

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

v.

**NEERAJ JINDAL  
and JOHN RODGERS,**

**Defendants.**

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**Crim. No. 4:20-cr-358-ALM-KPJ-1**

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Defendant Neeraj Jindal’s (“Defendant”) Motion and Incorporated Memorandum for a Bill of Particulars (the “Motion”) (Dkt. 53). The Motion is fully briefed: the Government filed a response (Dkt. 54) and Defendant filed a reply (Dkt. 55). Upon consideration, the Motion is **DENIED**.

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 7(f) permits a defendant to request a bill of particulars, which provides details of the charges brought against the defendant so the defendant may prepare his defense and avoid surprises at trial. *See* FED. R. CRIM. P. 7(f); *United States v. Churchill*, No. 4:20-cr-252, 2021 WL 862306, at \*1 (E.D. Tex. March 8, 2021). “A defendant possesses no right to a bill of particulars.” *United States v. Rodriguez*, No. 4:18-cr-216, 2020 WL 4689193, at \*4 (E.D. Tex. July 27, 2020) (quoting *United States v. Burgin*, 621 F.2d 1352, 1358 (5th Cir. 1980)), *R. & R. adopted*, 2020 WL 4674141 (E.D. Tex. Aug. 12, 2020). The trial court has discretion to grant a bill of particulars. *Churchill*, 2021 WL 862306, at \*1. A court abuses its discretion in denying a motion for a bill of particulars only when the denial results in actual surprise at trial and prejudice to the defendant’s substantial rights. *Id.* Conversely, a court should only grant a bill of

particulars if the information is necessary for the defendant to prepare for trial. *Rodriguez*, 2020 WL 4689193, at \*4.

In this case, the Court finds the First Superseding Indictment (Dkt. 21) contains sufficient information to put Defendant on notice of his criminal charges and to avoid surprises at trial. Defendant, therefore, is not entitled to a bill of particulars.

Accordingly, Defendant's Motion (Dkt. 53) is **DENIED**.

**So ORDERED and SIGNED this 1st day of April, 2022.**

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KIMBERLY C. PRIEST JOHNSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE