



## Twenty-Three Arrested by the FBI on Federal Charges as a Result of San Antonio Eastside Gang Violence Initiative

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on May 11, 2012 released the following:

“Six-Month-Long Operation Triple Beam Results in Approximately 700 Additional Arrests Based on State Charges

Twenty-three San Antonio gang members face federal charges in connection with a federal, state, and local law enforcement operation targeting Eastside gang violence.

That announcement was made jointly today by United States Attorney Robert Pitman, Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed, San Antonio Police Chief William McManus, Bexar County Sheriff Amadeo Ortiz, United States Marshal Robert Almonte, ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge Crisanto Perez, DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge Manuel Fernandez, and FBI Special Agent in Charge Armando Fernandez.

The operation, initiated in response to community outcry, focused on narcotics trafficking and violent acts committed by members of rival gangs including the East Terrace Gangster Crips, Crockett Blocc Crips, Wheatly Courts Bloods, Blood Stixx, Denver Heights Bloods, as well as other San Antonio area gangs operating on the city's Eastside. During this operation, authorities have seized more than 70 firearms, approximately 38 kilograms of narcotics, and an estimated \$85,500 in U.S. currency.

The 23 defendants, all listed below, are charged by either a federal grand jury indictment or criminal complaint filed since March 7, 2012. Federal charges include felon in possession of a firearm,

possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, possession with intent to distribute “crack” cocaine, and maintaining a residence for the distribution of a controlled substance. State charges filed in connection with this investigation include: narcotics-related offenses, unlawful carrying of a firearm, and gang injunction violations.

This investigation was conducted by the San Antonio Police Department Gang Unit; Bexar County District Attorney's Office; Bexar County Sheriff's Office; Bexar County Adult Probation Office; United States Marshals Service; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; together with the Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Texas Department of Public Safety-Narcotics Division; and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Operation Triple Beam arrests release:

Defendant—Age  
Bal, Raja—27  
Brock, Demetrius—35  
Butler, Alvin—33  
Farris, Robert—25  
Fields, Tyronn—30  
Fisher, Devonshae—18  
Foster, Brian—27  
Girela, Joshua—24  
Hemphill, Emmanuel—26  
Hemphill, Katherine—58  
Johnson, Rodney—23  
Johnson, Samuel—27  
Losoya, Juan—28  
Mackey, Antoine—29

Martinez, Michael—19  
McHenry, Dominick—21  
Miller, Glen—32  
Minor, Milton—34  
Molden, Travis—22  
Phillips, Marcus—24  
Robinson, Chris—34  
Robinson-McClellan, Devon—22  
Robinson-Tynes, Marcus—24

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## Justice Department to Monitor Elections in Nebraska

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The Justice Department announced today that it will monitor the primary elections on May 15, 2012, in Colfax and Douglas Counties in Nebraska, to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other federal voting rights

statutes. The Voting Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the election process on the basis of race, color or membership in a minority language group. In addition, the Act requires Colfax County to provide language assistance in Spanish during the election process.

## U.S. v. Chien Chung Chen, aka Andrew Chen

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Sentencing hearing has been rescheduled for January 15, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific.



# Uncle Sam fabricates crimes due to political agenda – Bout

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RT.com on May 13, 2012 released the following:

“Convicted arms trafficker Victor Bout told RT in an exclusive interview his case is purely political. Bout says his false conviction exposes America’s justice system as one of a police state on the brink of dictatorship.

Bout, who continues to maintain his innocence, is serving 25 years for conspiring to kill US citizens and sell arms to Colombian militants.

This week, it was decided that Bout will be sent from a New York prison to a super-maximum security prison, despite his trial judge recommending medium-security confinement.

The Colorado prison is known as the ‘Alcatraz of the Rockies’, and houses America’s most-dangerous and violent criminals. Bout’s lawyer is fighting to overturn the decision.

RT: You are sentenced to a quarter of a century behind bars. What does it feel like?

Viktor Bout: They can put physically your body in jail but they cannot jail your spirit. If your spirit is free and you understand what freedom is – it is impossible to break you down to your knees. I know I did not commit anything to get that punishment. Whatever they allege me as crimes – these crimes would never exist, unless the US government would invent that crime.

They labeled that conspiracy with “kill Americans” which works like a magic bullet for the jury here. The trial was very similar to medieval witch-hunt trials of inquisition when you must confess that you did bad things.

I understand the reality. I try to bring the message to my friends and my family, to the Russian people: listen, what is happening to me is a pure political case.

RT: You’re in a process of appeal and you’ve also asked Russia’s State Duma to file a complaint against the US and Thailand. What are you hoping for legally and politically?

VB: Legally the lawyers would know better the precedent of American law and what my perspectives are and what they are going to do. But I have almost no hope because this system works so that once you’re put under judicial decisions – no judge, even the Supreme Court, would ever cancel that. Because this is a “truth in Über state”. Nobody can ever reconsider that decision. [In the US] it is accepted

that juries cannot fail.

RT: We know you’re about to be transferred to prison in Colorado. Considering your family and lawyer are in New York, will this affect you a lot, this transfer?

VB: They are trying to put me in the most notorious underground jail in the mountains hidden underground so I could never see daylight again as a punishment. For them this is a chance to create more obstacles to a proper appeal.

RT: You said in court to the jury and DEA agents: “God knows the truth, you know the truth.” What is your message to the US officials today, maybe the US president?

VB: I have a message to the US president: “If you keep using those thugs named DEA agents who invent crimes, this would not help America to really solve the problem of drug wars. But instead of going to the real problem they would just create crimes because there is no danger for them to go to those who do not hide, provoke them, do their dirty tricks and frame people up instead of solving real problems with real drug traffickers.

RT: It has been reported you knew you were dealing with undercover agents, not FARC members, at the time of your arrest. Is this the case?

VB: I was not sure who they are. For me they were very strange people and by their posing I understood right away they have nothing to do with FARC at all.

RT: You were dubbed the ‘Merchant of Death’ – do you think this nickname affected your case more than it should have?

VB: Of course. This is what the entire story is about. First you create a myth, then you bring in people who already saw the movie... My company was doing transportation, but that was legitimate contracts with legitimate governments with all the formalities done properly.

RT: Why do you think they went after you?

VB: For them it does not matter whom they are going to pick up. The mass media is spoon-feeding the American population so they do not care whom they pick up.

RT: You’ve seen the movie about yourself with Nicolas Cage playing you. What do you think about his performance?

VB: I feel sorry for him because it is a very mediocre movie. I do not even think it is interesting to watch or that it is a fair representation of the problems of Africa.

RT: If you knew you’d be serving 25 years behind bars, would you act

differently?

VB: I do not regret nothing in my life and I can face anything I did because I didn’t do anything wrong in my life.

RT: If you were a free man right now, do you know what you would be doing? Would you start something new?

VB: Of course. I’m already locked-up for four years behind bars by Uncle Sam. My life is ruined completely. I don’t have any money left at all. They have not only closed my company, but put executive orders claiming \$3 billion from me.

I’m asking a challenging president of the US: show the proof that I ever owned those billions! At least I know where to get money for my defense team.

If you repeat something a thousand times – it becomes the truth. This is the recipe used by the US administration, just like they did with weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

RT: Critics of your case have been saying it is anti-Russian. Is it the case?

VB: Of course it is anti-Russian. Look at what happened in Thailand during the extradition procedure. The criminal court of Bangkok denied the extradition. They applied tremendous pressure on the government of Thailand and actually bought me out, not extradited. We submitted an appeal to the Thai court and it is still not finished. The pressure was so huge they had to pass me to the American side. My case is still on the shelves in Thailand.

If there is a political will of the Thai government and they want to prove they have real, not mock, justice, and that they are not a colony of the US – they have to do a decision on my case.

RT: Will there be more ‘manufactured crimes’ when foreigners are brought unlawfully to American soil?

VB: The FBI and the DEA are manufacturing crimes regularly. I closely monitor such cases... This is how they fight their war on terror, because terror is not a state or a person.

RT: You said you’ll be able to return home earlier than your term is over. How is that?

VB: My case is purely political. Despite the American procedures the Russian public knows the truth.

My case shows the real condition of the American justice system of a police state close to dictatorship.”

