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Debbie Clemens to back up husband on HGH shot

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Associated Press on June 8, 2012 released the following:

"By FREDERIC J. FROMMER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — "My heart's pounding," Debbie Clemens said just before she walked into a federal courtroom to take the stand in her husband's perjury trial.

Lawyers on both sides of the Roger Clemens case are ready for key testimony from her about her husband's alleged use of human growth hormone as the defense nears the end of its case.

Debbie Clemens, who spent only 15 minutes on the stand Thursday fielding background questions before court recessed for the day, was to get to the crux of her testimony Friday. She was expected to say that she received a shot of HGH from Clemens' then-strength coach, Brian McNamee, about 12 years ago, and that her husband wasn't present.

McNamee, the government's key witness, testified last month that not only was the star baseball pitcher there, he had summoned McNamee to the couple's master bathroom in Houston to give Debbie Clemens the drug.

McNamee said she looked at her husband and said, "I can't believe you're going to let him do this to me," and Clemens responded, "He injects me. Why can't he inject you?'

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs. Among the false statement he's alleged to have made are that he never used HGH and that McNamee injected his wife without Clemens' prior knowledge or approval. Wearing a cream-colored suit, Debbie Clemens told U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton that she was being represented by her husband's lawyer, Rusty Hardin. Walton gave her a few minutes to talk to Hardin about her right not to incriminate herself, after which she came back and said she was ready to testify.

Hardin earlier had told Walton that the

HGH injection happened so long ago that the statute of limitations would bar charges against her now.

Debbie Clemens testified briefly Thursday about the couple's time in Boston, where her husband pitched for the Red Sox from 1984 to 1996. She recalled that son Koby, born in 1986, was dubbed "most valuable baby" because his father was MVP that year.

For the benefit of the jury, Walton asked her what MVP meant.

"Most valuable baby," she said, prompting laughter in the courtroom – including a rare laugh from her husband across the room. She quickly corrected her answer to most valuable player.

She also said that while she liked Boston, "the media could be very miserable. It was hard living a hero and a villain every other day, what they were creating."

After the court recessed, Roger Clemens came up behind his wife in the hallway and put his arm around her.

Earlier Thursday, McNamee's wife, Eileen, testified, but there was no embrace waiting for her, as the couple is going through a contentious divorce. She said she was furious with both her husband and Clemens when the former pitcher's lawyers allowed details of the McNamees' oldest son's diabetes to be revealed during a 2008 nationally televised news conference.

The news conference was part of a media blitz during which Clemens denied the doping allegations McNamee made about the pitcher in the then-just-released Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball. Hardin and Clemens played a taped phone call in which McNamee told Clemens, "My son is dying."

That wasn't true, Eileen McNamee said, although she had left her husband a message around that time about blood test results that weren't what they were supposed to be.

"Brian didn't bother to call me back. He called Roger and told him his son was dying," she testified.

Then her 10-year-old son heard the news conference, and "now my son thinks he's dying."

Prosecutor Courtney Saleski said Clemens could have kept the information about her son out of the news conference, but instead, "he played it for the world." "Yes, he did," Eileen McNamee said. She acknowledged that she called her husband and told him to go after Clemens.

The next day, around 3 a.m., Brian McNamee retrieved the evidence that he said had been kept in and around a beer can inside a FedEx box for more than six years, the remnants of an alleged steroids injection of Clemens in 2001, which is the key physical evidence against Clemens. "I asked him where he was going, and he said he was heading to his lawyers, and he was out the door," she recalled. Brian McNamee had testified that he

decided to turn over the evidence to federal authorities against Clemens "because of what he did to my son.""

