



Mohamed Ali Arrested by ICE Agents for Allegedly Streaming Live Copyrighted Sporting Events Over the Internet Illegally

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The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on August 23, 2011 released the following:

“HSI agents arrest website operator for illegally streaming copyrighted sporting events

NEW YORK — A Queens man, who allegedly streamed live copyrighted sporting events over the Internet illegally, was arrested this morning by agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Mohamed Ali, 19, of Hollis, N.Y., was taken into custody at his home and charged with one count of criminal infringement of a copyright. He was the operator of HQ-STREAMS.COM and HQ-STREAMS.NET. Both of those domain names were seized by HSI on Feb. 1, 2011, as part of an ongoing HSI investigation into websites that illegally streamed copyrighted sporting telecasts and pay-per-view events.

The investigation into Ali revealed he made more than \$6,000 in profits from online merchants who paid subscription fees to view copyrighted material. Since the seizure, both sites have received more than 50,000 hits combined.

“Today’s arrest sends a clear message to website operators who mistakenly believe it’s worth the risk to take copyrighted programming and portray it as their own,” said ICE Director John Morton.

Minnesota Transit Constructors to Pay U.S. \$4.6 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Liability

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Minnesota Transit Constructors Inc. (MnTC), a joint venture comprised of Granite Construction, C.S. McCrossan Inc. and Parsons Transportation Group, as

“Protecting legitimate business interests are a priority for HSI, the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center and our law enforcement partners. We are dedicated to protecting the jobs, the income and the tax revenue that disappear when organized criminals traffic in stolen content for their own profit.”

According to the criminal complaint and seizure affidavit unsealed today in Manhattan federal court, from approximately February 2010 to January 2011, Mohamed Ali used HQ-STREAMS.COM and HQ-STREAMS.NET to allegedly infringe on copyrighted material from the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), Ultimate Fighting Championship and (UFC) and boxing events for purposes of commercial advantage and private financial gain.

Visitors to HQ-STREAMS.COM and HQ-STREAMS.NET paid a subscription fee of \$6, \$12 and up to \$25 to click on one of a number of links to begin the process of downloading or streaming illegal broadcasts of sporting events to their computers. During the investigation leading to the Feb. 1, 2011, seizures, HSI agents downloaded portions of live and taped copyrighted telecasts of these events from HQ-STREAMS.COM and HQ-STREAMS.NET.

Ali registered the HQ-STREAMS.COM and HQ-STREAMS.NET domain names in February 2010 and operated the websites until the time of their seizure out of his home in Hollis.

well as a number of subcontractors, have agreed to pay the United States \$4.6 million to resolve allegations that they knowingly submitted false claims related to a federally-funded transit construction project in Minneapolis.

Michigan Man Pleads Guilty to Illegal Importation of Polar Bear Trophy from Canada

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Rodger Dale DeVries, 73, a resident of

Jenison, Mich., has pleaded guilty to illegally importing a polar bear trophy mount in 2007 from Canada into

The National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center) is one of the U.S. government’s key weapons in the fight against criminal counterfeiting and piracy. As a task force, the IPR Center uses the expertise of its 19 member agencies to share information, develop initiatives, coordinate enforcement actions, and conduct investigations related to IP theft. Through this strategic interagency partnership, the IPR Center protects the public’s health and safety, the U.S. economy and the war fighters.

To report IP theft or to learn more about the IPR Center, visit www.IPRCenter.gov.

This case is being handled by the Complex Frauds Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher D. Frey is in charge of the prosecution.

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U.S. v. Richard J. Pisciotta, Jr.

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Sentencing hearing has been scheduled for February 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Eastern.

Michigan in violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.



Thirty-Two Indicted by a Miami Federal Grand Jury in Second Coordinated Pill Mill Takedown

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 23, 2011 released the following: “Defendants Owned and Worked at Four Area Clinics that Prescribed More Than 20 Million Pills and Profited More than \$40 Million; Thirteen Doctors Among Those Charged

MIAMI—Thirty-two defendants, including 13 doctors, were charged in an indictment unsealed today for their participation in, among other things, the illegal distribution of pain killers and steroids through pill mills operating in Broward and Palm Beach Counties in Florida and through the Internet, respectively.