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# Federal Indictments Charge 36 Hartford-Area Defendants Alleging Narcotics Trafficking and Firearm Offenses

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on May 11, 2012 released the following:  
"David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Kimberly K. Mertz, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Hartford has returned three indictments charging 36 individuals with various offenses related to the distribution of crack cocaine and the unlawful possession and dealing of firearms in and around Hartford. The third indictment was unsealed on May 9, 2012 after 10 of the defendants were arrested.

These indictments stem from Operation Vinefield, a joint law enforcement investigation headed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Northern Connecticut Violent Crimes Task Force, targeting narcotics trafficking and gang violence in Hartford's North End. The nine-month investigation included the use of court-authorized wiretaps, controlled purchases of crack cocaine, and physical surveillance. "I want to acknowledge the hard work and full commitment of the FBI, the Hartford Police Department, the Connecticut State Police, and the Connecticut Department of Correction in the lengthy investigation of this matter and the arrests of these defendants," stated U.S. Attorney Fein. "The U.S. Attorney's Office and our federal partners will continue to work with local and state law enforcement to bring narcotics and firearms traffickers to justice and to help free communities of gang violence."

"The FBI is committed to working with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to address violent crime in Connecticut's cities, and I want to recognize and express appreciation for the invaluable work of the Connecticut State Police, the Hartford Police Department, and the Connecticut Department of Correction," stated FBI Special Agent in Charge Mertz.

On March 7, 2012, the grand jury returned an indictment charging the following 12 individuals with various narcotics offenses related to crack cocaine trafficking in the lower Vine Street area of Hartford:

JOSHUA EASTERLING, a.k.a. "Skeet," "Squash," and "SQ," 25, of Hartford;  
JAMES PERKINS, a.k.a. "Slugger," 25,

of East Hartford;

JUAN CARTAGENA, 27, of Hartford;  
MORRIS CARTER, III, a.k.a. "Chilly Mo, Jr." and "Mo," 23, of Hartford;  
ANTHONY HENRY, a.k.a. "Tone" and "Mack," 21, of Hartford;  
EVERTON GUNTER, a.k.a. "Little Ev" and "Ev," 21, of Hartford;  
EBONY MOORE, a.k.a. "Eb," 35, of Hartford;

ERIC GOMES, a.k.a. "Goobar Dust," 45, of Hartford;

KYSHIIFA BOYD, a.k.a. "Ky," 22, of Hartford;

MORRIS CARTER, JR., a.k.a. "Chilly Mo" and "Mo," 43, of Hartford;

HASSAN MUHAMMAD, JR., a.k.a. "Hadie," 22, of Hartford; and  
SHAKIM WHITE, a.k.a. "Country" and "Lil Weezie," 27, of Meriden.

On April 4, 2012, the grand jury returned an indictment charging the following five individuals with various narcotics offenses related to crack cocaine trafficking:

DEMENTRIUS NAVE, a.k.a. "Cunny," 33, of Hartford and West Hartford;  
TYRONE CRUMP, a.k.a. "KT," 27, of Hartford;

JUSTIN POWELL, a.k.a. "Jus," 30, of Hartford;

RAKENT BUNKLEY, a.k.a. "Kent" and "Kent Street," 23, of Hartford; and  
KEVIN ALLEN, 40, of Hartford.

On May 3, 2012, the grand jury returned an indictment charging the following 19 individuals with various offenses related to crack cocaine trafficking and the unlawful possession and distribution of firearms, principally in the area of Enfield Street in Hartford:

CLINTON HILL WESTON, a.k.a.

"Ack," 35, of Hartford;

DANA ADAMS, a.k.a. "Soul," 42, of Hartford;

NIDA WILLIAMS, a.k.a. "Nija Williams" and "N-Dog," 34, of Bloomfield;

DERRICK BAILY, a.k.a. "Fry," 43, of Hartford;

JUSTIN STEPHENSON, a.k.a. "Face," 25, of Hartford;

MONGO COLEMAN, 38, of Hartford;

MICHAEL BETHEA, a.k.a. "Lil Tren" and "Lil Train," 44, of New Britain;

MICHAEL BROCKMAN, 41, of Hartford;

EARL DAVIS, 53, of Hartford;

JAEQWAN SHEPPARD, a.k.a.

