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## Documents show US has arrested Iranian scientist

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The Associated Press (AP) on January 26, 2012 released the following:

"By DOUGLAS BIRCH and PAUL ELIAS

**Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has arrested and charged an Iranian semiconductor scientist with violating U.S. export laws by buying high-tech U.S. lab equipment, a development likely to further worsen Iranian-U.S. tensions. Prison records show the U.S. is holding Seyed Mojtaba Atarodi, 54, a microchip expert and assistant professor at Tehran's prestigious Sharif University of Technology, in a federal facility in Dublin, Calif., outside San Francisco. The Iranian interest section in the Pakistani embassy in Washington said it was aware of the arrest.

Atarodi arrived at a bond hearing in federal district court in San Francisco Thursday wearing a green jump suit and bowed to his attorney. Before the hearing began, the judge closed the courtroom except to attorneys and members of the family. According to friends, Atarodi was detained Dec. 7 after stepping off a plane in Los Angeles.

Dr. Fredun Hojabri, a former vice chancellor of Sharif University who now lives in the U.S., said he was aware of the case and noted that friction between the U.S. and Iran has long posed problems for Iranian researchers.

U.S. law enforcement officials have declined to discuss any aspect of Atarodi's case, and records indicate the charges have been sealed.

But a Sharif University spokesman said he has been charged with buying instruments from the United States. The university official spoke only on condition of anonymity because of the potential repercussions of the case.

The arrest comes as the U.S., Israel and

their allies are using diplomacy, sanctions and intelligence efforts to try to cripple what they suspect is Iran's drive to lay the foundations of a nuclear weapons program.

Atarodi is listed as the author or coauthor of dozens of scientific papers dealing with microchip technology, though none appears to be explicitly related to military work. U.S. officials in the past have targeted suspected export control violators dealing in so-called dual-use technology, which can have both civilian and military applications.

The Sharif University spokesman said Atarodi was engaged only in civilian research. "The fact of the matter is that he was just a professor, and he was trying to buy some equipment for his lab, and the equipment was very, very simple, ridiculously simple stuff that anybody can buy," the spokesman said.

The arrest of an Iranian scientist in a U.S. embargo case is rare, with most cases focusing on low-level middlemen living in the U.S. recruited to act as fronts for purchasers in Iran. But Iranian researchers in recent years have become central figures in the struggle between Tehran and the West over the country's extensive nuclear programs, which the International Atomic Energy Agency says has included arms-related research.

At least four Iranian scientists have died under mysterious circumstances over about the past two years, and Israel is suspected of playing a role in the attacks. In the most recent incident, Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, a chemist and official at Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment plant, was killed by a car bomb Jan. 11, reportedly while on his way to a memorial service for a scientist slain a year earlier. For years, Iran has insisted it is only interested in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and has resisted United Nation demands that it abandon its extensive uranium enrichment efforts. Enrichment technology can be used to make fuel for

nuclear reactors or fissile material for bombs.

The U.S. and Israel, meanwhile, are believed to have recruited Iranian scientists as agents or encouraged them to defect.

A friend of Dr. Atarodi's, John Choma, a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, said he learned of the arrest from Atarodi's brother, who lives in the Los Angeles area. The brother did not respond to requests for an interview.

Hojabri cited an incident in 2006 when more than 50 Iranian scientists, executives and engineers headed for a forum on disaster management in Santa Clara, Calif., were detained and expelled after their arrival because their visas were revoked. The event was organized by a Sharif University alumni group."

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### Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

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"I am especially grateful for the opportunity to salute the important work

that you are doing here – to provide a place of learning, healing, and advocacy; to shed light on our nation's long – and ongoing – struggle for equal justice; and

to bring attention to the suffering of millions – all around the world – who remain enslaved," said Attorney General Holder.