The charges were announced by Wifredo A. Ferrer, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida; John V. Gillies, Special Agent in Charge, FBI; Mark R. Trouville, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); José A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI); Michael McAuliffe, Palm Beach, Fla., County State Attorney; Ric Bradshaw, Sheriff, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office; Al Lamberti, Sheriff, Broward, Fla., Sheriff’s Office; Chadwick E. Wagner, Chief, Hollywood, Fla., Police Department; Dan Alexander, Chief, Boca Raton, Fla., Police Department; and Patrick Lynn, Chief, Davie, Fla., Police Department.

Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that Schedule II prescription painkillers, like oxycodone, today cause more drug overdose deaths than cocaine and heroin combined. Oxycodone and other Schedule II drugs have a high potential for abuse and can be crushed and snorted, or dissolved and injected, to get an immediate high. This abuse can lead to addiction, overdose, and sometimes death.

The five-count indictment, filed Aug. 11, 2011 and unsealed today, charges the defendants with numerous crimes, including racketeering conspiracy (18 defendants in count 1), money laundering conspiracy (19 defendants in count 2), possession with intent to distribute controlled substances (19 defendants in count 3), maintaining drug-involved premises (9 defendants in count 4), and wire and mail fraud conspiracy (16 defendants in count 5). Charged in the indictment are Christopher Paul George, 30, of Wellington, Fla.; Jeffrey George, 30, of Wellington; Derik Nolan, 34, of

Wellington; Christopher Hutson, 31, of Wellington; Theodore Obermeyer, 30, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Ethan Baumhoff, 40, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Andrew Harrington, 31, of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Daryl Michael Stewart, 44, of West Palm Beach, Steven Goodman, 67, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Michael Renda, 30, of West Palm Beach, Matthew Siss, 25, of Jupiter, Fla.; Pedro Martinez, 35, of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; Jason Leve, 33, of Wellington; Jack Martin, 48, of North Palm Beach, Fla.; Marc Anthony Naya, 26, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; Zachary Horsley, 25, of Royal Palm Beach; Gino Marquez, 30, of Wellington; Beau Boshers, M.D., 47, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Michael Aruta, M.D., 48, of Boca Raton; Cynthia Cadet, M.D., 41, of Parkland, Fla.; Roni Dreszer, M.D., 36, of Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.; Patrick Graham, M.D., 64, of Boca Raton; Daniel Hauser, M.D., 61, of Hollywood; Robert Meek, D.O., 36, of Davie; Vernon Atreidis, M.D., 46, of Ft. Lauderdale; Augusto Lizarazo, M.D., 70, of Jupiter; Christine Chico-Blume, D.O., 59, of Jupiter; Dianna Pavnick George, 27, of Wellington; Denice Haggerty, 58, of Wellington; Joseph Castronuovo, M.D., 72, of Key Largo, Fla.; Irwin Beretsky, M.D., 76, of Boca Raton; and Jacobo Dreszer, M.D., 70, of Sunny Isles Beach.

The indictment alleges that Christopher and Jeffrey George, twin brothers, operated, managed and financed four alleged pain management clinics in Broward and Palm Beach Counties: American Pain, Executive Pain, East Coast Pain and Hallandale Pain. According to the indictment, from 2008 to early 2010, the defendants’ pill mills distributed approximately 20 million oxycodone pills and made more than \$40 million from the illegal sales of controlled substances.

U.S. Attorney Ferrer stated, “These defendants showed a callous disregard for the well-being of their patients and the value of human life. For years, they distributed oxycodone and other controlled substances without regard to medical need, without individual treatment plans, and without physical examinations. Like all drug traffickers, they focused solely on making money and staying out of jail. But thanks to the hard work of our federal and local partners, we are shutting down these dangerous pill mills, seizing their money and assets, and sending the owners, operators, and doctors to jail. You cannot deal drugs hiding behind a medical license.”

