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Five Individuals Charged in Alleged Connection with Death of a Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol Agent; \$1 Million FBI Reward Announced

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 9, 2012 released the following:

"Individuals Charged Are Allegedly Responsible for Death of Agent Brian Terry

TUCSON, AZ- The indictment charging five individuals involved in the death of United States Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was unsealed today in Tucson, Arizona, and a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest of four fugitives was announced by Department of Justice officials. According to the indictment, Manuel Osorio-Arellanes, Jesus Rosario Favela-Astorga, Ivan Soto-Barraza, Heraclio Osorio-Arellanes, and Lionel Portillo-Meza are charged with crimes including first-degree murder, second-degree murder, conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery, attempted interference with commerce by robbery, use and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence, assault on a federal officer, and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. A sixth defendant, Rito Osorio-Arellanes, is charged only with conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery.

The 11-count third superseding indictment (Case Number: CR-11-0150-TUC-DCB-BPV), which was handed up by a federal grand jury in the District of Arizona on November 7, 2011, alleges that on December 14, 2010, five of the defendants (Manuel Osorio-Arellanes, Jesus Rosario Favela-Astorga, Ivan Soto-Barraza, Heraclio Osorio-Arellanes, and Lionel Portillo-Meza) engaged in a firefight with Border Patrol agents. During the exchange of gunfire, Agent Terry was shot and killed. The indictment alleges that the defendants had illegally entered the United States from Mexico for the purpose of robbing drug traffickers of

their contraband. In addition to the murder Attorney's Office for the District of of Agent Terry, the indictment also alleges that the five defendants assaulted Border Patrol Agents William Castano, Gabriel Fragoza, and Timothy Keller, who were with Agent Terry during the firefight.

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy said, "Agent Terry died in the line of duty while protecting his country. But he was more than a federal agent-he was a son, a brother, a co-worker, and a friend to many. The indictment unsealed today reflects the progress our dedicated law enforcement team has made piecing together this complex murder case. But there is more work to be done and we will not rest until we bring justice to the family of Brian Terry."

"United States Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry made the ultimate sacrifice in December of 2010, while protecting our border," stated James L. Turgal Jr., FBI Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division. "Today's announcement is an important step forward in the pursuit of justice for Border Patrol Agent Terry and his family. It is our hope that the publicity surrounding this case will lead to information concerning the whereabouts of the remaining four fugitives. The FBI and our law enforcement partners will continue to pursue those individuals responsible for the murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry."

Manuel Osorio-Arellanes has been in custody since his arrest the night of the shooting. Rito Osorio-Arellanes has been in custody since December 12, 2010, when he was arrested by Border Patrol agents on immigration charges. The indictment is being unsealed today in order to seek the public's assistance in locating the fugitive defendants. This case is being prosecuted in federal

court in Tucson by attorneys from the Southern District of California, Special Attorneys Todd W. Robinson, David D. Leshner, and Fred A. Sheppard. The U.S. Arizona is recused. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An indictment is a formal charging document and defendants are presumed innocent until the government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Massive Ponzi Scheme Proves Age-Old Adage

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How a St. Louis bishop earned the trust

of investors and then swindled them for \$52 million.

FBI Says Cartel Used Bank of America to Launder Money

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Bloomberg Business Week on July 9, 2012 released the following: "By Joe Schneider

The brother of the alleged leader of a Mexican cocaine-trafficking cartel used Bank of America Corp. (BAC) accounts to invest the organization's drug proceeds in U.S. racehorses, a FBI agent said. Jose Trevino-Morales, one of 14 people indicted by a federal grand jury in Texas on June 12, used a personal account and a business account under the name of Tremor Enterprises LLC to buy and sell horses using money generated from cocaine trafficking, extortion and bribery, Jason Preece, a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said in a June 11 sworn statement filed in federal court in Dallas.

"The ultimate goal of this money laundering operation was to provide Jose Trevino with apparent legitimate assets purchased and maintained by illegally obtained money," Preece said. Bank of America isn't accused of any wrongdoing in the agent's statement.

Details of the transactions were revealed in a probe of the Los Zetas drug cartel, which according to the filing, funnels thousands of kilograms of cocaine into the U.S. each year. Los Zetas is the biggest drug cartel in Mexico, in geographical presence, and controls 11 states in the country, generating millions of dollars of revenue, Preece said in the statement filed in a bid to gain a search warrant for Trevino's property.

Strong Procedures

"We have strong anti-money-laundering Five Individuals Charged in Connection with Death of a Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol Agent, \$1 Million FBI Reward Announced

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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An indictment charging five individuals involved in the death of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was unsealed today in Tucson, and a reward of up to \$1 million from the FBI for information leading to the arrest of four fugitives, was announced by Department of Justice officials. procedures and work closely with the authorities when suspicious activity is discovered," Larry Di Rita, a spokesman at Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America, said in a phone interview today.

The bank doesn't comment on any specific legal and customer cases, he said. Preece filed the statement to support his request for court permission to search Trevino's property in Balch Springs, Texas, a Dallas suburb, where he said investigators were likely to find horse ownership records, bank statements and cellular phones used to communicate with Los Zetas.

Trevino, who earned \$29,000 in 2009 from Texas Stone and Tile LLC, had expenses of \$200,000 a month the following year to support his horses, according to an FBI informant who isn't named in the filing. The drug cartel had bought at least \$4.2 million worth of quarter horses, which are used in shortdistance races, over a four-year period, according to the indictment.

The two most well-known horses Trevino had were Tempting Dash and Mr. Piloto, according to the filing.

Mr. Piloto won the All American Futurity race in 2010 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, with Tremor Enterprises' bank account being credited with \$968,440 as a result, Preece said.

Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, 38, leader of the Los Zetas drug cartel, and his brother Oscar Omar Trevino Morales were also indicted by the grand jury. The defendants are charged in the May 30 indictment with conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. The crime carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

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- Washington, D.C.

The criminal case is U.S. v. Morales, A-12-cr-210-SS, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas (San Antonio). The application and affidavit for search warrant is 3:12-mj-255, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas (Dallas.)"

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