 2000 Invoice").

Overt Act No. 20: In or around May 2000, a co-conspirator caused the May 2000 Invoice to be revised so that it re-described the "E" as "Refreshments." 14

Overt Act No. 21: On or about June 2, 2000, defendant 16 NICHOLAS caused a wire transfer of approximately \$32,000 to a co-17 conspirator.

Overt Act No. 22: On or about June 17, 2000, defendant 19 NICHOLAS possessed and caused to be possessed approximately 280 20 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 23: On about June 17, 2000, a co-conspirator 22 recorded in a handwritten note the purchase of approximately 280 23 | tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) described as "Extacy 200 x \$20, Extacy $$20 \times 50 + 20×30 " for defendant NICHOLAS in connection with the KROO "Weenie Roast."

Overt Act No. 24: On or about June 19, 2000, a co-27 |conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for expenses incurred and

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1 services rendered in connection with the KROQ "Weenie Roast" in Anaheim.

Overt Act No. 25: In or around August 2000, defendant 4 NICHOLAS attempted to construct a further underground room 5 beneath the Rodeo Residence property.

Overt Act No. 26: Between approximately October 6 and 10, 7 2000, in New York, New York, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 8 caused to be possessed various controlled substances for 9 distribution to others.

Overt Act No. 27: On or about October 10, 2000, a co-11 Conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 12 approximately 32 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy) described as 13 ∥"Supplies: 30 x \$20 & 2 x \$10."

Overt Act No. 28: On or about October 13, 2000, defendant 15 NICHOLAS possessed and caused to be possessed controlled 16 substances for distribution to others in connection with a CD 17 release party.

Overt Act No. 29: On or about October 13, 2000, a co-19 Conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 20 | various controlled substances described as "Supplies per Nick" 21 | (the "October 13, 2000 Invoice").

Overt Act No. 30: On or about October 13, 2000, defendant NICHOLAS caused the October 13, 2000 Invoice to be paid.

Overt Act No. 31: On or about October 25, 2000, a co-25 conspirator recorded the purchase of \$3,500 worth of "e" or MDMA (ecstacy), along with other controlled substances, for defendant 26 27 NICHOLAS.

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Overt Act No. 32: On or about October 25, 2000, a co-2 conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 3 | various controlled substances described as "Supplies ... per 4 Nick" (the "October 25, 2000 Invoice").

Overt Act No. 33: On or about October 26, 2000, defendant 6 NICHOLAS caused the October 25, 2000 Invoice to be paid.

Overt Act No. 34: On or about October 28, 2000, at the Rodeo 8 Residence, defendant NICHOLAS distributed MDMA (ecstacy) to others.

Overt Act No. 35: On or about November 10, 2000, a coconspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for, among other things, 11 | 12 various controlled substances described as "Supplies" (the 13 "November 10, 2000 Invoice").

Overt Act No. 36: On or about November 10, 2000, defendant 15 NICHOLAS caused the November 10, 2000, Invoice to be paid.

Overt Act No. 37: In 2001, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 17 maintained the Rodeo Residence.

Overt Act No. 38: In 2001, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 19 maintained the Warehouse.

Overt Act No. 39: In or around 2001, defendant NICHOLAS directed co-conspirators to maintain a supply of cocaine, MDMA (ecstacy), methamphetamine, and other controlled substances for 23 distribution and use at the Warehouse.

Overt Act No. 40: In 2001, defendant NICHOLAS regularly 25 maintained and caused to be regularly maintained a supply of MDMA (ecstacy) tablets, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other controlled 27 substances for distribution and use at the Warehouse.

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Overt Act No. 41: In or around 2001, defendant NICHOLAS 1 directed a Broadcom employee to maintain a constant supply of approximately \$10,000 in cash for defendant NICHOLAS's personal use. 4

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Overt Act No. 42: Between approximately December 31, 2000, 6 and January 3, 2001, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and caused to 7 be distributed various controlled substances at the Warehouse.

Overt Act No. 43: On or about January 28, 2001, a co-9 conspirator drafted a "ballpark budget" for defendant NICHOLAS in 10 connection with a Superbowl event at the Warehouse to include "225 Units" of "E" or MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 44: On or about January 28 and 29, 2001, 13 defendant NICHOLAS possessed and caused to be possessed 14 approximately 225 tablets of MDMA (ecstacy).

