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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EMILIO HERRERA,

Defendant.

CR No177CR00667-PSG

## INFORMATION

[18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(ii), (iii): Unauthorized Access to a Protected Computer to Obtain Information]

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), (c)(2)(B)(ii), (iii)]

- 1. Apple Inc. ("Apple"), located in Cupertino, California, operates computers used by subscribers all over the world in interstate and foreign commerce and communications. One of the services that Apple provides to its customers is "iCloud," a "cloud" computing back-up system for subscriber data. Photographs and videos taken on Apple iPhones and other digital devices can be automatically backed up to the iCloud, making them accessible to users on the Internet.
- 2. Google, Inc. ("Google"), located in Mountain View,
  California, operates computers used by subscribers all over the world
  in interstate and foreign commerce and communications. One of the

services that Google provides to its customers is Gmail, an e-mail service.

3. Between on or about April 27, 2013, and August 31, 2014, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in Cook County, within the Northern District of İllinois, and elsewhere, defendant EMILIO HERRERA, intentionally and in furtherance of tortious acts, namely, the California State torts of Invasion of Privacy and Intrusion upon Seclusion, accessed without authorization and in excess of authorization Apple iCloud and Gmail accounts, which were maintained on protected computers as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(e)(2)(B), belonging to more than 550 victims, including male and female celebrities residing within the Central District of California, and thereby obtained

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iCloud backups, photographs, and other private information, the value of which exceeded \$5,000. SANDRA R. BROWN Acting United States Attorney PATRICK R. FITZGERALD Assistant United States Attorney Chief, National Security Division STEPHANIE S. CHRISTENSEN Assistant United States Attorney Chief, Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section RYAN WHITE Assistant United States Attorney Deputy Chief, Cyber & Intellectual Property Crimes Section VICKI CHOU Assistant United States Attorney Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section