



Hospice Owner Charged in an Alleged Health Care Fraud and Embezzlement Scheme

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 12, 2011 released the following:
“PHILADELPHIA— An indictment was unsealed today charging Matthew Kolodesh, a/k/a “Matvei Kolodech,” with conspiracy to defraud Medicare of more than \$14 million through his home hospice business, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Kolodesh was arrested this morning. According to the indictment, Kolodesh’s business, Home Care Hospice, Inc. (“HCH”), located at 2801 Grant Avenue in Philadelphia, submitted claims totaling approximately \$14.3 million for patients that were not eligible for or did not receive the hospice services billed to Medicare. Kolodesh also allegedly diverted \$9.36 million dollars from HCH’s operating account for his own personal use, such as extensive renovations to his house, travel expenses, college tuition for his son, and a luxury automobile. This also included substantial sums of cash siphoned from the HCH operating account through kickbacks from HCH vendors using a system of phony and inflated invoicing, and a cash kickback scam through sham charitable donations made in the name of the hospice.

Kolodesh is charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 21 counts of health care fraud, 11 counts of money laundering, and two counts of mail fraud.

The indictment alleges that Kolodesh and his co-conspirator, identified only as “A.P.,” would pay health care professionals, including doctors, for referring patients to HCH even when those patients were not eligible or appropriate for hospice services. In an effort to mask the alleged kickback scheme, HCH fraudulently represented that some of those health care

professionals were paid for services as medical directors, advisors, or hospice physicians.

Among the ineligible patients, the indictment alleges, were patients who were not terminally ill and patients who were on the service list for more than six months. At the direction of Kolodesh and A.P., it is further alleged that HCH staff would routinely “doctor” or alter patient charts to make it appear on paper as though the patient’s medical condition was worse than it actually was. The staff was also allegedly directed to bill certain claims at a higher, more costly rate of service than was actually provided to the patient.

In February 2007, HCH was notified that it was subject to a claims review audit. According to the indictment Kolodesh, through A.P., directed members of HCH staff to falsify documentation to be submitted for the audit. In September 2007, HCH was notified that it had exceeded its cap for Medicare reimbursement and would have to repay \$2,625,047 to the government program. At that point, it is alleged, Kolodesh ordered a mass discharge of patients and A.P. had 79 hospice patients discharged in October 2007 and a total of 128 discharged by January 2008, some of whom had been ineligible for hospice or inappropriately maintained on hospice service in excess of six months. Of those discharged patients, 16 were admitted to Kolodesh’s other hospice business, Community Home Health in Bucks County. Once the Medicare cap was resolved, it is alleged that 11 of those patients were returned to HCH.

The indictment further charges that in August and September 2005, Kolodesh and A.P. applied for a low interest loan worth \$2.5 million with the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation. The purpose of PIDC loan is to stimulate business investment and create jobs in the city of Philadelphia. According to the

indictment, Kolodesh indicated that the funds were to be used to acquire and renovate a property for his business and the creation of 50 jobs in Philadelphia at the 2801 Grant Avenue site of HCH. In reality, Kolodesh knew that between August 2005 and July 2009, the job quota was not being met, and in the summer of 2008 he allegedly set up a sham office for CHH (his Bucks County health care business) at that location and falsely identified 73 CHH employees as working at the office location on Grant Avenue who, in fact, had never worked there. Information Regarding the Defendant Name: Matthew Kolodesh Address: Churchville, PA Age: 49

If convicted of all charges, Kolodesh faces a statutory maximum sentence of 370 years in prison. The government will also seek restitution to Medicare in the amount of \$14.3 million and proceeds from the money laundering.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Suzanne B. Ercole.

An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.”

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Two Charged with Conspiracy and Filing False Tax Returns in a Corporate Scheme Based in South Florida

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Elmo Antonio George and Nasheba Necia Hunte were indicted today by a federal

grand jury in the Southern District of Florida on charges of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and with filing false tax returns for 2005 and

2006 which claimed false refunds totaling more than \$1.2 million.



