



Manhattan U.S. Attorney Charges 20 Members of Bronx Criminal Organization with Drug Trafficking, Firearms, and Money Laundering Offenses

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The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of New York on July 13, 2011 released the following press release: "PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JANICE K. FEDARCYK, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York ("NYPD"), today announced charges against 20 individuals for drug trafficking, firearms, and money laundering offenses allegedly committed in connection with the operation of a criminal organization in the Bronx, New York. The following individuals were arrested today in the Bronx: LEVIT FERNANDINI, LUIS APONTE, ALBERT FRANCO, JAMES RIVERA, JULIO GOMEZ, LUIS ORTIZ, WILLIAM ROSA, and LUCY ROMERO. CHRISTOPHER ALICEA, DANIEL ROMAN, and EFRAIN IRIZARRY were arrested today in Puerto Rico. HECTOR GARCIA, RAFAEL REYES and JOSE LUIS MORAN were already in custody on related charges, and PABLO IVAN SANTIAGO, OMAR CASTRO LOPEZ, MAURICIO VILLAREAL, FNU LNU aka "Jesse," ANTHONY TORRES, and ELIAS POLANCO remain at large. Today's charges are the culmination of a year-long law enforcement operation led by the FBI and NYPD.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: "Over the past five years, these defendants allegedly built a drug empire in the Bronx, using guns and violence to protect their operation and terrorize a neighborhood. With today's

charges, we are taking an important step forward in dismantling this criminal operation and cleaning up the streets, so neighborhood residents and can live in peace instead of fear."

FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge JANICE K. FEDARCYK said: "Today's arrests are the latest phase in an on-going campaign to restore Bronx neighborhoods to their law-abiding residents. No matter where you live in this city, you have the right to the peaceful enjoyment of your home. Criminal enterprises like this one invariably resort to guns and violence to conduct their illicit business. The FBI and our partners remain committed to policing drug enterprises, which peddle poison and degrade our neighborhoods."

NYPD Commissioner RAYMOND W. KELLY said: "Operating within a block of a K through 5 elementary school in the Bronx, these individuals sold cocaine and marijuana and used guns and violence to further their illegal drug trade. I commend the NYPD detectives, federal agents and U.S. Attorney's Office for removing these violent drug dealers from our streets."

According to the Indictment unsealed today in Manhattan federal court: For at least five years, the defendants operated a retail narcotics distribution ring in the vicinity of Creston Avenue in the Bronx, New York. During that time, the organization was responsible for the distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine and more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. As part of the conspiracy, some members of the organization carried and discharged firearms to protect the group's narcotics territory, while others laundered the organization's narcotics proceeds.

Federal and local law enforcement officers executed court-authorized search

warrants today on five locations tied to many of the named defendants. During the arrests and searches, agents and officers seized, among other evidence: three firearms, ammunition, a police scanner, pounds of marijuana, marijuana growing equipment, cocaine, scales, packaging materials, cutting agents, and tens of thousands of dollars in United States Currency.

The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge PAUL A. CROTTY. A chart setting forth the charges in the Indictment and the applicable penalties is attached.

Mr. BHARARA thanked the FBI, the NYPD, and the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") for their outstanding work in this case. He also thanked the IRS Criminal Investigation Division for their assistance in the investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's Violent Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys JESSICA A. MASELLA and TELEMACHUS P. KASULIS are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty."

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Federal Court Bars Idaho Woman from Promoting "Form 1099-OID" Tax Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

In Kindergarten and in Debt: The Problem of Child Identity Theft

Tracy Russo (USDOJ: Justice Blog)

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This post appears courtesy of Joye E. Frost, Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime. Those of us in the criminal justice community know technology can

be a double-edged sword. Even as technological advances create new ways to tackle familiar problems in our communities, they also create new opportunities for crime – increasing our concern for [...]

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A federal court has permanently barred Penny Jones from preparing federal tax returns for others and from promoting the use of false tax forms.

37 Alleged Members and Associates of an International Ethnic-Albanian Organized Crime Syndicate Arrested

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The U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of New York on July 13, 2011 released the following press release: "Defendants Charged with Trafficking Cocaine, Marijuana, MDMA and Prescription Drugs, and Laundering Tens of Millions of Dollars in Narcotics Proceeds

An indictment was unsealed today in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, charging 37 members and associates of an international drug trafficking syndicate led by ethnic Albanians located in the United States, Canada and Europe (the "syndicate").^[1] According to the indictment and a detention letter filed today by the government, the syndicate comprises several inter-related ethnic Albanian family clans (also known as "fis") with hundreds of associated members, workers and customers spanning three continents. In operation for more than a decade, the syndicate is allegedly responsible for organizing the importation and distribution of tens of thousands of kilograms of hydroponic marijuana from Canada and Mexico, substantial quantities of MDMA from the Netherlands and Canada, hundreds of kilograms of cocaine from Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Peru, and large quantities of diverted prescription pills, such as oxycodone. The drugs were distributed in various locations in the United States, including New York, California, Georgia, Colorado and Florida, as well as in Canada and Europe.