## 119 Individuals Charged in Three Countywide Law Enforcement Operations

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 25, 2012 released the following:

"Two Mexican Mafia Members and 117 San Diego County, California Street Gang Members and Associates with Ties to the Mexican Mafia Charged with Racketeering Conspiracy, Drug Trafficking Violations, and Firearms Offenses

119 Individuals Charged in Three Countywide Law Enforcement Operations SAN DIEGO—A federal grand jury in San Diego has handed up 17 indictments and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California has filed eight criminal complaints charging a total of 119 defendants with federal racketeering conspiracy, drug trafficking violations, and federal firearm offenses, announced U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California Laura E. Duffy. U.S. Attorney Duffy said, "The cases unsealed today make communities stronger and safer. The United States Attorney's Office is committed to an antigang, anti-violence strategy built on close coordination between federal, state and local officials. This coordination provides better intelligence about street gangs and violent crime within our communities. And better intelligence means better law enforcement and prosecutions." FBI Special Agent in Charge Keith Slotter commented, "Today's arrests mark one of the largest single takedowns in San Diego FBI history. The FBI and our law enforcement partners stand unified in our efforts to protect this county from the violence, drug trafficking and extortion schemes employed by the Mexican Mafia and its affiliates. San Diego is inherently safer today because of the cooperation between our agencies working together to disrupt and dismantle the criminal activities of these dangerous individuals." "This is a traditional case of dishonor amongst thieves," commented San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore. "Gangs were made to pay 'taxes' in order to facilitate their trafficking and violent behavior. We answered with a one-two punch: a strong and experienced multi-agency investigation, armed with the RICO statute. The results speak for themselves." The charges stem from three investigations entitled, "Operation Notorious County," "Operation Carnalismo," and "Operation 12-Step."

"Operation Notorious County"

The indictments are the result of an 18month-long investigation entitled, "Operation Notorious County," led by the North County Regional Gang Task force. Eight indictments charging 51 individuals, including one charging 40 defendants with participating in a federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) conspiracy were unsealed today. All five indictments were handed up by a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego on Jan. 19, 2012. The RICO conspiracy alleged in the indictment involves the commission of both state and federal crimes, including attempted murder, kidnapping, robbery, extortion, money laundering, and drug trafficking violations. As set forth in the indictment, the defendants are members, associates and facilitators of violent street gangs operating primarily in north San Diego County under the auspices of the Mexican Mafia or "La Eme." The gangs named in the indictment include the Diablos and West Side gangs, based in Escondido, Calif., as well as the Varrio San Marcos and the Varrio Fallbrook Locos. The individuals named in the indictment were involved in a long-standing criminal enterprise used to extort money by threat or violence. The money was then sent on to high-ranking members of the Mexican Mafia, including defendant Rudy Espudo. The indictment alleges that Espudo is a validated member of the Mexican Mafia who oversees their activities throughout much of northern San Diego County. "Operation Carnalismo"

In "Operation Carnalismo," led by the Violent Crime Task Force-Gang Group, a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement agents led by the FBI, five indictments charging 36 individuals were unsealed today. Eight defendants are charged in one indictment with a conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity (RICO), violent crime in aid of racketeering (VCAR), distribution and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and heroin and criminal forfeiture. Four additional indictments, charging 28 defendants were also unsealed. These related indictments charge distribution and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and criminal forfeiture. All five indictments were handed up by a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego on Jan. 24, 2012, and unsealed today. The RICO indictment charges the criminal enterprise was run by Mexican Mafia member Salvador Colabella. Colabella and his associates conspired to distribute

methamphetamine and heroin, extorted and robbed others, and laundered drugtrafficking proceeds. Colabella and his associates collected the extortion payments through the threat of violence and the commission of violence. According to the indictment, the Mexican Mafia has about 200 members, but its reach extends to thousands of Hispanic street-gang members in Southern California. A Mexican Mafia member is the highest level one can attain in the Mexican Mafia. A member, also called "Brother" or "Carnal" or "Tio," controls, exploits and profits from the criminal activity conducted by street-gang members and others. This control over the criminal activity is enforced through acts of violence or the threat of violence.

"Operation 12-Step" This year-long investigation, known as "Operation 12-Step," was led by the East County Regional Gang Task Force, a group of federal and state law enforcement led by the FBI and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Operation 12-Step focused on gangrelated methamphetamine distribution activities in San Diego County. Today four indictments and eight complaints were unsealed charging 32 individuals with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. According to court records, individuals charged in this investigation belong to nine different criminal street gangs including Varrio Chula Vista, East Side Piru, Old Town National City, Shelltown, National City Locos, Imperial Beach Imperials, Paradise Hills, Varrio Encanto Locos and National City Block Boys. Between Feb. 22, 2011, and Dec. 13, 2011, law enforcement made more than 20 methamphetamine and heroin seizures in connection with this investigation. In addition, search warrants were executed at eight residences in San Diego; Spring Valley, Calif.; National City, Calif.; Imperial Beach, Calif.; and Chula Vista, Calif..