Manhattan U.S. Attorney and FBI Assistant Director in Charge Announce Arrests of Eight Additional Defendants for Allegedly Participating in \$57.3 Million Fraud on Organization That Makes Reparations to Victims of Nazi Persecution

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 12, 2011 released the following:

“A Ninth Defendant Will Surrender Tomorrow Morning; 30 People Charged in Total

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JANICE K. FEDARCYK, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), announced charges against nine additional participants in a scheme that defrauded programs established to aid the survivors of Nazi persecution out of more than \$57 million. Eight of those individuals—HENRY GORDIN, GENRIKH KOLONTYRSKIY, VIKTOR LEVIN, ELLA VOSKRESENSKIY, ZLATA BLAVATNIK, PYOTR BLAVATNIK, YEVGENIYA ABRAMOVICH, and ASYA GALINDO—were arrested on a criminal complaint unsealed today, and the ninth—LANA KAGAN—is expected to voluntarily surrender tomorrow morning. Since the original charges were brought in this case, a total of 30 people have been charged in connection with the scheme. Today’s arrests include five additional former employees of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (the “Claims Conference”), which administered the programs. In exchange for kickbacks, those insiders, who were supposed to process and approve only legitimate applications, are alleged to have knowingly approved nearly 5,000 fraudulent applications, resulting in payouts to applicants who did not qualify for the programs.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: “As I said when the initial charges in this case were announced, my office, working with our partners at the FBI, would not stop until we brought to justice those who are alleged to have stolen more than \$57 million from the Claims Conference, thereby diverting money intended for survivors of the Holocaust. With today’s charges, we have now identified 30 people who allegedly exploited a fund that is as symbolically important as it is necessary to its beneficiaries. We again thank the Claims Conference for their outstanding ongoing assistance in identifying the participants in this scheme.”

FBI Assistant Director in Charge JANICE K. FEDARCYK said: “These

defendants had a hand in fabricating, filing, or processing nearly 5,000 fraudulent claims on behalf of non-qualifying applicants. Claims Conference funds have been drained of \$57 million meant for Holocaust victims, and a large portion of the diverted money went into the pockets of corrupt insiders. These were people hired to give who conspired to take.”

According to the criminal complaint unsealed today and other relevant charging documents, including the original complaint filed in November 2010 and the subsequent indictment:

The Claims Conference, a not-for-profit organization which provides assistance to victims of Nazi persecution, supervises and administers several funds that make reparation payments to victims of the Nazis, including “the Hardship Fund” and “the Article 2 Fund,” both of which are funded by the German government. Applications for disbursements through these funds are processed by employees of the Claims Conference’s office in Manhattan, and the employees are supposed to confirm that the applicants meet the specific criteria required for payments.

As part of the scheme, a web of individuals—including the five newly charged former employees of the Claims Conference—systematically defrauded the Article 2 Fund and Hardship Fund programs for over a decade. As outlined in the complaint, the Claims Conference first suspected the fraud in December 2009, and immediately reported their suspicions to law enforcement, which conducted a wide-reaching investigation resulting in the charges unsealed today against additional participants.

The Hardship Fund pays a one-time payment of approximately \$3,500 to victims of Nazi persecution who evacuated the cities in which they lived and were forced to become refugees. Members of the conspiracy submitted fraudulent applications for people who were not eligible. Many of the recipients of fraudulent funds were born after World War II, and at least one person was not even Jewish. Some conspirators recruited other individuals to provide identification documents, such as passports and birth certificates, which were then fraudulently altered and submitted to corrupt insiders at the Claims Conference, who then processed those applications. When the applicants received their compensation checks, they kept a portion of the money and passed the rest back up the chain. From the investigation to date, the Claims

Conference has determined that at least 3,839 Hardship Fund applications appear to be fraudulent. These applications resulted in a loss to the Hardship Fund of approximately \$12.3 million.