Most of the defendants were arrested earlier today in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, Manhattan, Long Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Albany, New Jersey, Colorado and Florida. Federal agents also executed search warrants this morning on seven different syndicate-controlled stash houses and residences, recovering 18 firearms and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Two defendants were arrested last month following a drug-related shooting, and several others are already in custody for previously charged crimes. One of the alleged ringleaders was arrested by law enforcement agents in Albania, and the United States has requested his extradition. Those defendants arrested today in the New York City metropolitan area will be arraigned later this afternoon before United States Magistrate Andrew

L. Carter at the U.S. Courthouse, 225 Cadman Plaza East, in Brooklyn.

The charges were announced by Loretta E. Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; John P. Gilbride, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New York (DEA); James T. Hayes, Jr., Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), New York; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, New York City Police Department (NYPD); Charles R. Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, New York (IRS); and Joseph A. D'Amico, Superintendent, New York State Police (NYSP). The investigation into Albanian organized crime groups operating throughout the world was led by the New York Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Strike Force,^[2] Homeland Security Investigations and the New York State Police, in coordination with the Attorney General's Organized Crime Committee (AGOCC), International Organized Crime Intelligence and Operations Center (IOC2), as well as DEA's Special Operations Division.

According to the indictment and other court filings submitted by the government, the four-year investigation revealed that most of the marijuana smuggled from Canada and Mexico was concealed in tractor trailers, typically in hundred pound quantities, with some shipments weighing as much as 1,200 pounds. The marijuana shipments were stored in warehouses and stash locations throughout Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, before distribution. Kilogram quantities of cocaine were obtained from sources in the United States and exported to Albania and other locations in Europe concealed in hidden compartments inside luxury automobiles – ostensibly under the auspices of legitimate car dealerships which were actually controlled by syndicate members. At the time of the arrests today, the syndicate was allegedly involved in negotiations to obtain hundreds of kilograms of cocaine from sources in South America for transport through the United States to Canada and Europe, including (1) a shipment of 100 kilograms of cocaine from Colombia to New York, which the defendants planned to break down into smaller shipments and smuggle into Canada in exchange for high-grade hydroponic marijuana; (2) a 100 kilogram

shipment of cocaine from South America to Albania; (3) regular shipments of cocaine from Florida to New York; and (4) ongoing efforts to establish a pipeline to supply 40 kilograms of cocaine per month for distribution in Spain. According to the government's pleadings and other court filings, the syndicate was also involved in obtaining large shipments of oxycodone, a highly addictive prescription medicine used to treat severe pain, and during the past year distributed thousands of oxycodone pills in New York which had been diverted from pain clinics in Florida.

The government's investigation further revealed that the syndicate employed the services of a Canadian-based money laundering organization, which was allegedly responsible for laundering more than \$15 million of the syndicate's narcotics proceeds in a single year. Typically, the launderers picked up drug money in New York and transported it to Canadian and Mexican drug suppliers. The syndicate also sent millions of dollars in marijuana sale proceeds to co-conspirators on the West Coast of the United States to purchase cocaine from Mexican drug cartels. The cocaine was then allegedly transported across the border into Canada for distribution, with the proceeds to be used to fund subsequent marijuana purchases.

According to the government's detention memorandum, several defendants are believed to have committed drug and organized-crime-related violence, including kidnaping and attempted murder. For example, on June 4, 2011, an escalating dispute between syndicate members over the payment of a drug debt led to a shooting outside a Bronx restaurant-bar, and a potential drug-related shooting was narrowly averted in October 2010, when law enforcement agents intercepted a syndicate member with a loaded firearm en route to rob a drug customer who owed him money from a prior drug deal.

As part of the government's investigation of the syndicate, in separate incidents law enforcement seized:

943 pounds of marijuana imported from Mexico,
\$209,000 in drug proceeds being transported to Mexico,
\$140,000 in drug proceeds intended to be used as a down payment for a 200-

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kilogram cocaine deal,
 20 pounds of marijuana during a car stop in Dutchess County,
 290 pounds of marijuana from a Brooklyn warehouse operated by syndicate associates,
 \$1,271,394 in drug proceeds in Manhattan,
 24 kilograms of liquid cocaine in Lima, Peru,
 20 pounds of marijuana during a car stop in New Jersey,
 a loaded handgun and \$29,000 in drug proceeds from a residence in the Bronx, \$180,000 in drug proceeds in Manhattan, a loaded firearm from a syndicate member in Yonkers, New York, more than 150 marijuana plants from grow houses in Georgia and Florida operated by syndicate associates, \$1,041,990 in drug proceeds in Boston, \$155,000 in drug proceeds from a syndicate member in the Bronx, New York, \$497,955 in drug proceeds in California, 160 pounds of marijuana from a Brooklyn warehouse operated by syndicate associates, \$672,755 in drug proceeds in Los Angeles, \$210,280 in drug proceeds, 1 kilogram of cocaine and numerous firearms from a stash house in California operated by syndicate associates, 70 pounds of marijuana from a tractor trailer being driven from Toronto, Canada, 30 pounds of marijuana during a car stop in New Jersey, \$300,000 in drug proceeds on Long Island, and 70 pounds of marijuana from a tractor trailer being driven from Vancouver, Canada. "As charged in the indictment, this syndicate spread its tentacles across continents, sending its ruinous product worldwide and reaping enormous profits. Its ten-year run has now come to an end," stated United States Attorney Lynch. "We and our partners in law enforcement are committed to investigating and prosecuting international drug traffickers and seizing the proceeds of their crimes. We remain relentless in this pursuit." Ms. Lynch expressed her grateful appreciation to the DEA Special Operations Division, DEA Newark Division, DEA Denver Division, DEA Miami Division, DEA Albany District Office, DEA Rome Country Office, the HSI attache in Vienna, HSI attache in Toronto, HSI Albany Office, HSI Denver Office, HSI Newark Office, HSI Miami Office, the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Monmouth County (New Jersey)

Prosecutor's Office, the Westchester District Attorney's Office and the New York Attorney General's Office for their assistance.