U.S. Attorney Duffy praised the coordinated effort of the law enforcement agencies of the Violent Crimes Task Force -Gang Group, the East County and North County Regional Gang Task Forces under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) for the coordinated team effort culminating in the charges filed in these cases. The OCDETF program was created to consolidate and utilize all law enforcement resources in this country's battle against major drug



# Alleged Members of Native Mob Charged in Sweeping Racketeering Indictment

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 25, 2012 released the following:

"MINNEAPOLIS— A 47-count federal indictment unsealed in part late yesterday charges 24 alleged members of the Native Mob gang with conspiracy to participate in racketeering activity and other crimes. The Native Mob is a regional criminal gang that originated in Minneapolis in the early 1990s. Members routinely engage in drug trafficking, assault, robbery and murder. Membership is estimated at 200, with new members, including juveniles, regularly recruited from communities with large, young, male, Native American populations. Association with the gang is often signified by wearing red and black clothing or sporting gang-related tattoos. Six defendants made their initial federal court appearances late yesterday afternoon. They were apprehended earlier Tuesday, during a take-down conducted by between 100 and 150 local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement officials. Arrests were made on the White Earth, Mille Lacs, and Leech Lake Indian reservations as well as in the Twin Cities. Of the 18 remaining defendants, 12 are presently in jail or prison on other charges, while six continue to be sought by law enforcement. The six individuals arrested yesterday remain in custody pending their next hearings, scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27.

Earlier today, U.S. Attorney B. Todd Jones said of the investigation, "This investigation exemplifies the law enforcement cooperation we are fortunate to experience here in Minnesota. Local, state, federal, and tribal investigators worked side by side to take down some of the most violent criminals in our state and, in the process, disrupt an extremely dangerous gang that diminishes the quality of life for those who live and work in Native American communities. We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone involved in the investigation. Their efforts have made our streets and communities much safer." The indictment alleges that since at least the mid-1990s, the defendants named in this case and others have conspired to conduct criminal activity through an "enterprise," namely, the Native Mob, in violation of the federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. The indictment alleges that the primary objective of this "enterprise" is to preserve, protect, promote and

enhance the Native Mob's power, territory, and financial gains.

To that end, gang members purportedly distribute illegal drugs, from crack cocaine to ecstasy. They also reportedly provide monetary support to other members, including those incarcerated; share with one another police reports, victim statements and other case discovery; hinder or obstruct officials from identifying or apprehending those wanted by the law; and intimidate witnesses to Native Mob crimes. Moreover, they purportedly maintain and circulate firearms for gang use and commit acts of violence, including murder, against individuals associated with rival gangs.

Those arrested yesterday, along with their last known residence, include:

- Dale Wesley Ballinger, Jr., 20, Isle, Minn.;
- Damien Lee Beaulieu, 20, Onamia, Minn.:
- Aaron James Gilbert, Jr., 24, Minneapolis;
- Cory Gene Oquist, 22, Bemidji, Minn.;
- Dale John Pindegayosh, 29, Cass Lake, Minn.; and
- Justen Lee Poitra, 26, Cass Lake.

In addition to the racketeering charge filed against all 24 defendants, other charges were levied against some of the defendants. Those charges include conspiracy to use and carry firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence; the use and carrying of firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence; assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering; attempted murder in aid of racketeering; felon in possession of ammunition; felon in possession of a firearm; armed career criminal in possession of a firearm; possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and a crime of violence; conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances: possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance; distributing a controlled substance; and tampering with a witness. (See the attached chart for a breakdown of charges by defendant. Note, until such time as defendants make their initial appearances in federal court, their names and the specific charges levied against them will not be disclosed.) If convicted, the defendants face a potential maximum sentence of between 20 years and life in federal prison. Since the federal justice system does not have parole, prison terms would be served

virtually in entirety. All sentences will ultimately be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of a long-term, cross-jurisdictional investigation conducted by local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement officers dedicated to making our streets and communities safer. They include the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; the Carlton County, Minn., Sheriff's Office; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the FBI-funded Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force: the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department; the Minneapolis Police Department; the Minnesota Department of Corrections; and the Paul Bunyan Drug