The Article 2 Fund makes monthly payments of approximately \$400 to survivors of Nazi persecution who make less than \$16,000 per year, and either (1) lived in hiding or under a false identity for at least 18 months; (2) lived in a Jewish ghetto for 18 months; or (3) were incarcerated for six months in a concentration camp or a forced labor camp. The fraud involved doctored identification documents in which the applicant’s date and place of birth had been changed. The fraud also involved more sophisticated deception, including altering documents that the Claims Conference obtains from outside sources to verify a person’s persecution by the Nazis. Some of the detailed descriptions of persecution in the fraudulent Article 2 Fund applications were completely fabricated.

From the investigation to date, the Claims Conference has determined that at least 1,112 Article 2 Fund cases it processed have been determined to be fraudulent. Those cases have resulted in a loss to the Claims Conference of approximately \$45 million.

In 2010 and 2011, charges were brought against 19 other alleged members of the scheme. To date, nine of those individuals have entered guilty pleas. Charges remain pending against the remaining 10 in that case, which is before U.S. District Judge THOMAS P. GRIESA in Manhattan federal court.

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All nine defendants named in today’s complaint, as well as defendants OKSANA ROMALIS and ANNA ZINGER, who were arrested on August 26, 2011 and October 5, 2011, respectively, on two separate complaints, are all charged with participating in a conspiracy to commit mail fraud. If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum of 20 years in prison as well as a maximum fine of \$250,000. Please see the ages and residency information for the defendants in the below chart.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the FBI. He also thanked the Claims Conference for bringing this matter to the FBI’s attention and for its extraordinary continued cooperation in this investigation, which he noted is ongoing.

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Florida Couple and Utah Man Indicted for Alleged Roles in Procurement Fraud Scheme Involving Foreign Military Materials

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) on October 12, 2011 released the following: "WASHINGTON — Three individuals were charged in an indictment returned today by a federal grand jury in Utah for their alleged roles in a bribery and fraud scheme involving federal procurement contracts, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney David B. Barlow for the District of Utah.

The four-count indictment returned today in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City charges Sylvester Zugrav, 68, and Maria Zugrav, 66, both of Sarasota, Fla., and Jose Mendez, 49, of Farr West, Utah, with conspiracy to commit bribery and procurement fraud. The Zugravs and Mendez also are each charged with bribery. In addition, Mendez is charged with procurement fraud.

According to the indictment, Mendez worked as a program manager for the U.S. Air Force Foreign Materials Acquisition Support Office (FMASO). The mission of FMASO is to purchase foreign military materials on behalf of their customers, which are various U.S. military divisions. The materials are acquired outside of the United States by third party companies, or vendors, and then purchased by FMASO on behalf of its customers. There are a limited number of vendors permitted to contract for the sale of foreign materials to FMASO, one of which is Atlas International Trading Corporation (Atlas). According to the indictment, Sylvester and Maria Zugrav were the principals of Atlas.

According to the indictment, the Zugravs and Mendez conspired to enrich one

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This case is being handled by the Office's Complex Frauds Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher D. FREY is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the complaints are merely accusations and the defendants charged in the complaints are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Defendant Age Residence HENRY GORDIN 74 Brooklyn, NY GENRIKH KOLONTYRSKIY 79 Brooklyn, NY VIKTOR LEVIN 71 Far Rockaway, NY ELLA VOSKRESENSKIY 41 Brooklyn,

another by exchanging money and other things of value for non-public information and favorable treatment in the procurement process. The Zugravs allegedly offered Mendez approximately \$1,240,500 in payments and other things of value throughout the course of the conspiracy. The Zugravs allegedly made bribe payments to Mendez in three different ways: cash payments via FedEx to Mendez's home address; in-person payments of cash and other things of value; and electronic wire transfers to a bank account in Mexico opened by and in the name of Mendez's cousin. According to the indictment, from approximately 2008 to August 2011, the Zugravs gave Mendez and a person close to him more than \$185,000 in payments and other things of value, with promises of additional bribe payments if Atlas were to receive future contracts for the sale of foreign materials to FMASO customers.

In return for the bribes offered and paid, Mendez allegedly gave Atlas and the Zugravs favorable treatment during the FMASO procurement process, including disclosing government budget and competitor bid information, which helped Atlas and the Zugravs in winning FMASO contracts.