DEA Special Agent-in-Charge Gilbride stated, "This alleged organized crime syndicate oversaw a drug distribution organization that operated across the globe. With a reach from Albania to Canada to New York and numerous cities throughout, law enforcement identified this criminal conspiracy as well as the violent acts committed in order to continue its drug distribution network. DEA's Strike Force and our federal, state and local law enforcement partners were successful in dismantling the Thaqi organization and making an impact on the illicit drug trafficking across the nation." ICE/HSI Special Agent-in-Charge Hayes stated, "This alleged international drug ring was intent on filling the streets of America with poison. The arrests here and overseas serve as an example of the reach of the long arm of the law. HSI, working with its attaches and international and federal law enforcement partners, has contributed to the disruption of a crime syndicate that has allegedly lined its pockets with drug smuggling money for more than a decade."

NYPD Commissioner Kelly stated, "The long reach of this criminal syndicate injected illegal drugs, including highly addictive oxycodone painkillers, into thousands of lives and subjected neighborhoods to violence ranging from kidnapings to attempted murder. With these arrests, we say good riddance."

IRS Special Agent-in-Charge Pine stated, "IRS Criminal Investigation is committed to fighting the war on illegal drugs with our federal, state and local partners on the New York Organized Crime Strike Force. We are proud to lend our financial expertise to help disrupt drug trafficking organizations."

NYSP Superintendent D'Amico stated, "I am proud of the dedicated investigative efforts of our agency personnel and law enforcement partners which have culminated in the indictment of these individuals, sizeable seizures of drugs and currency, and have effectively ended this syndicate's operations."

If convicted, the three alleged leaders of the syndicate, Gjavit Thaqi, Arif Kurti and Gjevelin Berisha, charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise and using firearms in furtherance of their drug trafficking crimes, face a 25-year mandatory minimum sentence and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment; the defendants charged in Counts Two through Seven, Ten and Eleven face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment

and mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years (Counts Two through Seven), 15 years (Count Ten) and 20 years (Count Eleven); and the defendants charged in Counts Eight and Nine face a maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment.

The government's case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Steven Tiscione, Richard Tucker, Gina Parlovecchio, Michael Yaeger and Claire Kedeshian.

The Defendants:

GJAVIT THAQI

Age: 40

ARIF KURTI

Age: 41

GJEVALIN BERISHA

Age: 31

CARLOS ALVAREZ

Age: 28

SHKELQIM BAKRAQI

Age: 25

ROBERT BONURA

Age: 32

JOHN CEKAJ

Age: 41

MARTINO CEKAJ

Age: 33

GIOVANNI DIFUCCIA

Age: 38

BRIAN DUBLYNN

Age: 34

ARVY EBRAHIME

Age: 29

HECTOR FLORES

Age: 39

ANGELO GERMANO

Age: 37

JETON GJIDIJA

Age: 33

LEE KARAQI

Age: 36

ROBERT KARAQI

Age: 39

HASAN KURTI

Age: 40

IBRAHIM KURTI

Age: 38

BAJRAM LAJQI

Age: 36

SELMAN LAJQI

Age: 39

ALESSANDRO LATINO

Age: 35

LAURETTA LOKAJ

Age: 40

NIKOLA LUKAJ

Age: 39

NICHOLAS MASI

Age: 49

DAVID MCLEAN

Age: 45

FATMIR MEHMETI

Age: 33

Law Enforcement Dismantles Alleged Major Cocaine and Heroin Drug Trafficking Organizations Operating in the DFW Metroplex

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The U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Texas on July 13, 2011 released the following press release: "U.S. Attorney Says Arrests Will Severely Disrupt the Supply Network for Cocaine and Heroin Throughout North Texas"

FORT WORTH, Texas — Numerous defendants, charged in four federal criminal complaints with various offenses related to their operation of a massive cocaine and heroin distribution conspiracy since May 2005 in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) metroplex and throughout North Texas and elsewhere, were arrested yesterday, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks, of the Northern District of Texas, Special Agent in Charge Robert E. Casey, Jr., of the FBI, Special Agent in Charge James Capra of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Special Agent in Charge Andrea D. Whelan, of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI).

During the course of executing the arrest and search warrants in this Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation, law enforcement seized heroin, cocaine, firearms, vehicles and cash.

U.S. Attorney Jacks said, "As a direct result of yesterday's major enforcement action, the supply network for cocaine and heroin in the DFW metroplex and elsewhere has been severely disrupted. I applaud the hard work, innovation and teamwork exhibited by the FBI, DEA, IRS-CI and the Fort Worth and Arlington Police Departments who once again demonstrated the importance of combining the strengths, resources and expertise of federal and local agencies to fight these drug trafficking networks."

These four related complaints have been partially unsealed as to the defendants arrested. All those arrested locally are expected to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton beginning at 1:30 this afternoon, at the Parker County Jail in Weatherford, Texas. Some defendants have been charged in more than one complaint.

