

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

IDICTMENT

Case No.:

PATRICK PFEFFER
THORSTEN G. PFEFFER, and
SEA WATCH OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, INC.,
d/b/a "Club La Vela"

Defendants

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

That from a date unknown but at least by January, 1996, and continuing until on or about June 30, 2000, in the Northern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendants:

PATRICK PFEFFER,
THORSTON G. PFEFFER, and
SEA WATCH OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, INC.,
d/b/a "Club La Vela"

while managing and controlling Club La Vela, a building at 8813 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida, as owners, agents and employees thereof, did knowingly and wilfully combine, combine, conspire, confederate, agree and have a tacit understanding with each other and other persons to knowingly and intentionally make available for use, said building for the purpose of unlawfully distributing and using controlled substances, more particularly (1) 3, 4-methylenedioxy methamphetamine, also known as "MDMA" and "Ecstasy," (2) lysergic acid diethylamide, also known as "LSD," (3)

methamphetamine, also known as "Meth," (4) cocaine, (5) gammahydroxy butyrate, also known as "Scoop" and "GHB," (6) ketamine hydrochloride also known as "Special K," (7) aminorex, (8) gamma-butyrolactone, also known as "GBL" and "Scoop," and (9) marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 856(a)(2) and 856(b), and title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TWO

That from a date unknown but at least by January, 1996, and continuing until on or about June 30, 2000, in the Northern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendants:

PATRICK PFEFFER,
THORSTON G. PFEFFER, and
SEA WATCH OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, INC.,
d/b/a "Club La Vela"

while managing and controlling Club La Vela, a building at 8813 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida, as owners, agents and employees thereof, did knowingly and intentionally make said building available for use for the purpose of unlawfully distributing and (1) 3, 4-methylenedioxy methamphetamine, also known as "MDMA" and "Ecstasy," (2) lysergic acid diethylamide, also known as "LSD," (3) methamphetamine, also known as "Meth," cocaine, (5) gammahydroxy butyrate, also known as "Scoop" and "GHB," (6) ketamine hydrochloride also known as "Special K," (7) aminorex, (8) gamma-butyrolactone, also known as "GBL" and "Scoop," and (9) marijuana, controlled substances, all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 856(a)(2) and 856(b), and title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures, pursuant to the provisions of the Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

2. From their engagement in one or more of the violations charged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, the defendants:

PATRICK PFEFFER,
THORSTON G. PFEFFER, and
SEA WATCH OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, INC.,
d/b/a "Club La Vela"

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a)(1) and (2) all of their interests in property consisting and derived from any proceeds defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violations; and property used and intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of such violations and all property, including, but not limited to: the real property and buildings together with all furniture, fixtures, inventory, equipment and personal property located at 8813 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida, commonly known as Club La Vela, and all proceeds from the sale thereof. The following is a legal description of the real property, situated, lying, and being in the county of Bay, State of Florida, to-wit:

A Parcel of land lying in section 1, Township 4 South Range 16 West, and in Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, bounded as follows, to-wit: On the North by the Southern right-of-way line of Thomas Drive(State Road No. 392); on the south by the Gulf of Mexico; on the West by a line parallel to and 2120 feet Easterly of the Easterly line Blocks 43 and 79 of the Plat of Panama City Beach extended Northeasterly and Southwesterly; on the East by a line of Blocks 43 and 79 of the Plat of Panama City Beach extended Northeasterly and Southwesterly (the "Property").

SUBJECT however to that certain easement for ingress and egress over and across the West ten (10) feet of subject property dated August 3, 1972, granted to J. H. Sherman by Claudia T. Pledgar, and recorded in Official Records Book Page 379, Page 375, and subject to the reservation of easement in the grantor, her heirs, successors in interest, patrons and customers, for ingress and egress over the West ten (10) feet of above described property, as more particularly defined in that certain Modification of Option dated June 12, 1972, and recorded Bay County Official Records Book 379, Page 725.

3. If, as the result of any act or omission of the defendants, any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture:
- A. Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - B. Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
 - C. Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - D. Has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - E. Has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

A TRUE BILL:

Signed _____
FOREPERSON

6/5/01 _____
DATE

Signed _____
THOMAS F. KIRWIN

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Signed _____
GREGORY R MILLER
Assistant U. S. Attorney