



How Globalization Affects Transnational Crime

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KYC360 released the following:

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)
As world leaders increasingly debate drug legalization, CFR's Stewart Patrick and Phil Williams of the University of Pittsburgh discuss the explosion of transnational crime in a globalized world: "Transnational criminals have been one of the biggest beneficiaries of globalization," Williams says. Globalization facilitates international trade but also increases the difficulty of regulating global trade, he says; traffickers and smugglers have exploited this. Williams adds that globalization has increased inequality around the globe, and that "its disruptive effect has actually caused people to have to go into organized crime and operate in illicit markets as coping mechanisms."

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Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the League of Women Voters Convention

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"As Attorney General, it is my obligation – and solemn duty – to ensure that the rights of all Americans are protected. And I'm proud that, under this Administration, our Civil Rights Division – and its Voting Section – have taken meaningful steps to ensure integrity, independence, and transparency in our enforcement of the Voting Rights Act," said Attorney General Holder.

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force Arrest Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

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June 8, 2012 - U.S. Marshal Albert Najera, of the Eastern District of California, announced today that the U.S. Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) arrested

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Justice Department to Monitor Elections in South Carolina

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The Justice Department announced today that it will monitor primary elections on June 12, 2012, in Fairfield and Williamsburg Counties in South Carolina to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

56 year old Paul Joseph Borrenson. This subject was added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives on May 9, 2012. Borrenson was wanted by the Texas Department of Public Safety for a Parole Violation with an original offense of Forgery. He also had outstanding

Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez Speaks at the American Civil Liberties Union's Plyler v. Doe 30th Anniversary Event

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"The benefits of Plyler are felt by all of us, wherever we or our ancestors were born. Three decades after Plyler, immigrant students have made and continue to make vast and deep contributions to America's cultural, civic, and economic landscape," said Assistant Attorney General Perez.

U.S. v. DSBBD, LLC

(Antitrust Division: Criminal Case Filings)

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• [Plea Agreement](#)

FBI Releases Preliminary Annual Crime Statistics for 2011

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— Washington, D.C.

Camping Trip Ended for Registered Sex Offender by U.S. Marshals

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

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June 07, 2012 - Anthony Scott Ebersole was arrested by the U.S. Marshals at a camp ground in Crescent City, Florida late yesterday afternoon. Ebersole has been on the run from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department since March 1, when he failed to register as a sex offender as required.

warrants in four other states to include South Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana, and Texas. Borrenson has been identified as a member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas and was considered to be armed and dangerous.



Former Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown Pleads Guilty to Bank Fraud and Campaign Finance Violation

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7thSpace.com on June 9, 2012 released the following:

“WASHINGTON— Kwame R Brown, the former Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, pled guilty today to a federal charge of bank fraud and a second criminal charge involving a violation of the District of Columbia’s campaign finance laws.

The guilty pleas were announced by United States Attorney Ronald C Machen Jr; Ronald T Hosko, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office’s Criminal Division; and Rick A Raven, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI).

Brown, 41, pled guilty to the bank fraud charge in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. In a separate proceeding, he pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to the campaign finance violation. As part of the plea agreement, he agreed to submit his immediate resignation from the District of Columbia Council. Brown also has agreed to cooperate as the investigation continues.

The Honorable Richard J Leon scheduled sentencing in the federal case for 11 AM on September 20, 2012.

The Honorable Juliet McKenna scheduled sentencing in the campaign finance case for 2:30 PM on the same date.

The bank fraud charge carries up to 30 years in prison. Under federal sentencing guidelines, the parties have agreed that the applicable range for this offense would be up to six months in prison and a possible fine of up to \$5,000. The campaign finance charge carries a maximum of six months of incarceration and a possible fine of up to \$5,000.

Brown is the second member of the Council of the District of Columbia to plead guilty to criminal charges this year. In January, in a separate and unrelated case, Harry L Thomas, Jr pled guilty to federal theft and tax charges.

Thomas, who resigned as part of his plea agreement, has since been sentenced to a prison term of 38 months. Thomas was the first sitting member of the DC. Council to be charged with and convicted of a felony.

The charges against Kwame Brown involve two separate matters. In one case,

Brown admitted providing false documentation to secure two personal loans, totaling more than \$220,000.

In the other, Brown admitted aiding and abetting another individual, a relative, to make a cash payment of \$1,500 to a campaign worker for the 2008 council campaign. The relative was a signatory on the campaign’s bank accounts; Brown also admitted failing to disclose the relative’s identity to the District of Columbia Office of Campaign Finance.

“For the second time this year, a member of the DC. Council has pled guilty to a felony offense and been forced to resign,” said United States Attorney Machen. “While sitting on the council, Kwame Brown repeatedly falsified and forged documents to deceive the bank into giving him money, even faxing one of the fraudulent documents from his council office.

Brown also gave a family member free license to make illegal and untraceable cash expenditures from his 2008 campaign in violation of DC. law. The people of the District of Columbia deserve better from their elected officials. Today’s pleas take us one step closer to a culture of integrity and accountability that will not tolerate politicians engaging in dishonesty and self dealing.”

“This week, Mr Brown admitted to forging bank documents and withholding information about his re-election campaign finances,” said Special Agent in Charge Hosko.