“The significance of today’s takedown is that we have dismantled the nation’s largest criminal organization involved in the illegal distribution of pain killers,” said Special Agent in Charge for FBI Miami Gillies. “Up until today, efforts focused on the demand by targeting individual users. Today, we attacked the source and choked off the supply.”

DEA Special Agent in Charge Trouville stated, “This indictment reflects our continued multi-prong attack on those who contribute to the illegal diversion of pharmaceutical drugs from the pill mills of Florida, to the streets of communities across the United States. The DEA has the unique ability to use both criminal and administrative tools to put drug traffickers out of business.”

IRS Special Agent in Charge Gonzalez stated, “When any serious criminal activity is identified, IRS will commit resources to work side by side with our law enforcement partners to dismantle major drug trafficking organizations and their money laundering operations. Our special agents effectively traced the flow of monies, identified the individuals who profited from these illegal activities and seized the assets purchased using the ill-gotten gains.”

“Thanks to the efforts of law enforcement and lawmakers, Broward County is losing its dubious distinction as the pill mill capital of the country,” Broward Sheriff Lamberti said. “Unfortunately, deadly prescription drug abuse continues and local, state and federal authorities must keep up the fight to combat it.”

Hollywood Assistant Police Chief Granteed stated, “Since 2003, the Hollywood Police Department and the South Broward Drug Enforcement Unit, in partnership with the Broward Sheriff’s Office, have been aggressively involved in operations like this to fight illegal pain clinics throughout Broward County. This type of joint police action is the only way to prevent trafficking in oxycodone, doctor shopping, and the deaths that result from overdoses. We will continue this fight and not rest until every illegal pain clinic is closed.”

“Oxy is a contemporary plague. We are very happy to have partnered with the agencies involved in this operation and to have played a role in such a significant undertaking. It is our hope that through these efforts and other similar operations we can reduce the illicit use of oxy and save lives,” stated Chief Lynn of the



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Davie Police Department.

According to the indictment, the defendants operated the clinics as pill mills that offered patients prescriptions for oxycodone and other controlled substances without any legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional medical practice.

Consequently, individuals, including addicts and traffickers, seeking to buy large quantities of oxycodone and other controlled substances would travel from as far as Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and elsewhere to obtain prescriptions at the defendants' clinics. Business was such that the defendants hired security guards to attempt to control the fights and arguments that would often erupt between patients waiting in the clinic lobbies for their physical examinations or prescriptions.

To execute the scheme, the defendants hired complicit doctors who agreed from as early as their job interviews to prescribe oxycodone and other controlled substances to patients without regard to medical necessity, with only a cursory physical examination of the patient, and in violation of numerous federal and state laws and DEA regulations regarding the storage and distribution of controlled substances. The doctors typically prescribed a "cocktail" of controlled substances, including large quantities of oxycodone (30 mg and 15 mg), Xanax (2 mg) and/or Soma, with no individualized treatment plans or showing of medical need. In return, the complicit doctors were paid on a per capita basis depending on the number of patients they examined each day.

According to the indictment, by 2010, the complicit doctors were allegedly examining close to 500 patients each day at just one clinic, American Pain Clinic. In fact, from July 2008 through March 2010, approximately 66,871 prescriptions were allegedly filled from American Pain Clinic. Of the prescriptions filled at American Pain Clinic, approximately 96 percent were for either oxycodone or alprazolam. Moreover, about 80 percent of the prescriptions filled at American Pain Clinic were for individuals who listed an address outside of Florida.

The indictment also charges Steven Goodman, who was the owner of a pharmaceutical wholesaler, Medical Arts Inc., with participation in the racketeering criminal enterprise (count 1). Under federal law, Medical Arts Inc. was required to report to the DEA suspicious orders of controlled substances. Suspicious orders include orders of

unusual size and frequency, and orders deviating substantially from normal patterns. DEA notified Medical Arts Inc. that the defendants' clinics appeared to be operating as illegal pill mills.

