



## Barry Bonds' Obstruction Conviction in Steroids Probe Upheld by Federal Judge

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Bloomberg on August 26, 2011 released the following:

“By Peter Blumberg

Barry Bonds, Major League Baseball's home-run record holder, lost a bid to overturn his conviction for obstruction of justice in a government probe of steroid use by athletes, according to a court filing.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston in San Francisco issued a ruling yesterday denying the slugger's request for an acquittal and refusing to grant a new trial.

Illston rejected Bonds's argument that there was no crime in his 146-word answer to a grand jury about whether his trainer Greg Anderson ever gave him anything that required an injection with a syringe. His attorney, Dennis Riordan, said at an Aug. 25 hearing before Illston that the former San Francisco Giants outfielder took about 75 seconds to respond to prosecutors' direct question and eventually answered “no.”

“Defendant repeatedly provided nonresponsive answers to questions about whether Anderson had ever provided him with injectables, resulting in the prosecuting attorneys asking clarifying question after clarifying question, and even once resulting in one prosecutor interrupting another who was about to move on to a new topic in order to clarify defendant's mixed responses,” Illston wrote in her ruling. “An evasive answer about an issue material to the grand jury is not necessarily rendered immaterial by the

### Justice Department Releases Findings of Unconstitutional Conditions at Miami-Dade Jail Facilities

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Following a comprehensive investigation, the Justice Department has announced its findings that the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) has engaged in a pattern or practice of constitutional violations in the jail facilities operated by MDCR.

later provision of a direct answer, even if that direct answer is true.”

Convicted in April

Bonds, 47, was convicted in April by a federal jury in San Francisco of obstructing a U.S. probe of steroid use by professional athletes. Jurors were unable to agree on whether Bonds lied when he told a grand jury in 2003 that he didn't knowingly take steroids, didn't take human growth hormone and didn't receive injections by Anderson. A mistrial was declared on those counts.

Riordan didn't immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment on the ruling after regular business hours.

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's record of 755 career home runs in August 2007. He was indicted in November of that year for allegedly lying to a 2003 grand jury about steroids use. He was the first Major League ballplayer to be charged in a years-long federal probe of steroid use in professional sports.

Bonds's attorneys said at trial that he truthfully testified that he received performance-enhancing substances from Anderson without knowing what they were because the drugs were new at the time and Anderson told him one was flaxseed oil.

In the grand jury proceedings, Bonds didn't say yes or no when asked if Anderson ever gave him anything “that required a syringe to inject yourself with.” “One Doctor”

He responded that he “only had one doctor touch me” and he didn't talk baseball with his trainer or “get into other

### Justice Department Requires Divestiture in Order for General Electric Company to Proceed with its Acquisition of Converteam Group SAS

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The Department of Justice announced today that it has reached a settlement that will require General Electric Company (GE) to divest Converteam Group SAS's Electric Machinery Holding Company in order to proceed with its acquisition of Converteam.

people's business.” Bonds said that's what kept his friendship with Anderson going. “I became a celebrity child with a famous father,” Bonds told the grand jury, referring to his father, Bobby Bonds, a three-time All-Star who played for eight teams including the Giants and the New York Yankees. “I just don't get into other people's business because of my father's situation, you see.”

At the Aug. 25 hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Merry Jean Chan argued that Bonds could have answered yes or no, “but instead went on this exploration of his relationship with Greg Anderson” and engaged in “rambling that the jury found was given to evade.”

Bonds's eventual answer of “no” to the question was untruthful “in light of all the evidence at trial” including testimony from his former personal shopper who said she saw Bonds receiving an injection from Anderson, Chan said.

The case is U.S. v. Bonds, 07-00732, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California (San Francisco).”

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### Special Master Sheila L. Birnbaum Announces Final Rule to Govern 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund

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With the 10-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, approaching, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Special Master Sheila L. Birnbaum today announced the final rule governing the fund.



# Minnetta Walker an Ex-TSA Officer Admits to Aiding Drug Suspects Through the Buffalo Niagara International Airport

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The Buffalo News on August 26, 2011 released the following:

“By Dan Herbeck

Says she helped them get through security

A former federal security officer admitted Friday that she helped members of a local drug gang smuggle cash through the Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

Minnetta Walker, who was arrested in March after an 11-month investigation, admitted that she helped an alleged member of the drug ring use a fake name for traveling and helped him bypass security scanners at the airport.

The 43-year-old Buffalo woman also admitted that she once warned two of the man’s alleged drug associates that federal agents were tailing them in the airport.

The case raises disturbing questions:

- Did Walker, an employee of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, act alone?
- Is her case an indication of serious security problems at the airport?
- If Buffalo drug dealers can evade airport security to smuggle cash, could terrorists use the same methods to smuggle dangerous weapons or substances?

Federal officials said they could not provide specific answers to those questions Friday afternoon, but no other officials of the TSA or the airport are charged in the case, according to U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr.

Hochul said he hopes the case will cause the TSA to take a close look at security at airports in Buffalo and other cities, to determine whether improvements need to be made.