The first complaint charges numerous individuals with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. Individuals charged and in custody on this complaint include:

Hugo Cordoba, aka "Hugo Alberto Guadalupe Cordova De La Cruz and "Grenas"
 Cristian Ocana, aka "Cri Cri" and "Chilango," 36, of Grand Prairie, Texas
 Arturo Hernandez Guadarrama, aka "Gerardo Guadarrama" and "Gordo," 31, Mesquite, Texas
 Oscar Ocana, 42, of Dallas, Texas
 Roberto Torres Martinez, aka "Roberto Torres," 58, of Dallas, Texas
 Monica Ann Saenz, aka "Bebe," 32, of Dallas, Texas
 Tiffany Taber, 29, of Dallas, Texas
 Cesar Enrique Mireles, in custody in Minnesota
 Jose Juvenal Quezada, aka "Juve," 23, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Christopher George Chavez, aka "Chris," 31, of Dallas, Texas
 First Name Unknown Last Name Unknown, aka "Apolonio Longinos" and "Polo"
 Jasinto Ramirez, 34, of Dallas or Grand Prairie, Texas
 Miguel Angel Gonzalez, 39, of Dallas or Grand Prairie, Texas
 Oscar Morales Ramirez, 31, of Dallas or Grand Prairie, Texas
 First Name Unknown Last Name Unknown, believed to be "Jose Alfredo Lagunas," aka "Champion" and "Champi," 39, of Balch Springs, Texas
 Aracely Caballero, aka "Cely," 35 of Dallas, Texas
 The second complaint also charges numerous individuals with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. Individuals charged and in custody in this complaint include:
 Cristian Ocana, aka "Cri Cri," 36, of Grand Prairie, Texas
 Rigoberto Orozco, aka "Rigo," 34, of Mansfield, Texas
 William Glenn Jones, aka "Unc," 59, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Wheattina Goodman, aka "Wheat," 34, of Wilmington, Delaware
 Daveon McCulloch, 37, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Ledell Derrick Shaw, aka "Derrick Shaw," 40, of Atlanta, Georgia
 Kenya White, aka "Block," of Wilmington, Delaware
 Margarita Orozco, nee Monreal, 31, of Mansfield, Texas
 The third complaint charges numerous individuals with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin.

Individuals charged and in custody on this complaint include:

Rigoberto Orozco, aka "Rigo," 34, of Mansfield, Texas
 Eric Orozco, aka "Eddie," 23, of Atlanta, Georgia
 Hector Ramos, aka "John Gotti," in custody in East Texas
 Harold Grubbs, aka "Big D," 30, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Jo Ann Henry, 51, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Ivan Cano, 24, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Sarah Reyes, aka "Sarah Murillo," 32, of Fort Worth, Texas
 The fourth complaint charges several individuals with conspiring to engage in a monetary transaction in criminally derived property (drug proceeds) and conspiring to commit money laundering by transferring funds (drug proceeds) from the U.S. to a place outside the U.S. to avoid transaction reporting requirements. Individuals charged and in custody on this complaint include:
 Rigoberto Orozco, aka "Rigo," 34, of Mansfield, Texas
 Margarita Monreal, aka "Margarita Orozco" 31, of Mansfield, Texas
 Araseli Orozco, 34, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Jo Ann Henry, 51, of Fort Worth, Texas
 Since 2002, according to this complaint, brothers Rigoberto and Ramon Orozco made substantial money from distributing cocaine, heroin and marijuana in the DFW area as well as in the Atlanta and Philadelphia areas. One cooperating individual who assisted Rigoberto in shipping drug proceeds, stated that he/she was once in a hotel in Philadelphia with more than \$3 million in drug proceeds. The complaint further states that on July 10, 2005, Rigoberto and Margarita Monreal used drug proceeds to purchase a home on Meadow Crest Lane in Mansfield, Texas and that from January 2007 through mid-November 2009, four of the defendants made at least 64 wire transfers from Fort Worth to locations in Mexico to purchase heroin.
 Another related complaint, filed on May 10, 2011, and partially unsealed after some arrests were made shortly thereafter, also charges several individuals with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. Individuals charged and in custody on this complaint include:
 Leonardo Gonzalez, aka "Casper," Alfredo Gonzalez, aka "Gator,"

Florida Telecommunications Company, Two Executives, an Intermediary and Two Former Haitian Government Officials Indicted for Their Alleged Participation in Foreign Bribery Scheme

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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) on July 13, 2011 released the following press release:

“WASHINGTON – Cinergy Telecommunications Inc., Cinergy’s president and director, the president of Florida-based Telecom Consulting Services Corp. and two former Haitian government officials have been charged in a superseding indictment for their alleged roles in a foreign bribery, wire fraud and money laundering scheme, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Wifredo A. Ferrer of the Southern District of Florida and Special Agent in Charge Jose A. Gonzalez of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation’s (IRS-CI) Miami Field Office.

According to the superseding indictment, the defendants allegedly participated in a scheme to commit foreign bribery and money laundering from December 2001 through January 2006. The indictment alleges that during this time period Cinergy and its related company, Uniplex Telecommunications Inc., allegedly paid more than \$1.4 million to shell companies to be used for bribes to foreign officials of the Republic of Haiti’s state-owned national telecommunications company, Telecommunications D’Haiti (Haiti Teleco).

According to court documents, Cinergy and Uniplex executed a series of contracts with Haiti Teleco that allowed the companies’ customers to place telephone calls to Haiti. The bribe payments allegedly were authorized by Washington Vasconez Cruz, the telecommunications companies’ president, and Amadeus Richers, the companies’ director, and were allegedly paid to Haitian government officials at Haiti Teleco, including Patrick Joseph and Jean Rene Duperval.

According to the superseding indictment, the purpose of these bribes was to obtain various business advantages from the Haitian officials for Cinergy and Uniplex, including preferred telecommunications rates and credits toward sums owed. To conceal the bribe payments, the defendants allegedly used various shell companies to receive and forward the payments, including J.D. Locator Services, Fourcand Enterprises and Telecom Consulting Services.