“This investigation and today’s guilty pleas demonstrate that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will pursue all allegations of illegal conduct that clouds the judgment of our elected officials and deprives our citizens of the honest government to which they are entitled.”

“No matter what your position, it is unacceptable to submit false information to a financial institution in an effort to secure a loan,” said Special Agent in Charge Raven. “IRS-Criminal Investigation will make every effort to aggressively investigate financial fraud of any kind and not give a free pass to anyone who blatantly fails to comply with the law.”

Brown was elected as an at-large member of the District of Columbia Council in 2004 and took office in January 2005. He was re-elected in 2008, and then, in 2010, he was elected chairman. He took office in that position in January 2011.

According to a statement of offense

signed by the government as well as the defendant, Brown submitted false information in securing a \$166,000 home equity loan, as well as a \$55,335 loan that he used to purchase a boat.

Both loans were issued by Industrial Bank, NA.

In paperwork for the home equity loan, which Brown sent by facsimile from his council office on September 26, 2005, Brown provided a Verification of Employment Form. In it, he falsely wrote that he held the position of “Vice President of Strategy” in an unnamed company; that he earned \$3,000 per month; that his probability of continued employment was “great”; that he was projected to earn a \$10,000 pay increase on January 3, 2006; and that he was a full-time employee. At the bottom of this form, Brown forged the name and signature of a friend from college who was purportedly the president of the company. In fact, Brown did not have his friend’s permission to sign this form, and his friend was never Brown’s employer.

Brown filed and submitted this form to overstate his annual income in an effort to win approval of his loan application, believing that, without artificially inflating his income, his request would be rejected.

Based on Brown’s purported income, Industrial Bank issued a loan to Brown on October 12, 2005, in the amount of \$166,000.

Brown submitted the second loan application on July 25, 2007, this time seeking money for the purpose of purchasing a boat. As part of the application, he submitted an Internal Revenue Service form, purporting to be from a company for which he had worked as a consultant. The form that Brown submitted showed his 2006 income from the company to be \$85,000. In fact, Brown’s income from the firm that year totaled \$35,000.

Before submitting the form, Brown had altered the “3” on the document to an “8,” so that it appeared he earned \$85,000, not \$35,000.

As with the 2005 loan, Brown believed that this loan would not be approved without artificially inflating his income. Based on Brown’s purported income, Industrial Bank issued a loan to Brown on August 30, 2007, in the amount of \$55,335.

In the campaign finance case, Brown

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admitted aiding and abetting an unlawful cash campaign expenditure, in excess of the \$50 limit imposed on individual cash transactions. According to a statement of offense in that matter, signed by the government as well as the defendant, the "Committee to Re-Elect Kwame Brown" was formed for Brown's 2008 re-election campaign for the at-large seat on the council.

In or around April 2007, Brown allowed a relative to be a signatory on the committee's bank account, which was held at Industrial Bank. The relative and the committee's treasurer jointly opened the account.

In his Statement of Candidacy, filed with the Office of Campaign Finance, Brown listed this account as the committee's sole bank account. He failed, however, to disclose that his relative was a signatory on the account.

In August 2008, with Brown's knowledge and permission, the relative opened a second bank account at Industrial Bank, called the "side account," purportedly to pay for "get-out-the-vote" campaign activities. Brown authorized the relative to make withdrawals on behalf of the committee from the side account. However, he failed to amend his Statement of Candidacy to disclose the existence of the second account.

Later, on or about September 11, 2009, Brown's relative paid an expense in the amount of \$1,500 related to the 2008 re-election campaign, using cash withdrawn from the side account.

This case was investigated by the FBI's

After 50 Years, the U.S. Marshals Remain Diligent in Hunt for Renowned Alcatraz Escapees

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

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June 07, 2012 - Fifty years after their escape from U.S. Penitentiary Alcatraz on June 11, 1962, the U.S. Marshals Service remains diligent in the manhunt for Frank Morris and brothers Clarence and John Anglin. They are the only men to escape from Alcatraz Island in San Francisco who remain unaccounted for.

Washington Field Office and the Washington Field Office of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

In announcing the guilty pleas, United States Attorney Machen, Special Agent in Charge Hosko, and Special Agent in Charge Raven commended those who investigated the case for the FBI and IRS-CL.

They also acknowledged the efforts of Assistant United States Attorneys David S Johnson, Maia L Miller, Matt Graves, Ellen Chubin Epstein, and Daniel Butler of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section of the United States Attorney's Office; Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Saler of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the United States Attorney's Office; and Trial Attorney Peter Mason of the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, who have prosecuted the case.

Finally, they expressed appreciation to Forensic Accountant Crystal Boodoo; Paralegal Specialists Diane Hayes, Lenisse Edloe, Tasha Harris, Shanna Hays, and Sarah Reis; Legal Assistants Krishawn Graham, Nicole Wattelet, and Christopher Samson; former Legal Assistant Jared Forney; Criminal Investigators Matthew Kutz and Duncan Templeton; Litigation Support Services Specialist Thomas Royal; Information Technology Specialist Kimberly Austin; Victim-Witness Coordinator Dawn Tolson-Hightower; former Student Law Clerks Carl Barnes, Iris Postelnicu, and Danielle Rosborough; and Intelligence Specialist

Lawrence Grasso, all of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

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