Notwithstanding such notice, Medical Arts continued to supply the defendants' clinics with approximately one million dosages of oxycodone and conspired to obstruct a governmental investigation into the clinics.

In addition to the illegal distribution of controlled substances, many of the racketeering defendants in count 1 are alleged to have participated in large scale fraudulent telemarketing activity. The racketeering defendants allegedly operated and managed two large illegal time share resale businesses, in which they made false statements to victims to induce them to pay fees for non-existent marketing and sales activities. These timeshare telemarketing schemes generated millions of dollars in profit for these defendants.

The indictment further alleges that many of the racketeering defendants, under the direction of Jeffrey George, were also involved in the illegal Internet distribution of anabolic steroids through South Beach Rejuvenation and Health Inc., a company that he owned and controlled. According to the charges, South Beach Rejuvenation and Health Inc., allegedly sold steroids to customers without first conducting in-person patient examinations, as required by federal law. Once again, the racketeering enterprise used complicit doctors to issue thousands of prescriptions for steroids. This criminal activity generated millions of dollars for the defendants.

Lastly, the indictment alleges that the racketeering defendants engaged in wide-ranging violence, including kidnapping, extortion, assault, aggravated assault with a firearm, and other crimes of violence against competitors and individuals whom they suspected of stealing or other disloyalty.

To date, the government has seized approximately \$4.7 million in cash from the defendants' residences, various houses, and expensive automobiles worth more than \$9 million. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of approximately \$40 million in cash and assets, representing the illegal proceeds of the pill mill operations. Among the assets sought to be forfeited are a 2010 Range Rover, three residential properties in Lake Worth and expensive watches, including a Rolex Submariner, a Chopard and Patek Philippe watches.

If convicted, the defendants face a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on count one, 10 years on count two, 20 years on count three, 20 years on count four, and five years on count five.

Today's case, dubbed Operation Oxy Alley, is the result of the ongoing efforts by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), a partnership between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The OCDETF mission is to identify, investigate, and prosecute high level members of drug trafficking enterprises, bringing together the combined expertise and unique abilities of federal, state and local law enforcement.

A separate press release is being issued by the Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in Operation "Prescription for Death," which addresses state murder and trafficking charges relating to some of these defendants.

U.S. Attorney Ferrer commended the FBI, DEA, IRS-CI, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Broward Sheriff's Office, the Hollywood Police Department, the Boca Raton Police Department and the Davie Police Department for their work on Operation Oxy Alley. U.S. Attorney Ferrer also noted the cooperation of the Palm Beach State Attorney's Office. U.S. Attorney Ferrer also thanked the Delray Beach Police Department, Jupiter Police Department, West Palm Beach Police Department, Boynton Beach Police Department, Medley Police Department, Homestead Police Department, North Miami Beach Police Department and Sunny Isles Police Department for their assistance in this operation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Paul F. Schwartz, Lawrence D. LaVecchio and Strider Dickson.

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Connecticut Pediatrician Todd Parrilla Charged in a Federal Criminal Complaint with Alleged Possession, Receipt, and Distribution of Child Pornography

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 23, 2011 released the following: "Southeastern Connecticut Pediatrician Arrested on Federal Child Pornography Charge

David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Kimberly K. Mertz, Special Agent in Charge of the New Haven Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that TODD PARRILLA, 47, of Pellegrino Road, Stonington, was arrested today by members of the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force and charged in a federal criminal complaint with possession, receipt, and distribution of child pornography.

According to allegations contained in court documents and statements made in court, on July 8, 2011, a law enforcement officer in Kansas City, Missouri, acting in an undercover capacity, logged into a publicly available Internet file-sharing program and downloaded 104 images of child pornography from a shared directory maintained by PARRILLA.

PARRILLA is currently employed as a pediatrician in Pawcatuck, Connecticut. PARRILLA was arrested this morning following the execution of a search and **Google Forfeits \$500 Million Generated by Online Ads & Prescription Drug Sales by Canadian Online Pharmacies**

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Online search engine Google Inc. has agreed to forfeit \$500 million for allowing online Canadian pharmacies to place advertisements through its AdWords program targeting consumers in the United States, resulting in the unlawful importation of controlled and non-controlled prescription drugs into the United States.