According to the indictment, Mendez and Sylvester Zugrav allegedly communicated offers and requests for bribes in person and through email, and took steps to conceal their activity, using covert email addresses, password-protected computer documents, code words and false names. Within the encrypted documents, Mendez adopted the name "Chuco" and Sylvester Zugrav used the name "Jugo," and they referred to cash as "literature."

The Zugravs and Mendez each are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and procurement fraud,

NY ZLATA BLAVATNIK 64 Brooklyn, NY PYOTR BLAVATNIK 64 Brooklyn, NY YEVGENIA ABRAMOVICH 68 Brooklyn, NY ASYA GALINDO 72 Sherman Oaks, CA LANA KAGAN 70 Brooklyn, NY OKSANA ROMALIS 42 Brooklyn, NY ANNA ZINGER 65 Highland Park, IL

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and one count of bribery. Mendez is also charged with one count of procurement fraud for disclosing non-public information to a separate FMASO vendor other than Atlas.

The maximum penalty for conspiracy is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The maximum penalty for procurement fraud is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, while the maximum penalty for bribery is 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, or three times the monetary equivalent of the thing of value, whichever is greater. The indictment also seeks forfeiture from all three defendants, if convicted.

An indictment is merely an allegation and defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case is being investigated by the FBI and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Office of Special Projects. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorneys Marquest J. Meeks and Edward P. Sullivan of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos A. Esqueda for the District of Utah."

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Alleged Iran plot may have violated UN treaty

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The Jerusalem Post on October 13, 2011 released the following:

“By REUTERS

Treaty forbids attacking diplomats; US, Saudi Arabia can bring case before Security Council, International Criminal Court, Interpol.

An alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States may have violated a UN treaty protecting diplomats and could escalate the crisis to an international court.

US authorities have arrested Iranian-American Manssor Arbabsiar for the alleged plot and accused a second Iranian man, Gholam Shakuri, who is believed to be at large in Iran and a member of the country's elite Quds Force.

If they were involved in a plot to kill Saudi Ambassador Adel al-Jubeir, that would likely violate the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons.

The treaty, which Iran signed in 1978, would require Tehran to consider prosecuting Shakuri in its court system or extradite him to a requesting country, potentially the United States or Saudi Arabia, both longtime foes.

An important sticking point to any prosecution or extradition is that Iran has fiercely denied the allegations and is unlikely to turn Shakuri over to any country.

“This is one of those areas where there's

not really too much fuzziness. It's very clear that these kind of people (diplomats), these kind of officials, they're immune from attack,” said David Kaye, executive director of the UCLA School of Law's International Human Rights Law Program.

Jubeir was named Saudi ambassador to the United States in early 2007 after serving in the embassy in Washington. He is considered a close adviser to Saudi King Abdullah, a key US ally in the volatile and oil-rich Middle East region.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made a point on Wednesday of noting that Iran had agreed to the UN treaty.

“This kind of reckless act undermines international norms and the international system. Iran must be held accountable for its actions,” she said.

Two options

The United States has two options if Iran officially rejects the case, including pursuing action at the UN Security Council. That was done when Libya refused to hand over two men accused of the Pan Am 103 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The United States or Saudi Arabia could bring it to the United Nations and argue that “these are very obvious violations and for the Security Council to do nothing in light of this major attempted violation cheapens the words” of the treaty, Kaye said.

Another option, if there is a dispute under the UN treaty for protected persons, is that one side can seek an arbitration and ultimately a ruling from the Court of

International Justice, located in the Netherlands.

“Basically it's asking the court to interpret whether the convention has in fact been violated,” said Sean Murphy, a professor at George Washington University Law School who has argued several cases before the court.

After lengthy legal wrangling in the Lockerbie case and an eventual thawing of relations between Washington and Tripoli, the suspects in that case were handed over to a Scottish court that was convened in the Netherlands.

The United States could also turn the matter over to Interpol, the global police organization, which could order an international arrest warrant for Shakuri, thus making it difficult for him to travel outside of Iran, the experts said.

The legal proceedings against Arbabsiar will proceed in US District Court in New York where he will appear on Oct. 25 for a preliminary hearing.”