The six defendants charged in the superseding indictment are:

- Washington Vasconez Cruz, 63, of Miami, the president of Cinergy and Uniplex, is charged with one count of conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and to commit wire fraud, six counts of FCPA violations, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 19 counts of money laundering;
- Amadeus Richers, 60, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Brazil, the then-director of Cinergy and Uniplex, is charged with one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and to commit wire fraud, six counts of FCPA violations, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 19 counts of money laundering;
- Cinergy Telecommunications Inc., a privately-held telecommunications company incorporated in Florida, is charged with one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and to commit wire fraud, six counts of FCPA violations, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 19 counts of money laundering;
- Patrick Joseph, 49, of Miami and Haiti, a former general director for telecommunications at Haiti Teleco, is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering;
- Jean Rene Duperval, 44, of Miramar, Fla., and Haiti, a former director of international relations for telecommunications at Haiti Teleco, is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 19 counts of money laundering; and
- Marguerite Grandison, 42, of Miramar, the former president of Telecom Consulting Services Corp., and Duperval’s sister, is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 19 counts of money laundering.

The superseding indictment also charges Duperval and Grandison with laundering corrupt payments authorized by Joel Esquenazi and Carlos Rodriguez on behalf of another Florida telecommunications company.

Duperval was charged previously in the indictment returned on Dec. 7, 2009, with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 12 counts of money laundering. Grandison was previously charged with one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and to commit wire fraud, seven counts of FCPA violations, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 12 counts of money laundering.

Esquenazi and Rodriguez were charged in the initial December 2009 indictment and are unaffected by the superseding indictment. They are scheduled to stand trial on July 18, 2011.

An indictment is merely an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The conspiracy to commit violations of the FCPA and wire fraud count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$250,000 or twice the value gained or lost. The FCPA counts each carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$100,000 or twice the value gained or lost. The conspiracy to commit money laundering counts each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction. The money laundering counts each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction. The superseding indictment also gives notice of criminal forfeiture.

On May 15, 2009, Juan Diaz, the president of J.D. Locator Services, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and money laundering. He admitted to receiving more than \$1 million in bribe money from telecommunications companies. On July 30, 2010, he was sentenced to 57 months in prison.

On Feb. 19, 2010, Jean Fourcand, the president and director of Fourcand Enterprises Inc., pleaded guilty to one count of money laundering for receiving and transmitting bribe monies in the scheme. On May 5, 2010, he was sentenced to six months in prison.

On March 12, 2010, Robert Antoine, the former director of international affairs for Haiti Telco, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. He admitted to receiving more than \$1 million in bribes from Miami-based telecommunications companies. On June 2, 2010, he was sentenced to 48 months in prison.

The government’s investigation is ongoing. The Department of Justice is grateful to the government of Haiti for continuing to provide substantial assistance in gathering evidence during this investigation. In particular, Haiti’s financial intelligence unit, the Unité

Feds Eye Retired CIA Officer Steve Stormoen in Prisoner Death

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The Associated Press (AP) on July 13, 2011 released the following:

“By MATT APUZZO and ADAM GOLDMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A CIA officer who oversaw the agency's interrogation program at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and pushed for approval to use increasingly harsh tactics has come under scrutiny in a federal war crimes investigation involving the death of a prisoner, witnesses told The Associated Press.

Steve Stormoen, who is now retired from the CIA, supervised an unofficial program in which the CIA imprisoned and interrogated men without entering their names in the Army's books.

The so-called “ghosting” program was unsanctioned by CIA headquarters. In fact, in early 2003, CIA lawyers expressly prohibited the agency from running its own interrogations, current and former intelligence officials said. The lawyers said agency officers could be present during military interrogations and add their expertise but, under the laws of war, the military must always have the lead.

Yet, in November 2003, CIA officers brought a prisoner, Manadel al-Jamadi, to Abu Ghraib and, instead of turning him over to the Army, took him to a shower stall. They put a sandbag over his head, handcuffed him behind his back and chained his arms to a barred window. When he leaned forward, his arms stretched painfully behind and above his back.

The CIA interrogated al-Jamadi alone. Within an hour, he was dead.

Now, nearly eight years after a photo of an Army officer grinning over al-Jamadi's body became an indelible image in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal, federal prosecutors are investigating whether al-Jamadi's death amounted to a war crime.

The instructions from CIA lawyers could become an important element of that inquiry. Though it's not required for prosecutors to show that someone knew such interrogations were against the rules, it's still valuable evidence, said David Crane, a Syracuse law professor and former war crimes prosecutor. The instructions also undercut the argument that the CIA officers were simply following rules laid out by their superiors. “The government can say, ‘He was told not to, and he went ahead and did it

anyways,’” Crane said.

Two witnesses who testified before a grand jury in Virginia said they were asked about Stormoen's role at the prison and his whereabouts when al-Jamadi died. The witnesses and officials agreed to discuss the case only on condition of anonymity because they were told not to speak with reporters.

Stormoen, who ran what was known in the CIA as the detainee exploitation cell, processed al-Jamadi into the prison but was not in the shower room when al-Jamadi died.

Stormoen, 56, was part of the CIA's paramilitary arm, the Special Activities Division, after leaving the Army. He retired after al-Jamadi's death and received a letter of reprimand for his role in Abu Ghraib. He has since rejoined the intelligence community as a contractor working for a company called SpecTal, which was bought last year by BAE Systems, a leading defense contractor. Stormoen, whose identity is no longer classified, did not return numerous messages seeking comment. His lawyer also declined to comment.