"Quanny" and "Q," 29, of Hartford;

VASHAWN RAY, 24, of Hartford;

JEFFREY FANIEL, 30, of Hartford;

KEWAN WOODSON, a.k.a. "Piggy" and "Pig," 19, of Hartford;

REUBEN HARRIS, a.k.a. "Rube," 41, of Hartford;

MORRIS HARMON, JR., a.k.a.

"Smooth," 53, of Hartford;

PATRICK ROGERS, 22, of Hartford;

JOHNNY ROSA, a.k.a. "Johnny J" and

"Johnny G," 19, of East Hartford;

EARL PATRICK, 47, of Hartford;

JAYQUAN FANIEL, 27, of Hartford;

and

STEPHEN TERRILL, 39, of Glastonbury.

If convicted, a number of the defendants face a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a maximum term of life, and fines of up to \$10 million. Due to prior narcotics trafficking convictions, a number of defendants face increased penalties.

U.S. Attorney Fein stressed that an indictment is not evidence of guilt. Charges are only allegations, and each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Northern Connecticut Violent Crimes Task Force, the Connecticut State Police, the Hartford Police Department, and the Connecticut Department of Correction. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian P. Leaming."

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# Federal bank fraud cases up in north Alabama

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Blog.al.com on May 13, 2012 released the following:

By Kent Faulk

“BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — Eight men and women have stood before federal judges in Birmingham the past few weeks on bank fraud charges.

Among them:

- A Mountain Brook man sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling nearly \$1.2 million from his former employer by writing checks to himself on the company's bank account.
- A former Union State Bank branch employee in Trussville sentenced to a month in prison for theft of about \$25,000 from the teller drawer and bank vault in 2007 and 2008.
- A former Regions Bank telebanking representative who pleaded guilty to taking \$190,000 from a customer's account during a two-year period, and directing money from the account to pay her bills after she had left her job.

The number of cases being prosecuted for bank fraud by the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Northern District of Alabama has steadily increased in recent years. In 2011 federal prosecutors charged bank fraud in 22 cases, up from 16 cases in 2010, 15 cases in 2009 and 11 cases in 2008. So far, eight cases have been charged this year through May 4.

Some cases include more than one defendant and other charges are also included in some cases.

“I guess it's a sign of the times,” said James Kendrick, a Birmingham attorney who has represented clients charged with bank fraud.

Rod Pittman, director of corporate security for BBVA Compass, stated in a written response to questions from The Birmingham News that recently they have “seen a significant increase in fraud attempts, the majority of which can be attributed to the economy and technology.”

“In this economy many people are unemployed and more likely to be in a desperate financial situation. This sometimes results in attempted fraud,” Pittman wrote.

Some of those charged with bank fraud in the past year have been bank employees working alone or with help from outside the bank.

Bank employees may be thinking they will pay it back, Kendrick said. “Before

you know it, you've got more than you can pay,” he said.

Bank fraud isn't always an inside job.

“The crime of bank fraud is broader than a bank employee stealing money from the bank,” said Peggy Sanford, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorneys Office in Birmingham.

“The statute allows that if someone makes misrepresentations to a bank in order to get other people's money held in that bank, then bank fraud has occurred.”

Some attorneys and bank security officials attribute the increase in people being charged by federal prosecutors to a more aggressive stance by the Justice Department on financial fraud.

In many cases the dollar amount is the difference between whether federal prosecutors or state prosecutors will handle a case, said Larry Meredith, director of corporate security for Birmingham-based Cadence Bank.

The U.S. Attorneys Office has been active when it comes to presentations to the banks on various issues, including the importance of the timely sharing of information on possible criminal activity, said Bill Burch, director of corporate security for Regions Bank. “The communication between prosecutors, federal law enforcement offices (and banks) has been enhanced dramatically,” he said.

Sanford said the push by U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance's office in north Alabama is consistent with the U.S. Justice Department's efforts to make financial fraud a top priority and President Barack Obama's creation of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force.

Banks don't generally share how much they lose to fraud schemes, but as an industry it's in the billions of dollars each year, according to some estimates.

