



Jerald Bland Plead Guilty in Houston Federal Court to One Count of Transportation

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 3, 2012 released the following:

“Houston Man Enters Guilty Plea to Transporting a Woman for Commercial Sex

HOUSTON— Jerald Bland aka “Moe Betta,” 30, of Houston, has pleaded guilty to one count of transportation, United States Attorney Kenneth Magidson announced today.

Bland admitted to transporting a woman to Louisiana intending that she engage in prostitution. An investigation by the Houston FBI Innocence Lost Task Force, which includes the Houston Police Department, developed this case using on line advertisements for the victim’s services and hotel records from several hotels in Louisiana.

On March 8, 2010, Houston Police Department officers conducted an undercover operation which resulted in the apprehension of Bland and the identification of the female victim. At that time, a silver Sony HDX Camera was discovered along with pictures of females

in sexually provocative poses and photos of Bland flashing money. According to the factual basis in support of the guilty plea today, between May 26 and June 7, 2010, Bland transported the female victim to Beaumont, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La. While out of town, ads were posted for sexual services on the Internet which were discovered by investigating officers and corresponded to the dates of the hotel reservations where they stayed.

Several employees from the hotels involved recognized Bland and the victim as being at the hotels. At one location, the business center was used to post Internet ads for prostitution which was discovered by an employee.

Bland kept all the money the woman earned in relation to the sexual services performed.

U.S. Judge Nancy F. Atlas, who accepted the guilty plea today, set sentencing for March 20, 2012, at which time Bland faces up to 10 years’ imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000. Upon completion of any prison term imposed, Bland also faces a maximum lifetime term of supervised release. He will remain in custody pending his sentencing hearing.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri L. Zack.”

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U.S. Charges 3 Swiss Bankers

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The New York Times on January 3, 2012 released the following:

By REUTERS

“United States prosecutors charged three Swiss bankers on Tuesday of conspiring with wealthy American taxpayers to hide more than \$1.2 billion in assets from tax authorities.

The office of the Manhattan United States attorney said in a statement that the indictment accused the bankers of trying to “capture business lost by UBS A.G. and another large international Swiss bank in the wake of widespread news reports that the Internal Revenue Service was investigating UBS” in 2008 and 2009.

Neither the international Swiss bank nor the other purported co-conspirators were

identified by prosecutors.

The three bankers worked as client advisers at a Zurich bank branch and hid certain Swiss bank accounts and the income they had generated, prosecutors said. They did not identify the bank branch.

The indictment filed in United States District Court in New York identified the three bankers as Michael Berlinka, Urs Frei and Roger Keller. It said they all lived in Switzerland. Their lawyers were not immediately known.

If convicted, the bankers face a maximum prison term of five years under the conspiracy charge.”

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Thomas G. Bruton Becomes Clerk of Court in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

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U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on January 3, 2012 released the following:

“CHICAGO – Effective January 1, 2012, Thomas G. Bruton began serving as the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He replaced Michael W. Dobbins who retired last year. Mr. Bruton is the fourteenth person to hold the position in the court’s 192-year history.

Chief Judge Holderman commented, “We are delighted to have the services of Tom Bruton to assist the court in advancing the cause of justice.”

Mr. Bruton will be responsible for overseeing the administration and operation of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the third

largest federal district court in the country.

Before assuming his duties as Clerk, Mr. Bruton previously served as the Space & Procurement Administrator of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.”

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