“It is certainly of concern to the Department of Justice,” said Hochul, the region’s chief federal prosecutor. “I would certainly recommend that there be an ongoing review ... There definitely needs to be a learning experience [for] all of us.”

The tactics Walker used are being closely examined to make sure others cannot repeat them, said George W. Gast, who oversees airport security as chief of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Police.

Walker was arrested after an investigation by Buffalo agents of the FBI, NFTA

Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

In a related case Thursday, a former employee of the Buffalo city clerk’s office pleaded guilty to a felony, admitting that she made up a false birth certificate that an alleged drug dealer, Derek Frank, used for interstate travel.

Regina McCullen, 53, a former customer assistant who was fired by the city in May, pleaded guilty to an identity fraud conspiracy charge.

The Buffalo News learned that at least one other person — an individual who is close to McCullen and works for an airline — is also expected to be charged criminally in the case.

Walker has not been charged with receiving payoffs or gratuities of any kind from the drug traffickers she helped, Hochul said. The prosecutor said he really doesn’t know at this point why Walker did it.

When District Judge Richard J. Arcara asked Walker why she helped the drug dealers, she had little information for him. “I don’t know ... I wasn’t thinking,” she said.

But her court-appointed attorney, James DeMatteo, said Walker told him she did have a reason, and it wasn’t money.

“She told me that Derek Frank is a close friend of her family, and that she did this for one reason — to help a friend,”

DeMatteo said. “I know the government doesn’t believe her, but I don’t know of one piece of evidence they have that she got money from any of these guys. She certainly hasn’t been out buying expensive cars or jewelry.”

Walker is sorry for her actions, and after taking her plea, she “burst into tears” in a courthouse elevator and “was almost out of control,” DeMatteo said.

“She’s made a huge mistake. She’s lost an excellent job with a decent paycheck and excellent benefits,” DeMatteo said.

Before the TSA fired her after her arrest, Walker told a judge she made about \$40,000 annually as a behavioral detection officer at the airport.

Her job was to walk around the airport, looking for suspicious individuals who might be planning some criminal activity. Instead, she admitted she spent at least some of her working hours accompanying drug suspects as they walked through security checkpoints without undergoing

close examination of themselves or their carry-on luggage.

Because Walker was close by Frank’s side, other TSA workers let him slide through the checkpoints with a minimum of scrutiny, authorities said.

According to a TSA spokeswoman, Lisa Farbstein, it would be unfair for Walker’s actions to reflect on more than 47,000 TSA workers who work to ensure the safety of travelers.

TSA worked closely with federal prosecutors and agents on the probe, Farbstein said.

“The agency aggressively investigates all allegations of misconduct,” Farbstein said. She said the agency has a “zero tolerance” approach to illegal actions such as Walker’s.

While Walker is believed to be the first TSA worker to be criminally charged in Buffalo, the agency has had scandals in other cities.

In February, two TSA officers at Kennedy International Airport were charged with stealing \$39,000 from a piece of luggage. A TSA supervisor in Newark, N.J., was charged last year with stealing thousands of dollars from foreign passengers, mostly people who could not speak English.

After an internal investigation in June, the TSA announced that it would seek the termination of 30 workers at the Honolulu International Airport in Hawaii. The probe focused on the improper screening of passenger baggage.

Speaking about the Buffalo probe on Friday, Hochul commended the work of the lead prosecutor on the case, Mary Catherine Baumgarten.

Under advisory sentencing guidelines, Walker faces a federal prison term in the probable range of 18 to 24 months. She pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud the federal government.”

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# Michael Holm Sentenced by Chief United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford For Possessing Child Pornography

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 26, 2011 released the following:

“Branford Resident Sentenced to Federal Prison Term for Possessing Child Pornography

David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that MICHAEL HOLM, 32, of Oak Street, Branford, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to three months of imprisonment, followed by three months of home confinement and five years of supervised release, for possessing child pornography.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on May 29, 2008, agents assigned to the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force conducted a court-authorized search at HOLM’s residence and seized a computer. Subsequent forensic analysis of the computer revealed between 150 and 300 images of child pornography.

On December 9, 2010, HOLM pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

Following his release from prison, HOLM will be required to register as a sex offender. As special conditions of his five-year-term of supervised release, the United States Probation Office is authorized to monitor HOLM’s computer use and conduct random searches of his residence, automobile and workplace. Also, HOLM must not have any unsupervised contact with children who are under the age of 18, other than his own children, without the express permission of the U.S. Probation Office and his mental health treatment provider.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which includes federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ray Miller and Special Assistant United States Attorney Neeraj Patel.

The Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which is housed at the main FBI office in New Haven, investigates crimes

occurring over the Internet, including on-line crimes against children, and provides computer forensic review services for participating agencies. For more information about the Task Force, or to report child exploitation crimes, please contact the FBI at 203-777-6311.

This prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Project Safe Childhood Initiative, and the District of Connecticut’s “Operation Constant Vigilance,” which are aimed at protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation.”