These agencies investigated this case with assistance from—in alphabetical order—the Becker County Sheriff's Office, the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, the Carlton County Attorney's Office, the Cass County Attorney's Office, the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office of Wisconsin, the Duluth Police Department, the Fon du Lac Tribal Police Department, the Fridley Police Department, the Itasca County Sheriff's Department, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, the LCO Reservation Police Department, the Lower Sioux Tribal Police Department, the Mahnomen County Sheriff's Office, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Mille Lacs County Attorney's Office, the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office, the New Brighton Police Department, the North Central Drug Task Force, the Prior Lake Police Department, the Red Lake Tribal Police Department, the Redwood County Sheriff's Office, Richfield Police Department, the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, the St. Paul Police Department, the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Minneapolis Violent Offender Task Force, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the White Earth Tribal Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew R. Winter and Steven L. Schleicher."

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### Brett L. Nash Arraigned in Federal District Court in East St. Louis on Federal Charges Allegeding that he Attempted to Extort a Targeted Individual by Threatening Physical Violence

McNabb Associates, P.C. (Federal Criminal Defense Lawyers)

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 25, 2012 released the following:

"Granite City Man Charged with Attempted Extortion by Means of Threatening Physical Violence
The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, Stephen R. Wigginton, announced today that Brett L. Nash, 45, of Granite City, was arraigned in federal district court in East St. Louis yesterday on charges that he attempted to extort a targeted individual by threatening physical violence. The charges were alleged in a criminal complaint filed on January 24, 2012.

The criminal complaint charges Nash with attempted extortion, by use of threats of violence, under the Hobbs Act. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and up to five years of supervised release.

The complaint alleges that on January 9, 2012, Nash tried to recruit an acquaintance's assistance in carrying out an extortion scheme aimed at obtaining money from a targeted individual through threats of violence. After Nash obtained the money, it is alleged that Nash planned on killing the targeted individual in a manner which would look like an

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trafficking.

The cases are being investigated by the FBI, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the National City, Calif., Police Department; the San Diego Police Department; the Escondido, Calif., Police Department; the Carlsbad, Calif., Police Department; the U.S. Marshals Service; the La Mesa, Calif., Police Department; the El Cajon, Calif., Police Department; the San Diego County District Attorney's Office; the U.S. Bureau of Prisons; the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; the San Diego County Probation Department; Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations; and Customs and Border Protection-United

accident. The acquaintance reported the scheme to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and remained in contact with Nash in an undercover capacity.

The complaint alleges that over the course of the next two weeks. Nash had multiple meetings with the undercover acquaintance for the specific purpose of planning out the extortion scheme. Nash's plan focused on the seizure of the targeted individual and the use of threats and force to get the individual to withdraw large amounts of money from his personal bank account and from a safe in the individual's home. Nash planned on splitting the proceeds of the extortion with his undercover acquaintance. It is further alleged that Nash gathered many of the items needed for the operation including a head covering mask, a set of handcuffs and a CO2 Gun.

It is alleged that on January 23, 2012, the date of Nash's arrest, he and his undercover acquaintance made a dry run to the targeted individual's house to scout the location, for the planned operation. The complaint alleges that Nash had planned to execute his scheme later on that very evening.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and officers of the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen B.

States Border Patrol.

The cases are being prosecuted in San Diego federal court by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Peter Mazza, Jaime Parks, Fred Sheppard and Tara McGrath.

An indictment or a complaint are not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

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A criminal complaint is a charge against the defendant. Under the law, that charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty."

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#### Barrio Azteca Gang Member Pleads Guilty in Texas to Racketeering Conspiracy

(USDOJ: Justice News)

currently serving a jail sentence on Texas state murder charges pleaded guilty today for his participation in a racketeering conspiracy.