Overt Act No. 45: On about January 28 and 29, 2001, at the 16 Warehouse, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and caused to be 17 distributed MDMA (ecstacy), cocaine, methamphetamine, and other 18 controlled substances.

Overt Act No. 46: On or about February 15, 2001, a co-20 Conspirator caused defendant NICHOLAS to be pre-billed for 21 approximately \$5,000 for the purchase of controlled substances 22 and other expenses for an event in Las Vegas, Nevada (the "February 15, 2001 Pre-Bill").

Overt Act No. 47: On or about February 16, 2001, defendant 25 NICHOLAS caused the February 15, 2001 Pre-Bill to be paid.

Overt Act No. 48: On or about February 21, 2001, a co-27 conspirator invoiced defendant NICHOLAS for the Superbowl event 28 of January 28 and 29, 2001.

Overt Act No. 49: In or around 2001, in the lobby of 2 | Broadcom's offices in Irvine, California, defendant NICHOLAS 3 directed a Broadcom employee to provide approximately \$5,000 to 4 | \$10,000 in cash to a drug courier in exchange for an envelope 5 containing controlled substances.

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Overt Act No. 50: In or around 2001, defendant NICHOLAS 7 distributed and used controlled substances during a flight on a 8 private plane between Orange County, California, and Las Vegas, 9 Nevada, causing marijuana smoke and fumes to enter the cockpit 10 and requiring the pilot flying the plane to put on an oxygen 11 mask.

Overt Act No. 51: In 2002, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 13 maintained the Rodeo Residence.

Overt Act No. 52: In 2002, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 15 maintained the Warehouse.

Overt Act No. 53: In 2002, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 17 maintained the Telescope House.

Overt Act No. 54: In 2002, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 19 maintained the Turnberry Condo.

Overt Act No. 55: On or about June 19, 2002, defendant 21 NICHOLAS entered into a \$1,000,000 settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with a Broadcom employee who had 23 knowledge of defendant NICHOLAS's unlawful narcotics activities.

Overt Act No. 56: On or about June 29, 2002, pursuant to 25 the Settlement Agreement, which contractually prevented the 26 Broadcom employee from speaking about defendant NICHOLAS's 27 unlawful narcotics activities, Broadcom paid \$1,000,000 to the 28 Broadcom employee and the employee's attorney.

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Overt Act No. 57: On or about November 22, 2002, defendant NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the 3 amount of approximately \$2,046.

Overt Act No. 58: In 2003, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 5 maintained the Telescope House.

Overt Act No. 59: In 2003, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 7 maintained the Turnberry Condo.

Overt Act No. 60: On or about April 25, 2003, defendant 9 NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the 10 amount of approximately \$2,046.

Overt Act No. 61: On or about July 2, 2003, defendant 12 NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the 13 amount of approximately \$2,071.

Overt Act No. 62: Between approximately October 3 and 5, 15 \parallel 2003, at the Turnberry Condo, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and 16 caused to be distributed controlled substances.

Overt Act No. 63: In or around November 2003, defendant 18 NICHOLAS caused a co-conspirator to pick up supplies for the 19 Telescope House.

Overt Act No. 64: On or about November 26, 2003, defendant 21 NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the 22 | amount of approximately \$2,071.

Overt Act No. 65: In 2004, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 24 maintained the Telescope House.

Overt Act No. 66: In 2004, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 26 maintained the Turnberry Condo.

Overt Act No. 67: On or about February 27, 2004, defendant NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the amount of approximately \$2,071.

Overt Act No. 68: On or about May 30, 2004, at the Turnberry Condo, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and caused to be distributed controlled substances.

Overt Act No. 69: On or about June 28, 2004, defendant NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the amount of approximately \$2,099.

10 Overt Act No. 70: In 2005, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and 11 maintained the Telescope House.

12 Overt Act No. 71: In 2005, defendant NICHOLAS possessed and maintained the Turnberry Condo.

Overt Act No. 72: On or about January 27, 2005, defendant NICHOLAS caused fees to be paid for the Turnberry Condo in the amount of approximately \$2,221.