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Owen D. Harris Named Assistant Director of Training Division

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Four Employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground Indicted for Alleged Theft of Government Property

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 8, 2012 released the following:

"BALTIMORE -- A federal grand jury has returned two indictments charging four civilians employed at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) with theft of government property, specifically, aluminum and copper to which the defendants had access as part of their jobs. The indictments were returned on June 7, 2012. One of the defendants, Timothy Bittner, was arrested at work today. Timothy J. Bittner, age 52, of Bel Air, Maryland; Robert W. Reynolds, age 29 of Felton, Pennsylvania; and Steven M. Coale, age 33, of North East, Maryland, are charged in the first indictment with conspiracy to steal and theft of government property, specifically, over \$87,000 worth of copper wire. Ronald Phillips Baker, Sr., age 62, of Havre de Grace, Maryland, is charged in the second indictment with theft of government property, specifically, over 2,700 pounds of aluminum worth over \$110,000 on one occasion, and a total of

The indictments were announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Robert Craig of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service-Mid-Atlantic Field Office; the Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground; and Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

more than 27,000 pounds.

"The indictments should send a strong message that this type of egregious behavior—allegations of theft while supposedly working on the government clock, to include even stripping active copper wire from an APG building—will not be tolerated," said Robert Craig, Special Agent in Charge for the DCIS, Mid-Atlantic Field Office.

According to their indictment, Bittner, Reynolds, and Coale were employed as electricians at APG's Directorate of Public Works. From March through November 2011, the defendants allegedly used their access to the buildings in the Edgewood area of APG and their expertise as electricians to steal copper fixtures and copper wire from government buildings. During work, the defendants allegedly pulled the wire, including wire in current use, and took the copper and copper wire in their government vehhicles to the APG parking lot, where they transferred the stolen items to their personal cars. The defendants rented space at a storage facility to store the copper and copper wire and bought a stripping machine, which they used to remove the insulation from the copper wire to increase the price. The defendants are alleged to have sold the copper to metal recyclers in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware as scrap and divided the proceeds, which totaled approximately \$87,000.

According to Baker's two count indictment, Baker operated a patrol boat on the Chesapeake Bay to keep boats away from waters near APG, which were affected by weapons testing. Baker had a security clearance to access the APG boat docks. On April 23, 2012, Baker used his security clearance to access a secure area where he allegedly stole fabricated aluminum outriggers that weighed more than 2,740 pounds and were worth more than \$110,000. The indictment further alleges that from September 2010 through April 2012, Baker stole over 27,000 pounds of aluminum.

All four defendants face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for theft of government property. Bittner, Reynolds, and Coale also face a maximum of five years in prison for conspiracy to steal government property. An initial appearance has been scheduled today for Bittner at 2:00 p.m. in U.S. District Court in Baltimore. Initial appearances for the remaining defendants are expected to be

scheduled next week.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the DCIS, APG's Directorate of Emergency Services, and FBI for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Joyce K. McDonald; Special Assistant United States Attorney David I. Sharfstein, of the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division; and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Marlaire, who are prosecuting the cases."

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HSI, Caribbean Corridor Strike Force seize 330 kilograms of cocaine, arrest 6

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on June 8, 2012 released the following:

"SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Following an investigation led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), officers and special agents assigned to the Caribbean Corridor Strike Force arrested six Dominican Republic nationals on drug trafficking charges earlier this week. The individuals tried to introduce 330 kilograms and one kilogram of heroin with an estimated street value of \$8 million into the United States.

"Through these arrests and seizures we are sending a clear message Puerto Rico will not be a safe haven for criminals looking to ship drugs into Puerto Rico and the United States," said Angel Melendez, acting special agent in charge of HSI San Juan. "ICE and its federal and local partners are committed to working together to stop the flow of illegal narcotics into Puerto Rico."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers onboard a marine surveillance vessel detected the six men aboard a suspicious 25-foot unmarked fiberglass boat transiting illegally towards Puerto Rico. Coast Guard watchstanders in Sector San Juan received notification from a CBP officer of the ongoing situation and proceeded to divert the Coast Guard Cutter Matinicus to interdict the

suspect vessel.

The Coast Guard Cutter Matinicus arrived on scene, interdicted the suspect vessel and detained Jairo Torres-Balbuena, 29; José Manuel Rodríguez, 30; Anheli Regalado, 25; Berner Balbuena-Perreaux, 38; Jorge King, 52; and Juan Polanco-Rodríguez, 35; following the discovery of 15 bales of suspected contraband which later tested positive for cocaine and heroin during a field test. Coast Guard personnel transferred custody of the six Dominicans, the suspect vessel, and the seized contraband to awaiting HSI special agents in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.