But it's a lot more than the old fashioned way of illegally taking money from a bank.

“The losses are greater than if you had just walked in and robbed the bank with a note,” Meredith said.

While the money lost in a bank robbery may only be a few thousand dollars, the losses from both internal and external fraud is often tens of thousands of dollars and taken over a period of months and years.

The punishment for bank fraud varies. The range of sentences was one month to four years for those charged and sentenced so far in the 2011 cases on just the bank fraud charges. A few had longer sentences

because they also had other charges besides bank fraud.

One person also was acquitted and couple had their bank fraud charge dismissed as part of plea deals at sentencing.

Wellington Monroe Phillips II was sentenced to four years in prison for bank fraud for embezzling nearly \$1.2 million from a Birmingham-based natural gas supplier.

Twice a month Phillips issued himself an unauthorized check from the corporate bank account held at First Commercial Bank. He would forge the name of the company's owner on each check and submit them for payment.

Bank corporate security officers say banks have increased security as new fraud schemes surface to tap into bank accounts.

Dan Bailey, chief executive of the Alabama Bankers Association, said that bank customers should take it upon themselves to help secure their accounts, including checking their accounts daily. “Catch it before it goes too far,” he said.”

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# John Edwards' lawyers: \$1M used to hide mistress wasn't campaign contribution; FEC agreed

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The Washington Post on May 14, 2012 released the following:

"By Associated Press, GREENSBORO, N.C. — After weeks of testimony about John Edwards' illicit affair and the money used to cover it up, his defense attorneys opened their case Monday by digging into the details of federal campaign finance law.

Edwards has pleaded not guilty to six criminal counts related to campaign finance violations. He is accused of masterminding a scheme to use nearly \$1 million in secret payments from two wealthy donors to help hide his pregnant mistress as he sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008.

Defense attorneys are attacking the foundation of the prosecution's argument that the money should be considered an illegal campaign contribution intended to influence the outcome of an election.

But even the federal government was split on that, the defense argues: The Federal Election Commission previously decided that the money was not a campaign contribution. In court Monday, a prosecutor from the Department of Justice called that decision irrelevant to their criminal case and argued against the jury being able to hear about it.

The first witness called by the defense was Lora Haggard, who was in charge of campaign finance compliance for Edwards. In 2008, she was chief financial officer of the John Edwards for President committee.

She testified that the money from heiress Rachel "Bunny" Mellon and campaign

finance chairman Fred Baron has still never been reported on the campaign's required disclosure reports, because even after Edwards was charged FEC auditors said it didn't need to be.

She also said Edwards was never involved in formulating, filling out or filing campaign finance reports that were sent to the FEC. In the sixth count of his indictment, Edwards is accused of causing his campaign to file a false report through deceit.

"We never gave him a report to review," Haggard said. "He had no input."

The defense had intended to call former FEC chairman Scott Thomas as their first witness Monday morning, but prosecutors objected to his potential expert testimony on the FEC's decision about the money.

U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Eagles scheduled a hearing for later in the day over whether to limit Thomas' testimony.

The defense opened its case Monday after the judge refused to dismiss the charges on Friday after 14 days of prosecution testimony.

Prosecutors rested their case Thursday by playing a tape of a 2008 national television interview in which the Democrat repeatedly lied about his extramarital affair and denied fathering his mistress' baby. Earlier testimony from a parade of former aides and advisers also showed an unappealing side of Edwards, casting him as a liar and lousy husband.

The defense has not yet indicted whether Edwards or his mistress, Rielle Hunter, will take the stand.

Before winning a U.S. Senate seat in 1998, Edwards made a fortune as a personal injury lawyer renowned for his

ability to sway jurors. But his testimony would expose himself to a likely withering cross-examination about his many past lies and personal failings.

Edwards pollster and friend Harrison Hickman took the witness stand shortly before the lunch recess Monday. Ex-Edwards defense lawyer Wade Smith may also be called Monday afternoon."

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# John Edwards Defense Relies on Definition of 'The'

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ABC News on May 14, 2012 released the following:

By JAMES HILL and BETH LOYD

"Not since Bill Clinton challenged the definition of "is" has so much hinged on a very short word.

