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United States Joins Lawsuit Against San Francisco Area's North East Medical Services

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The United States has joined a whistleblower action pending in the Northern District of California against the federally-qualified health center (FQHC), North East Medical Services (NEMS), alleging that the center under-reported income it received from a managed care organization in order to artificially inflate reimbursements it received from the California Medicaid program, the Justice Department announced today. North East serves the San Francisco Bay area.

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West Speaks at the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention 2012 Summit

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"We must continue to work because today, somewhere, there's a child who will feel the sting of a punch because the clothes he's wearing aren't cool; who will believe her difference is a detriment as she eats alone in a crowded school cafeteria; who will skip school another day to avoid a terrifying confrontation; or will contemplate suicide because nothing seems like it can hurt more than this moment of humiliation right now," said Acting Associate Attorney General West.

Pfizer H.C.P. Corp. Agrees to Pay \$15 Million Penalty to Resolve Foreign Bribery Investigation

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Pfizer H.C.P. Corporation, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., has agreed to pay a \$15 million penalty to resolve an investigation of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations.

Justice Department Seeks to Shut Down Chicago Tax Preparer

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The Justice Department announced that it has asked a federal court in Chicago to bar Bruce E. Grant and his business, Quick Check Limited, from preparing tax returns. The civil injunction suit alleges that Grant falsifies customers' income on their tax returns, frequently by fabricating business income and expenses, in order to claim the maximum earned income tax credit (EITC) for them.

Jared Lee Loughner Pleads Guilty to Federal Charges in Tucson Shooting

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Jared Lee Loughner, 23, of Tucson, Ariz., pleaded guilty today in federal district court to charges stemming from the January 8, 2011 shooting outside a supermarket that killed six people and wounded 13 others.

Justice Department Settles Lawsuit Against Baltimore County, Maryland, Alleging Disability Discrimination

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The Justice Department today announced it has filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland against Baltimore County, Md.

U.S. v. Sang Hun Kim

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Sentencing hearing has been rescheduled for October 2, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific

Bulger plans to take the stand

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The Boston Globe on August 7, 2012 released the following:

"He would detail an immunity deal By Milton J. Valencia Globe Staff

James "Whitey" Bulger, once America's most wanted criminal, will for the first time -address the charges against him, taking the stand in his own defense in hope of convincing a jury that federal officials once granted him immunity for his many crimes, his lawyer said Monday. J.W. Carney Jr. announced that plan during a hearing in US District Court in Boston. He said Bulger wants to provide a firsthand account of his relationship with the FBI and the deal he had for working secretly as a government informant. "He is going to tell the truth, if the judge permits him to," Carney later told reporters outside the federal courthouse. Bulger's testimony could further shed light on one of the darkest eras of the FBI, as the gangster would probably describe the crimes he committed, what the FBI knew of them, and whether he received promises for his cooperation, providing a firsthand, real-life account of the type of underworld events that have become the fodder of books and movies.

Carney said that Bulger, a -fugitive for more than 16 years until his arrest in June 2011, wants to tell his story directly to jurors at his trial, scheduled for March, rather than bring it -before US District Court Judge Richard Stearns, who is presiding over the case.

Bulger's lead attorney has questioned whether Stearns, who was head of the criminal division in the US attorney's -office in Boston during part of the time Bulger allegedly committed his crimes, would be able to look at the immunity claim impartially.

"Our client believes that he will get fairer

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consideration on the issue of immunity from a jury than he will from the person who was the head of the criminal bureau of the United States attorney's office," Carney said, adding, "I expect that he will get a fair jury and trust that they will see the truth."

Bulger, a notorious gangster in Boston, had been secretly working as an FBI informant while allegedly carrying out his crimes. He fled shortly before a federal indictment of him came down in January 1995, after -being tipped off by his corrupt FBI handler, John Connolly, who is now in prison for his role in a murder linked to Bulger.

Later, hearings in US District Court in Boston exposed Bulger's inappropriate relationship with the FBI, and he was eventually charged with participating in 19 murders. He was discovered and arrested in -Santa Monica, Calif. in a rent-controlled apartment he had been sharing with his girlfriend, Catherine Greig, since 1996.

Family members of some of Bulger's alleged victims said outside the courthouse Monday that Carney is getting desperate in his representation of the -notorious gangster, and they questioned how Bulger could believe he had a "license to kill."

But they also said they look forward to his testimony.

"I want to hear what he has to say," said Patricia Donahue, whose husband, Michael, was an innocent bystander allegedly gunned down by Bulger in 1982 while giving a friend a ride home.

Whether Bulger will be able to raise an immunity defense before jurors remains an open question, according to legal -analysts. The courts have established, in the case of Bulger's longtime cohort, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, that a -defendant cannot claim immunity offered by a rogue FBI agent.

US District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf made that ruling, which was upheld by the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, when Flemmi said he and Bulger were granted -immunity for passing along information incriminating the Mafia. But Carney has said that Bulger's deal was different: The 82-year-old gangster asserts the immunity was granted not by the FBI, but from within the US Department of Justice, which has the authority to make -immunity agreements. Carney would not identify the law enforcement official he said granted Bulger's immunity, saying he will do that at trial. But he has indicated in court -records that he plans to call as witnesses some of the former law enforcement officials who held leadership positions in the US attorney's office, such as Stearns and William F. Weld, former governor, who was also a US attorney during a part of the time Bulger allegedly committed his crimes.

Carney also said he would introduce evidence that would impeach the credibility of past statements by former and -deceased law enforcement officials, such as former US attorney Jeremiah O'Sullivan.

O'Sullivan was the US attorney who decided against indicting Bulger and Flemmi in a historic horse race-fixing scheme, though about 20 other gangsters, including associates in their Winter Hill gang, were charged and received lengthy prison sentences.

A.J. Manieri, a Providence-based criminal defense lawyer who has followed the Bulger case and others in organized crime, said the assertion of -immunity seems to be a question of law that Stearns might have to decide before it reaches jurors. Prosecutors will probably argue that Bulger had no deal of immunity for crimes such as murder, and jurors should not be exposed to the assertion. Manieri

said that the judge could exclude testimony that would not be relevant to the charges.

But he also said that Carney will want to show that the agreement came not from a rogue FBI agent, but from within the leadership of the Department of Justice. He said Carney could be successful just in having Stearns take up the legal -issue because it would settle the question of law. "It's going to be a bloodbath in there," he said."

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