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Former FBI agent indicted

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Fredericksburg on October 13, 2011 released the following:

“Former FBI agent, wife accused of defrauding customers of their financial management company.

BY KEITH EPPS

The operators of a Spotsylvania County-based business have been indicted on charges that they bilked at least 11 unsuspecting investors out of \$1.3 million.

John Robert Graves, 52, and Sara Turberville Graves, 44, are charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, mail fraud and four counts of wire fraud. John Graves, a former FBI special agent, is also charged with three counts of Investment Adviser Act fraud and making false statements, according to a Department of Justice news release.

According to the indictment in federal

court in Richmond, John Graves founded Brooke Point Management in 2003. Graves, a certified financial planner, served as president of the company, through which he sold insurance, provided estate and tax planning, and recruited and advised investment clients.

The indictment charges that the Graveses raised funds by misrepresenting the safety and security of investments and by misrepresenting how they were using investor funds.

Among other things, the release states, they used investor funds to purchase real estate in Partlow, pay personal credit cards and time share dues and pay back investors who requested access to their money.

The indictment alleges that John Graves, who resigned from the FBI in 1999, continued to make false statements to investors and investigators after the scheme was uncovered.

The couple faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each of the mail and wire fraud counts, and a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the victims' losses.

John Graves also faces up to five years on each of the Investment Adviser Act fraud charges and the false statement count.

The FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigated the case.”

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Eighty-Two Individuals Indicted for Drug Trafficking in the Luis Lloréns Torres Public Housing Project

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 13, 2011 released the following:
 “SAN JUAN, PR—On October 7, 2011, a federal grand jury indicted 82 individuals as a result of an investigation led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Puerto Rico Police Department (PRPD), announced today United States Attorney Rosa Emilia Rodríguez-Vélez. The defendants are charged in a two-count indictment with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, “crack” (cocaine base,) heroin, marijuana, and Oxycodone (also known as Percocet). The object of the conspiracy was to distribute controlled substances at the Luis Lloréns Torres Public Housing Project, located in San Juan, Puerto Rico for significant financial gain.

According to the indictment, from on or about March 2007, the object of the conspiracy of this drug trafficking organization was to possess with the intent to distribute and distribute cocaine, crack, heroin, marijuana, and Percocet at a drug distribution point located at the sector known as “Calle 4” within the Luis Lloréns Torres Public Housing Project. The main leaders of the organization were: Malvin Nater-Ayala, aka “Malvin”; Emanuel Rodríguez-Isaac, aka “Manuelito”; and Christian Rosario-

Bonilla, aka “Christian Nora” and “Mellao.”

The defendants and their co-conspirators would purchase wholesale quantities of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana in order to distribute the same in street quantity amounts at their drug distribution points. The 82 co-conspirators had many roles, in order to further the goals of the conspiracy, including: three leaders, 14 enforcers, six suppliers, 21 drug owners, 12 runners, 53 sellers, and four facilitators.

It was further part of the manner and means of the conspiracy that the co-conspirators would use apartments and other locations to cook, store, package, and sell the drugs, and to conceal drugs, drug paraphernalia, drug ledgers, drug proceeds, scanners, firearms, and ammunition. The members of the drug trafficking organization would possess, carry, use, brandish, and discharge firearms in order to maintain control of their drug points and in order to protect themselves, their drugs and proceeds from rival individuals and organizations, and to expand their drug trafficking business within the community.

“Today’s operation was part of our Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and contributes to our ongoing battle against the drug trafficking organizations that operate all around Puerto Rico,” said Rosa Emilia Rodríguez-Vélez, U.S. Attorney for the District of

Puerto Rico. “We will not rest until every town is safe again, and all our citizens can live in peace.”

“The FBI and other state and local law enforcement agencies are dedicated to increasing the safety and security of the people of Puerto Rico by continuing to combat the violence permeating our community,” said Joseph S. Campbell, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI-San Juan Field Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Carmen Márquez and Ilianys Rivera.

If convicted, the defendants face a minimum of 10 years’ imprisonment and a maximum of life imprisonment, with fines of up to \$10 million. Criminal indictments are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.”