Those arrested were transferred to the Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Metropolitan Detention Center awaiting the outcome of their case. They had their initial hearing before US Magistrate Judge Bruce McGiverin June 6 and remain detained. The strike force is an initiative of the U.S. Attorney's Office created to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating in the Caribbean. It is part of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force that investigates South American-based drug trafficking organizations responsible for the movement of multi-kilogram quantities of narcotics using the Caribbean as a transshipment point for further distribution to the United States. The initiative is composed of HSI, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI,

Coast Guard, CBP and Puerto Rico Police Department's Joint Forces for Rapid Action."

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Feds request sentence for Bulger's girlfriend

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Boston.com on June 7, 2012 released the following:

"Federal prosecutors will ask a judge to sentence the longtime girlfriend of mobster James "Whitey" Bulger to more prison time than federal sentencing guidelines recommend for helping him elude authorities for 16 years.

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday how much prison time prosecutors would request for Catherine Greig, because their sentencing memo was sealed.

Greig faces a maximum 15 years in prison. But prosecutors have indicated she could get as little as 32 months under federal sentencing guidelines.

In a public filing Thursday, prosecutors said they will request a sentence

exceeding federal guidelines and also asked for a hearing to present evidence against Greig.

Greig's lawyer wouldn't say what he will recommend for a sentence.

The couple was apprehended last June in California. Bulger is awaiting trial for his alleged role in 19 murders."

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Feds: Trafficking ring busted smuggling kids over U.S.-Canadian border

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SeattlePI.com on June 7, 2012 released the following:

"16 indicted; SeaTac motel owner faces prison is scheme

By LEVI PULKKINEN, SEATTLEPI.COM STAFF

Federal investigators have cracked a human trafficking ring thought to have smuggled dozens of illegal immigrants – including children traveling alone – over the Canadian border.

Having indicted 16 suspects in recent months, federal prosecutors in Seattle contend the loosely knit group brought more than 70 people into the United States from India, Pakistan and South Korea. Once inside the country, they were driven or flown to at least six states, including Illinois, Texas, New York and Massachusetts.

The operation – broken up by an informant and ultimately infiltrated by an undercover federal agent – was apparently lucrative for its leaders. A SeaTac hotel owner who moved and housed the smuggling ring's customers was paid \$1,000 a head just for a ride south from the U.S. side of the border.

Since the string of indictments, 11 of the 12 defendants have pleaded guilty to related charges. The other four are not yet in federal custody, according to court records."

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Judge steps aside in Florida prosecutor case

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The Miami Herald on June 8, 2012 released the following:

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stepped aside in a misconduct case involving two federal prosecutors. Senior U.S. District Judge Alan S. Gold issued a recusal order Friday because of questions about his impartiality. Gold in 2009 ordered sanctions against prosecutors Sean Cronin and Andrea Hoffman for their roles in a questionable witness tampering investigation.

MIAMI — A Miami federal judge has

Gold also ordered the U.S. government to pay \$600,000 to a doctor acquitted of illegally prescribing painkillers. A federal appeals court overturned both of those orders last year, ruling that Gold did not give the prosecutors proper due process. Another Miami federal judge will now oversee the case.

The case involves witnesses authorized by the prosecutors to make secret recordings of defense attorney David O. Markus and his investigator. No evidence of witness tampering was found." Douglas McNabb – McNabb Associates, P.C.'s

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Former Alabama Resident Sentenced to 53 Months in Prison for Tax Evasion

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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William Paul, a self-described "bishop," was sentenced yesterday to 53 months in federal prison for tax evasion, the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced. Paul was convicted on Dec. 1, 2011, after a four-day jury trial, of four counts of evasion of his wife's 2004 through 2007 individual income taxes and of one count of failing to file a tax return. On Nov. 16, 2011, his wife, Donna Paul, a board-certified physician, pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion and one count of filing a false individual income tax return. She was also sentenced yesterday to three years of probation, including six months of home confinement and 200 hours of community service. U.S. District Judge Mark E. Fuller also ordered the Pauls to pay \$85,396 in restitution to the IRS. Both William Paul and Donna Paul are former residents of Montgomery, Ala.