CIA spokesman George Little had no comment on the inquiry.

Much of the public attention in the al-Jamadi case has been on interrogator Mark Swanner, who was in the shower room when al-Jamadi died. Another CIA officer, who goes by the nickname “Chili,” also came up at the grand jury, one witness said. Chili continues to work with the agency and his name is classified. The witness, who was at the prison, told prosecutors that Chili was at Abu Ghraib the day al-Jamadi died.

Though President George W. Bush's administration allowed the CIA to interrogate terrorism suspects in secret overseas prisons, that authorization did not apply in Iraq. CIA lawyers determined that, as a traditional war zone, Iraq fell under the Geneva Convention rules of war. That meant prisoners had to be documented and treated without cruelty, with access to medical attention.

Tactics such as waterboarding and sleep deprivation, which the CIA used in other overseas prisons, were prohibited at Abu Ghraib without prior approval. In videoconferences with headquarters, Stormoen and other officers in Iraq repeatedly asked for permission to use harsher techniques, but that permission was never granted, one former senior intelligence official recalled.

Current and former officials say the CIA officers at Abu Ghraib saw ambiguity in

the rules, believing they could interrogate detainees before they were formally processed into the military prison. That gray area could last several days or longer. Military investigators said the informal nature of the CIA's ghosting program contributed to a sense that the rules didn't apply at the prison.

At the time, the CIA's station in Baghdad, which was in charge of overseeing agency operations at the prison, was in such disarray that its top two officers were pulled out for mismanagement. An internal CIA inquiry did not single out any officer as responsible for al-Jamadi's death and no one has been charged.

A military autopsy labeled the death a homicide. Doctors said al-Jamadi died from a combination of factors: injuries he received while being captured by Navy SEALs and breathing difficulties caused by a lung injury and made worse by having a sandbag over his head.

Shortly after al-Jamadi's death, senior CIA officials once again circulated the rules. In January 2004, the agency sent a blunt memo flatly ordering agency officials to stop all interrogations, officials said.

Al-Jamadi's death has twice been reviewed by the Justice Department and prosecutors have declined to bring charges. Attorney General Eric Holder has appointed a new prosecutor, John Durham, to investigate CIA interrogation tactics. Durham is now re-investigating the al-Jamadi death, and Holder said the investigation has uncovered new information, though he did not say what it was.

Prosecutions for torture and war crimes are rare in the United States. The most high-profile recent case was the successful torture prosecution of the son of former Liberian President Charles Taylor in Florida in 2008.

There is no statute of limitations on war crimes if a death is involved.”

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Two Indicted for Defrauding International Union of Operating Engineers and Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee

McNabb Associates, P.C. (Federal Criminal Defense Lawyers)

Submitted at 10:24 AM July 13, 2011

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Texas on July 11, 2011 released the following:

"HOUSTON – A Houston grand jury has indicted Ronald and Anita Witt for conspiracy and embezzlement of funds from Local 450 of the International Union of Operating Engineers and Local 450's apprenticeship school, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today along with Roger Hilburn, regional director, Employee Benefits Security Administration, and Daniel B. Cherry, district director, Office of Labor Management Standards.

Local 450 represents more than 1000 members employed in the crane rigging and hoisting industry in Southern and Eastern Texas. Ronald Witt, 64, was Local 450's business manager. Ronald Witt's wife, Anita, 56, was Local 450's treasurer and the coordinator of Local 450's training facility – the Joint Apprenticeship Training Council (JATC). The indictment alleges that between May 2007 and April 2009, Ronald and Anita Witt used Local 450 and JATC funds for unauthorized charges, including luxury trips for themselves and their friends, recreational travel trailers, purchases at

hardware stores, personal meal expenses, rebuilding their Galveston home and depositing unearned union checks into their bank accounts. Each defendant is also charged with one count of conspiracy, nine counts of embezzlement from a union and five counts of embezzlement from an employee welfare benefit plan.

"These investigations are an example of our efforts to safeguard union democracy and ensure union financial integrity so that workers can have a more effective voice in the governance of their unions and a collective voice in the workplace," said Cherry. "We hope this will encourage union members and others with knowledge of illegal practices to come forward and expose corrupt leadership to help us meet our goals."

The 15-count indictment was returned under seal by a Houston grand jury on June 29, 2011, and unsealed July 8, 2011, following the arrest of Ronald and Anita Witt by deputies with the United States Marshals Service. They made an initial appearance on Friday before U.S. Magistrate Judge John Froeschner and were ordered released upon posting \$50,000 bond each. They are next scheduled to appear in federal court in Galveston on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, before Judge Froeschner for arraignment.

Each count in the indictment carries a possible sentence of up to five years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release and full restitution.

The year-long investigation leading to these charges was prompted by a referral from the International Union of Operating Engineers, which took over Local 450 in April 2009. The investigation was conducted by Office of Labor Management Standards and the Employee Benefits Security Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorney F. Andino Reynal is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence.

A defendant is presumed innocent unless convicted through due process of law."

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Opening Statements Set for Roger Clemens Perjury Trial

McNabb Associates, P.C. (Federal Criminal Defense Lawyers)

Submitted at 11:32 AM July 13, 2011

CNN on July 13, 2011 released the following:

"(CNN) — Opening statements are set to begin Wednesday in the perjury trial of former major league baseball player Roger Clemens.

On Tuesday, a jury of 10 women and two men — with four alternates — was seated for the federal trial in Washington, which is expected to last four to six weeks.