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Mortgage fraud dropped for Florida lawyer, ex-cop

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Miami Herald on October 12, 2011 released the following:

“THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Federal prosecutors have dropped mortgage fraud charges against a Florida lawyer and former police officer.

Prosecutors told a Fort Lauderdale judge Wednesday they would not retry attorney Steven Stoll and former Plantation officer Dennis Guaracino. Their first trial ended in a mistrial in September when a jury

U.S. v. Eric Larsen

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could not reach a verdict.

The third defendant in the case is Joseph Guaracino, brother of Dennis and also a former Plantation cop. Prosecutors say they will put Joseph Guaracino on trial a second time.

An indictment contends Joseph Guaracino orchestrated a \$16.5 million loan fraud scheme to buy and flip properties.

In April, another jury convicted two former Plantation officers of fraud in the case. But three current officers and an FBI agent were acquitted.”

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Arraignment/bail hearing has been scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 9:30

a.m. Pacific



Attorney General Holder Joins White House in Honoring "Champions of Change"

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Attorney General Eric Holder was joined today by Senior Counselor for Access to Justice Mark Childress at a White House "Champions of Change" event to honor and recognize the work of legal leaders from communities large and small who are dedicating their professional lives to closing the justice gap in America.

Georgia Woman Sentenced to 140 Months in Prison for Human Trafficking of Two Young Women from Nigeria

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Bidemi Bello, 42, formerly of Suwanee, Ga., was sentenced today in Atlanta by U.S. District Judge William S. Duffey Jr. on human trafficking charges including forced labor, trafficking with respect to forced labor, document servitude, harboring for financial gain and procurement of naturalization unlawfully.

Department of Justice Announces the Defending Childhood Task Force

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Today at the national conference of the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli announced the establishment of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

United States Files Suit to Stop Florida Woman from Promoting Form 1099-OID Tax Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The United States has sued Judy Grace Sellers to bar her from promoting an alleged scheme involving fraudulent tax refund claims.

Justice Department Settles Religious Discrimination Lawsuit Against Berkeley School District in Illinois

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The Department of Justice announced today that it has entered into a consent decree with the Board of Education of Berkeley School District 87 in Berkeley, Ill. that, if approved by the court, will resolve a religious accommodations lawsuit filed in December 2010.

Former Department of Defense Employee Pleads Guilty to Submitting False Travel Claims Totaling Nearly \$500,000

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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John R. Brock, 52, of Crofton, Md., pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Court Judge Robert L. Wilkins in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a criminal information charging him with one count of making a false claim against the United States.

Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the White House's Champions of Change Event

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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"As these Champions share their experiences and insights with us, we will also explore ways to build on their achievements – and to replicate and amplify their outstanding work," said Attorney General Holder.

U.S. v. Junichi Funo

(Antitrust Division: Criminal Case Filings)

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Meagan's Law Awareness at the Big Fresno Fair

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

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October 12, 2011 - From October 5 - 7, 2011, the United States Marshals Service in the Eastern District of California, Fresno partnered with the Fresno Police Department at the Big Fresno Fair in order to enhance awareness of the Meagan's Law Website. Deputies and detectives interacted with the community by distributing pamphlets, pencils, badges, and stickers. Parents were encouraged to access the Meagan's Law website to determine if registered sex offenders are living in their neighborhood.

U.S. v. Lin, et al.

(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)

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Pre-trial conference has been rescheduled for December 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Pacific.

Trial has been rescheduled for January 9, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific

U.S. v. Robert A. Riddell

(Antitrust Division: Criminal Case Filings)

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Operation "SAFE SCARE"

(U.S. Marshals Service News)

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October 13, 2011 - Operation SAFE SCARE is a joint agency focus to validate the addresses provided by registered sex offenders. Halloween is a time when many children are on the streets going door-to-door trick-or-treating and are vulnerable to sexual predators. The aim of SAFE SCARE is to keep our kids safe so they can enjoy Halloween and being a kid. SAFE SCARE allows law enforcement to validate information provided by sex offenders during the registration and periodic re-registration requirements under Arkansas State Law.