### Eleven People Indicted for Alleged Drug **Trafficking**

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 25, 2012 released the

"POCATELLO - A federal grand jury in Pocatello on Tuesday returned an indictment charging 11 people with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, announced U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson. Four defendants were arrested earlier today; six others currently in state custody will be transferred into federal custody tomorrow. The defendants named in the indictment are Samuel Nevarez-Ayon, 25, and Fabiola Esmerelda Marin-Castro, 24, of Rexburg, Idaho; Guadalupe Meraz, 40, of Medara, California; Ana Rosa Valdez-Ceja, 25, Juan Ortiz, Jr., 27, and Antonio Javier Mendoza, 27, of Shelly, Idaho; Isidoro David Herrera, 30, Daniel Quiroz, 24, Everado Tapia Torres, Jr., 29, Ricardo Garcia Lopez, 34, and Nicolas Levi Olsen, 28, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Nevarez-Ayon, Torres, Olsen, Valdez-Ceja, Mendoza, Quiroz, Herrera, Ortiz, Marin-Castro, and Meraz are scheduled to be arraigned on Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Judge

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Ronald E. Bush. An arrest warrant has been issued for Lopez, who is considered a fugitive.

Federal drug trafficking charges are punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a fine up to \$8 million, and a minimum term of five years of supervised release.

The charges are the result of a ninemonth investigation by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), including the Idaho State Police, Bonneville County Sheriff's Office, Idaho Falls Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Rexburg Police Department, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Fremont County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The OCDETF program is a federal multi-

agency, multi-jurisdictional task force that supplies supplemental federal funding to federal and state agencies involved in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of major drug trafficking organizations.

An indictment is a means of charging a

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person with criminal activity. It is not evidence. The person is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.'

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#### Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez Speaks on Virginia Ada Settlement Call

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"We expand opportunities in a wide range of areas, and today's agreement provides opportunity that will transform the Commonwealth of Virginia's system for delivering services to individuals with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, and improve the lives of thousands of Virginians with developmental disabilities," said Assistant Attorney General Perez.

## Former Prince George's County, Maryland,

Detention Officer Indicted for Death of Ronnie White

(USDOJ: Justice News)

The Justice Department announced today that a federal grand jury in Greenbelt, Md., has indicted Anthony McIntosh, 48, a former corrections officer at the Prince George's County Detention Center, in

Upper Marlboro, Md., on three charges related to the in-custody death of a pretrial detainee, Ronnie White, on June 29, 2008, and McIntosh's subsequent attempts to cover-up his involvement in White's

#### American Samoa Department of Education Official Convicted by Federal Jury in District of Columbia of Witness Tampering and Obstruction of Justice

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 5:55 PM January 26, 2012

The director of the school lunch program

for the government of the U.S. Territory of American Samoa was convicted today in relation to his efforts to obstruct a

federal grand jury and law enforcement investigation into a bribery scheme.

#### Attorney General Holder Speaks at the National Officer Safety and Wellness Group Meeting

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"This marks the third time that this extraordinary group of leaders, researchers, front-line practitioners, and federal partners has come together to exchange insights, to share expertise, and to strengthen the essential work that has become not just our shared priority - but our common cause," said Attorney General Holder.

#### **Justice Department Obtains** Comprehensive ADA Agreement Regarding the Commonwealth of Virginia's **Developmental Disabilities** System

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 10:21 AM January 26, 2012

The Justice Department today announced that it has entered into a comprehensive settlement agreement that will transform the Commonwealth of Virginia's system for serving people with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, and will resolve violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### Patient Recruiter Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison in Connection with \$5.4 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Santiago Villa-Restrepo, 34, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow of the Eastern District of Michigan.

#### **Active Duty Army Recruiter** Pleads Guilty in Texas for Role in Scheme to Illegally Obtain Military Recruiting Bonuses

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A U.S. military recruiter pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to obtain approximately \$190,000 in fraudulent recruiting bonuses from various U.S. military components and their contractor, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division.

#### Owner and Employee of Miami Home Health Company Plead Guilty in \$22 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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The owner and an employee of a Miami health care agency pleaded guilty for their participation in a \$22 million home health Medicare fraud scheme.