Florida Woman Charged with Witness Tampering, False Statements and Obstruction of Justice in Relation to Her Husband's Disappearance

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Abby Beard Hogan, 50, was charged with two counts of making false statements to

seizure warrant at his residence. Seized during the execution of the warrant were several computer-related components, including three detachable hard drives. Investigators also seized a bag containing more than one hundred printed images of what appears to be child pornography from a closet in PARRILLA's bedroom.

PARRILLA appeared this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Thomas P. Smith in Hartford and has been ordered detained pending a detention hearing that is scheduled for Friday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.

If convicted of the charge of possession, receipt, and distribution of child pornography, PARRILLA faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years, and a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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

This matter is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which includes federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Stonington Police Department is assisting **Former "Most Wanted" Health Care Fraud Fugitives Plead Guilty to \$9.1 Million Detroit Medicare Fraud Scheme**

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Caridad Guilarte, 54, and Clara Guilarte, 57, each pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

the investigation.

The Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force is housed in the main FBI office in New Haven, Connecticut. Citizens who have information that may be helpful to this investigation are encouraged to call the Task Force at 203-777-6311.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Deborah R. Slater and Paul H. McConnell as 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. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov."

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Three New Jersey Investors Plead Guilty to Bid Rigging at Municipal Tax Lien Auctions

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Three financial investors who purchased municipal tax liens at auctions in New Jersey pleaded guilty today for their roles in a conspiracy to rig bids at tax liens auctions held by municipalities.

Iowa Company Pleads Guilty to Participating in Ready-Mix Concrete Price-Fixing and Bid-Rigging Conspiracy

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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An Iowa ready-mix concrete company pleaded guilty today to participating in a price-fixing and bid-rigging conspiracy for the sales of ready-mix concrete.

federal law enforcement officials, one count of witness tampering and four counts of obstruction of justice.



Former Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Guard Alejandro Smith Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Heroin

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The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Texas on August 23, 2011 released the following:
"Former TDCJ Guard Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Heroin

HOUSTON – A former Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Institution Division guard has been convicted of possessing with intent to distribute heroin, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today.

Alejandro Smith, 21, pleaded guilty on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, to the federal felony offense admitting that on June 1, 2011, while employed as a TDCJ guard he received a purple duffle bag containing one pound of heroin which he intended to distribute. The investigation leading to Smith's arrest began on May 31, 2011, when the FBI learned from a confidential

U.S. v. William A. Collins

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Sentencing hearing has been scheduled for February 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Eastern.

U.S. v. Isadore H. May

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source of information that Smith, a TDCJ guard at the Eastham Unit, was providing contraband to prisoners. The following day, while in the presence of an undercover officer, Smith arrived at the parking lot of a Huntsville area discount store driving a green Buick and parked next to an undercover vehicle. Smith got out of his vehicle, entered the passenger side of the undercover vehicle and was given a purple duffle bag containing heroin. After Smith retrieved the bag, he returned to the green Buick and placed the purple duffle bag containing the heroin in his front passenger seat. Immediately following the delivery, Smith was arrested.

Judge Lynn N. Hughes, who presided over yesterday afternoon's hearing, accepted Smith's guilty plea, convicted him of the offense and set sentencing for Nov. 21, 2011. Smith has been permitted to remain on bond pending his sentencing hearing. Smith faces no less than five

U.S. v. Pronto Staffing, Inc., et al.

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Sentencing hearing has been rescheduled for November 30, 2011 1:15 p.m. Central Eastern.

years and up to 40 years in federal prison and a \$5 million dollar fine.

The investigation leading to the charges was conducted by the FBI and Texas Rangers with the assistance of TDCJ-Office of Inspector General, Huntsville and Katy Police Departments and the Walker County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James McAlister prosecuted the case."

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