Overt Act No. 73: In or around April 2005, at the Rodeo
Residence, defendant NICHOLAS possessed MDMA (ecstacy), cocaine,
and methamphetamine.

Overt Act No. 74: On or about May 31, 2005, at the Turnberry Condo, defendant NICHOLAS distributed and caused to be distributed controlled substances.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- Paragraph One of this Indictment is incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
- Beginning in approximately January 2003 and continuing through approximately early 2006, in Orange County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant NICHOLAS and other co-conspirators both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with each 11 other to acquire and obtain possession of controlled substances, 12 namely vicoprofen, a Schedule III Controlled Substance, and 13 diazepam (Valium), a Schedule IV Controlled Substance, by fraud, 14 deception, and subterfuge in violation of Title 21, United States 15 Code, Section 843(a)(3).

MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE TO BE III. ACCOMPLISHED

- The objects of the conspiracy were carried out, and 8. 19 were to be carried out, in substance, as follows:
- Defendant NICHOLAS caused co-conspirators and 21 associates to obtain vicoprofen and diazepam under the false 22 pretense that such controlled substances were for the use of 23 those co-conspirators and associates, when in truth, as defendant 24 NICHOLAS then knew, such controlled substances were for defendant 25 NICHOLAS's own use and distribution; and
- Defendant NICHOLAS distributed and used the 27 vicoprofen and diazepam obtained under false pretenses.

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In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects, on or about the following dates, defendant NICHOLAS and other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury knowingly and intentionally committed and caused others to commit 6 the following overt acts, among others, in the Central District of California and elsewhere:

Overt Act No. 1: On or about May 1, 2003, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to 10 dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a coconspirator.

Overt Act No. 2: On or about July 2, 2003, in Newport Coast, 13 California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to 14 dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a coconspirator.

Overt Act No. 3: On or about August 6, 2003, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy 18 to dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a Co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 4: On or about September 23, 2003, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 5: On or about October 16, 2003, in Newport 25 Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy 26 to dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a 27 co-conspirator.

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Overt Act No. 6: On or about January 7, 2004, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to dispense approximately 60 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 7: On or about June 1, 2004, in Newport Coast, 6 California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to 7 dispense approximately 100 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 8: On or about July 1, 2004, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to 11 dispense approximately 60 diazepam tablets in the name of a co-12 conspirator.

Overt Act No. 9: On or about October 7, 2004, in Newport 14 Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to dispense approximately 100 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a 16 co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 10: On or about December 15, 2004, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy 19 to dispense approximately 100 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 11: On or about December 15, 2004, in Newport Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy to dispense approximately 60 diazepam tablets in the name of a 24 co-conspirator.

Overt Act No. 12: On or about March 10, 2005, in Newport 26 Coast, California, defendant NICHOLAS caused Pavilion's Pharmacy 27 to dispense approximately 100 vicoprofen tablets in the name of a 28 |co-conspirator.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1)]

- Paragraphs One through Five of this Indictment are 4 incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
- Between in or around May 2003 through approximately 6 December 2007, in Orange County, within the Central District of 7 California, defendant NICHOLAS knowingly and intentionally 8 maintained and used a residence located at 9 Telescope, Newport 9 Coast, California, namely the Telescope House, for the purpose of $10\,\mathrm{distributing}$ and using controlled substances.

COUNT FOUR

[21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1)]

- Paragraphs One through Five of this Indictment are 12. incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
- Between in or around May 2003 through approximately May 2008, in Orange County, within the Central District of California and in Clark County, within the District of Nevada, defendant NICHOLAS knowingly and intentionally maintained and used a condominium-style residence located at One Turnberry Place, 2877 10 Paradise Road, Suite 3201, Las Vegas, Nevada, namely the Turnberry Condo, for the purpose of distributing and using 12 controlled substances.
- 14. To facilitate such maintenance and use of the Turnberry 14 Condo, at various times, defendant NICHOLAS caused controlled 15 substances to be transported from Orange County, California to 16 the Turnberry Condo. Defendant NICHOLAS further paid condo fees 17 and property taxes and performed other acts to maintain the Turnberry Condo from Orange County, California.

A TRUE BILL

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