Clemens is facing charges of perjury, making false statements and obstruction of Congress about his alleged use of steroids and human growth hormone. The former all-star pitcher testified under oath in 2008 that he never used illegal performance-enhancing substances during his 23-year career.

The prosecution is expected to call several noteworthy figures to testify to bolster its case against the seven-time Cy Young award winner

Among those the prosecution expects to testify are former major league baseball players Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco and Andy Pettitte. The government also plans to call New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to testify.

If convicted, Clemens could face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine.

Clemens has never tested positive for drug use, but his name was among the 86 that appeared in a report by former Sen. George Mitchell. The 400-page report listed players who were said to have used drugs to improve their performance on the

field.

Before the drug allegations against Clemens arose, he was seen as a first-ballot Hall of Famer. Now, as one of several players of the "steroid era," his status for induction is seen as being in doubt."

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Mexican National Indicted for Passport Fraud and Making a False Claim of US Citizenship

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Submitted at 10:31 AM July 13, 2011

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Texas on July 11, 2011 released the following:

"(McALLEN, Texas) – Joel Alonso Rivera-Martinez, 37, of Mexico, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for passport fraud (making a false statement in a passport application) and making a false claim to citizenship, U.S Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today.

Rivera's prosecution began with the filing of a federal criminal complaint following his arrest. According to the allegations in the complaint, Rivera, an illegal alien, executed an application for a U.S. passport at a U.S. post office in McAllen on Jan. 28, 2009. On the application, Rivera allegedly lied by claiming to be another person who actually was a U.S. citizen and presenting a birth certificate and Texas driver's license in the name of the citizen. On June 1, 2009, Rivera fraudulently obtained a U.S. passport. On

Nov. 23, 2009, the real U.S. citizen applied for a passport but was unable to obtain one because, according to allegations in the complaint, Rivera had already obtained a passport under that name. Rivera went on to use that passport at least 45 times to cross from Mexico into the U.S. until his arrest on June 17, 2011, in Edinburg, Texas. The grand jury returned the two-count indictment today. Following a June 23, 2011, detention hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge Peter E. Ormsby ordered Rivera to remain in custody with no bond pending trial. If convicted, Rivera could be sentenced to up to 15 years in federal prison with no parole on the passport fraud charge and up to three years imprisonment on the false claim to citizenship charge, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000 on each charge. Rivera, as an alleged undocumented alien, would also be subject to deportation from the U.S.

The U.S. Department of State – Diplomatic Security Service with the assistance of the U.S. Immigration

Customs Enforcement – Homeland Security Investigations and the Office of the Inspector General's Office of Investigations for the Social Security Administration investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Sully is prosecuting the case.

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Houston Man Indicted for Fraud Related to Compensation Programs for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

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Submitted at 10:28 AM July 13, 2011

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Texas on July 11, 2011 released the following:

"HOUSTON – Eric Michael Thornton, 26, of Houston, has been indicted on charges of wire fraud and mail fraud in relation to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today.

The indictment, returned July 6, 2011, alleges that between June 2010 and January 2011, Thornton defrauded BP and the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF), claiming he had lost wages as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident. BP established the GCCF in June 2010 to administer, mediate and settle certain claims of individuals and businesses for costs, damages and other losses suffered as a result of the oil discharges from the Deepwater Horizon incident that were

originally handled by BP itself.

Thornton had previously lived in New Orleans, La., but was allegedly not living there at the time of the Deepwater Horizon incident, according to the indictment. The indictment alleges that Thornton fraudulently claimed and submitted false documentation that he had been employed as a seafood processor in New Orleans and had lost wages as result of the incident. He submitted several claims, according to the indictment, including a "final claim form" that he later requested to be modified from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Thornton allegedly received payments totaling \$22,400 as a result of his fraudulent claims.

Thornton was arrested by U.S. Secret Service agents today and is expected to make his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Wm. Smith in federal court in Houston tomorrow.

Each count of wire fraud and mail fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years

imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000, upon conviction.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Braddock.

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Justice Department Sues to Stop Nationwide "Welfare Benefit Plan" Tax Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 4:32 PM July 13, 2011

The Justice Department is seeking to

block a husband and wife from operating a scheme that allegedly helps high-income individuals attempt to improperly avoid

income taxes by funneling money through purported "welfare benefit plans."

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Miguel Banda, aka "Churro,"
 Gabriel Arredondo

According to the complaints filed, some or all of the defendants were involved in running large scale drug trafficking organizations by transporting the drugs from Mexico into the metroplex, and throughout North Texas and elsewhere, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Nashville.

Some of the defendants used stash houses, known as "traps," to receive and store the drugs and cash proceeds. One such location was a warehouse on Northhaven Road in Dallas. On April 21, 2011, some of the defendants listed in the above-referenced complaint filed on May 10, 2011, committed the armed robbery of that warehouse, holding two men at gunpoint. The robbers left and divided the stolen drugs and cash among themselves. A federal criminal complaint is a written statement of the essential facts of the offenses charged, and must be made under oath before a magistrate judge. A defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. The maximum statutory penalty, however, for

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Age: 36

NEFAIL MEHOVIC

Age: 27

VALTER MEMIA

Age: 28

ALBERTO MERCADO

Age: 41

MAGDALENA NIKOLLAJ

Age: 38

MAL REXHA

Age: 49

ROBERT RUDAJ

Age: 37

LANCE SCHONER

Age: 27

LESTER ZABORSKI

Age: 38

AGRON ZENELAJ

Age: 32

DARIUS RIVERA

Age: 38

1 The charges contained in the indictment are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Online Resources to Protect Those with HIV/AIDS

Tracy Russo (USDOJ: Justice Blog)

Submitted at 1:27 PM July 13, 2011

To mark the one-year anniversary of the release of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, the Justice Department has launched a new section of its Americans

each of the drug offenses is not less than five or more than 40 years in prison. The maximum statutory sentence for conspiracy to commit money laundering is 20 years in prison. All carry substantial fines. The U.S. Attorney's office has 30 days to present the matters to a grand jury for indictment.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joshua T. Burgess and Steve Jumes are in charge of the prosecution."