John Edwards appears to basing much of his defense, which begins today in a North Carolina courtroom, on the legal interpretation of the word "the."

Edwards has listened to three weeks of testimony meant to prove that he violated federal campaign finance laws by using nearly \$1million in donations to hide his mistress Rielle Hunter and her pregnancy during his bid for the 2008 presidential election and in the months after he dropped out — but was still angling to be vice president or attorney general.

If convicted Edwards could be sentenced to 30 years in prison.

The statute governing illegal receipt of campaign contributions "means any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money... for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office."

The words "the purpose" suggests that in order for a conviction, the sole reason for the money would have to be to finance a presidential campaign.

Edwards' legal team has argued he did not know it might be illegal, did not intend to break the law and that his main reason for hiding Hunter was to keep her secret from his wife, Elizabeth, who was

dying of breast cancer.

Prosecutors, however, are arguing the law should be interpreted to mean "a purpose," meaning use of the donations does not have to be solely for a political campaign.

"It is sufficient under the law if you find that the gift, purchase, or payment was made for, among other purposes, the purpose of influencing any election for federal office," prosecutors argued in court filings last week.

Edwards' lawyer Abbe Lowell has argued that prosecutors are asking the jury to "invent a new crime" with its interpretation of the law.

Edwards' legal team will begin its defense today, which is expected to last a week. He may have a lot to overcome. Prosecutors concluded their case last week by showing an interview Edwards gave to ABC News' "Nightline" program in which he clearly lied several times, including denying that he had fathered Hunter's baby.

Judge Catherine Eagles also rejected a motion by Edwards' team to dismiss the charges against him.

The defense is expected to go after the prosecution's key witness Andrew Young, a former Edwards' aide who helped hide Hunter, going on the road with her to keep her away from the press, even claiming paternity for his boss.

Edwards defense has argued that much of the money was solicited by Young and he used the scandal to enrich himself.

Among Edwards' witnesses will likely be

his daughter Cate, who has been his most visible supporter throughout the trial.

Hunter is on Edwards' list of witnesses, but it's not clear whether she will be called. Her presence in the courtroom could be volatile.

It's not yet known whether Edwards will take the stand in his own defense."

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# McNamee testifies he gave Clemens steroids in 1998

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Seattlepi.com on May 14, 2012 released the following:

"FREDERIC J. FROMMER, Associated Press, JOSEPH WHITE, Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — Brian McNamee has testified that he first injected Roger Clemens with steroids when they were with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1998.

McNamee said Monday he injected Clemens in the buttocks in Clemens' apartment at the pitcher's request. McNamee was the strength and conditioning coach for the Blue Jays at the time.

McNamee is the chief witness for the prosecution in the perjury trial of the

seven-time Cy Young Award winner. He is the only person who will testify with firsthand knowledge of Clemens using performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress when he testified in 2008 that he had never used steroids or human growth hormone."

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## FBI Releases 2011 Preliminary Statistics for Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

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## Wilcox County, Georgia, Sheriff, Son and Jailer Face Civil Rights Charges in Superseding Indictment

*(USDOJ: Justice News)*

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The Justice Department, along with U.S. Attorney Michael J. Moore, Middle District of Georgia, today announced that a grand jury returned a superseding indictment against former Wilcox County Sheriff Stacy Bloodsworth; his son, Austin Bloodsworth; and former Wilcox County Jailer Casey Owens. The superseding indictment charges the defendants with assaulting three different inmates inside of the Wilcox County Jail on July 23, 2009, thereby violating their

civil rights. As a result of the assaults, one inmate suffered a broken jaw, and two other inmates sustained bruises and scratches. The indictment also charges the defendants with conspiring to cover up the assaults. In addition, Stacy Bloodsworth and Austin Bloodsworth were charged with lying to the FBI, while Owens was charged with writing a false report about the incident. Stacy Bloodsworth was charged with tampering with one of the victims, as well as two witnesses.

## New Mexico Man Pleads Guilty to Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Crimes

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Douglas Kuester, a tax preparer from Silver City, N.M., pleaded guilty Friday to one count each of filing false claims and aggravated identity theft the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced today. Kuester was indicted on Jan. 18, 2012.