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# David Michael McElmurry Convicted by a San Diego Federal Jury of Distribution of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 26, 2011 released the following:

“United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that David Michael McElmurry was convicted today after a three-day jury trial before United States District Court Judge John A. Houston. A federal jury returned verdicts convicting McElmurry of one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. McElmurry faces a fifteen-year mandatory -minimum sentence.

According to evidence presented at trial, McElmurry used the screen name “Teentrade” on a file-sharing program where he had over 41,000 files of child pornography available for sharing. Among his collection were children as young as

infants involved in sexual conduct with adults and other children. The jury also heard testimony about his previous law enforcement contact from 2006, when he stated he was addicted to child pornography, had been viewing it since he was 15 years old, used encryption and traded files online.

The Court scheduled a sentencing hearing on November 28, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.

Case Number: 10CR5096-H  
DEFENDANT

David Michael McElmurry  
SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Images of Minors engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct)

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) (Distribution of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct)

Minimum penalty: 15 years’

imprisonment.

Maximum penalties: 40 years’ imprisonment.

Supervised Release: 5 years – Life.  
Mandatory Registration under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act

AGENCY

Federal Bureau of Investigation”

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# Robert C. Sasser Pled Guilty in Columbia Federal Court to Wire Fraud in Violation of 18 U.S.C. 1343

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 29, 2011 released the following:

“West Columbia Man Pleads Guilty to Mortgage Fraud

COLUMBIA, SC— United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Robert C. Sasser, age 31, of West Columbia, pled guilty in federal court in Columbia, to Wire Fraud, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343. United States District Judge Margaret B. Seymour accepted the plea and will impose a sentence in approximately ninety days.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Sasser was a realtor and mortgage broker. He was

## Bruce Massey Charged in an Information with Allegedly Mailing an Envelope Containing a White Powdery Substance Intending to Mislead That it was a Biological Agent or Toxin

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

Submitted at 12:47 PM August 29, 2011

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 26, 2011 released the following:

“Wellington Man Charged with Mailing White Powdery Substance

Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that a one-count information was filed charging Bruce Massey, age 59, of Wellington, Ohio, with false information and hoaxes.

The information alleges that on or about December 27, 2010, Massey mailed an envelope containing a white powdery substance to the offices of Allied Marketing Group in Dallas, Texas, and intended to mislead and give the impression that the white powdery substance was a biological agent or toxin.

If convicted, the defendant’s sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including the defendant’s prior criminal record, if any, the defendant’s role in the

## U.S. v. Homy Hong-Ming Hsu

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Motion hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific

involved in eight real estate transactions financed by Wachovia for approximately \$2.5 million. The loans were collateralized by homes that were significantly overvalued.

The loan documents contained multiple misrepresentations, including (1) grossly overstated or fabricated income and asset information, (2) forged signatures, (3) down payments paid by Sasser rather than by the purchaser, and (4) loan payments paid on behalf of, instead of by, the actual purchasers. Significantly, this caused loans to be approved in the names of individuals who could not afford them, which caused them all to go into foreclosure.

The amount of loss suffered by the lender in this case is approximately \$1,689,053.97.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty

offense and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases, the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew B. Kall, following investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.”

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Pre-trial conference is scheduled for February 12, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific  
Trial is scheduled for March 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific

Sasser can receive is a fine of \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for 20 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Winston D. Holliday, Jr., of the Columbia office handled the case.”

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## Justice Department Settles Lawsuit with the Puerto Rico Department of Justice Regarding Employment Rights Under the ADA

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The Justice Department today settled a lawsuit with the Puerto Rico Department of Justice to protect the rights of employees with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## Ohio Homebuilder Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison for Tax Fraud, Bank Fraud, Money Laundering and Obstruction of Justice Schemes

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 2:46 PM August 29, 2011

Thomas E. Parenteau of Hilliard, Ohio, was sentenced today to 22 years in prison for conspiring with his wife, his mistress and their accountant, to commit tax fraud and money laundering.



## James Aley White Arrested by the FBI for Allegedly Committing Bank Robbery in Albuquerque Will Appear in Houston Federal Court for his Initial Appearance

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

Submitted at 7:49 AM August 29, 2011

Houston Chronicle on August 28, 2011 released the following:

“FBI: Suspect arrested in Albuquerque bank robbery

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say they’ve arrested a man suspected in an Albuquerque bank robbery last week.

The FBI says 29-year-old James Aley White, of Albuquerque, is expected to have an initial appearance Monday in U.S. District Court.

FBI special agents and officers with the Albuquerque Police Department’s Repeat Offender Project unit arrested White at an Albuquerque motel on Friday.

Authorities say a Bank of America branch inside a Smith’s grocery store was robbed Aug. 19.

A man entered the store at about 6:15

p.m. and handed the teller a note demanding money. The note implied the robber had a gun, but no weapon was seen.

Authorities say the suspect left with an undisclosed amount of money.

The FBI announced White’s arrest Sunday but didn’t immediately say what led them to suspect him.”

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