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2 The Strike Force comprises agents and officers of the DEA, NYPD, ICE/HSI, NYSP, IRS, United States Marshals Service and the United States Attorney's Office. The Strike Force is partially funded by the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), which is a federally funded crime fighting initiative."

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Federal Pretrial Services Cases Show Steady Growth

McNabb Associates, P.C. (Federal Criminal Defense Lawyers)

Submitted at 12:28 PM July 13, 2011

The Federal Judiciary on July 13, 2011 released the following press release: "The number of criminal defendants supervised under the federal judiciary's pretrial services system has grown each of the last five fiscal years.

The number of pretrial services cases activated in FY 2006 was 94,853, and that number grew to 110,647 in FY 2010, the 12 month-period ending September 30, 2010.

Other FY totals: 96,259 in 2007; 98,244 in 2008; and 104,217 in 2009.

Furthermore, the number of pretrial services cases activated by federal pretrial services officers increased in eight of the past 10 fiscal years.

The totals were 85,617 in 2000, 86,140 in 2001, 89,421 in 2002, 95,492 in 2003, 94,152 in 2004, and 97,508 in 2005.

Congress authorized "demonstration" pretrial services agencies in 1974 with a goal to reduce crime by persons released to the community pending trial and to reduce unnecessary pretrial detention. President Ronald Reagan signed the Pretrial Services Act of 1982, which expanded the system judiciary-wide."

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Washington Business Owner Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison for Participating in Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and Making False Claims on Government Contract

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 5:15 PM July 13, 2011

A founder and president of a Washington -area design firm was sentenced today to 18 months in prison for her role in a conspiracy to defraud the United States in the award of a government contract for U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

with Disabilities Act (ADA) website, <http://www.ada.gov/aids> Persons with HIV and persons with AIDS are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which gives federal civil rights protections to persons with disabilities [...]

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Centrale de Renseignements Financiers (UCREF), the Bureau des Affaires Financières et Economiques (BAFE), which is a specialized component of the Haitian National Police, and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security provided significant cooperation and coordination in this ongoing investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Trial Attorneys Nicola J. Mrazek and James M. Koukios of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section, with the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. The Office of International Affairs in the Justice Department's Criminal Division also provided assistance in this matter. The cases were investigated by the IRS-CI

Florida Telecommunications Company, Two Executives, an Intermediary and Two Former Haitian Government Officials Indicted for Their Alleged Participation in Foreign Bribery Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 12:39 PM July 13, 2011

Cinergy Telecommunications Inc., Cinergy's president and director, the president of Florida-based Telecom Consulting Services Corp. and two former Haitian government officials have been charged in a superseding indictment for their alleged roles in a foreign bribery, wire fraud and money laundering scheme.

Manager of Miami Health Care Agency and Registered Nurse Plead Guilty in \$25 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 5:14 PM July 13, 2011

The manager of a Miami health care agency and a registered nurse pleaded guilty today for their participation in a \$25 million home health Medicare fraud scheme.

U.S. v. CDR Financial Products

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

Submitted at 2:01 PM July 13, 2011

Pretrial conference has been scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern.

Miami Field Office."

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Former Washington County, Missouri, Chief Deputy Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Beating Four Inmates

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 4:38 PM July 13, 2011

Vernon Wilson, former Chief Deputy of the Washington County Sheriff's Department in Potosi, Mo., was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in St. Louis, for violating the civil rights of four former inmates of the Washington County Jail on four separate occasions.

New Hampshire Man Pleads Guilty to Computer Intrusion into Former Employer's Computer Systems

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 5:23 PM July 13, 2011

Lawrence R. Marino, a 41-year-old from Goffstown, N.H., pleaded guilty today in federal court to computer intrusion, stemming from his repeated hacks into his former employer's computer systems.

U.S. v. CDR Financial Products

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

Submitted at 2:00 PM July 13, 2011

Trial has been scheduled for January 9, 2012.

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Armor Holdings Agrees to Pay \$10.2 Million Criminal Penalty to Resolve Violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 3:08 PM July 13, 2011

Armor Holdings Inc. has entered into an agreement with the Department of Justice to pay a \$10.29 million penalty to resolve violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Final Co-conspirator Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Role in Texas Homicide

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 5:10 PM July 13, 2011

A New Caney, Texas, woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison today for her role in a homicide that took place in Nacogdoches, Texas, in August 2007.

U.S. v. Martin Kanefsky

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

Submitted at 2:00 PM July 13, 2011

Sentencing hearing has been scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern.

U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force Arrests Alabama Fugitive

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

Submitted at 11:56 AM July 13, 2011

July 13, 2011 - The U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force (FRFTF) today announced the arrest of thirty year old Marquez Cornelius Vaughn of Opelika, Alabama at an apartment complex located in Tallahassee, FL. Vaughn was currently being sought by the Opelika Police Department and the US Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force in Montgomery, Alabama on charges of 1st Degree Robbery and 2nd Degree Assault.