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James 'Whitey' Bulger girlfriend, Catherine Greig, agrees to plead guilty to three charges

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The Boston Globe on March 12, 2012 released the following:

"By Milton J. Valencia and Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

Catherine Greig, girlfriend of alleged murderous gangster James "Whitey" Bulger, has agreed to plead guilty to charges that she helped him to escape capture while he was on the lam for 16 years.

In a plea agreement filed in federal court today, Greig said she would plead to three charges - conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, conspiracy to commit identity fraud, and identity fraud — without an agreed-upon recommendation for sentencing by the government and her attorney. Greig is slated to go before a federal judge Wednesday.

In a statement of facts signed by Greig, also filed in court, she said, "I engaged in conduct that was intended to help Bulger avoid detection from law enforcement and to provide him with support and assistance during his flight from law enforcement." She admitted that she and Bulger had obtained false identification documents including driver's licenses and Social Security cards of real people.

She admitted that she used one fake identity to pick up medicine and obtain medical services between 2002 and 2011, and used other aliases while dealing with a dentist who treated Bulger while they lived in Santa Monica, Calif.

Greig said she never used the fake identities "to defraud anyone else of money, good or other property, although I do readily agree that I was in possession of the false identities and that I used the false identities to fill out forms to obtain

Six Plead Guilty in Ohio to Tax and Mail Fraud Conspiracies Involving I.D. Theft of Deceased (USDOJ: Justice News)

itted at 6:25 PM March 13, 2012

Muaad Salem, Hanan Widdi, Najeh Widdi, Hazem Woodi, Daxesj Patel and Fahim Suleiman each entered guilty pleas before the Honorable James S. Gwin

medical services.²

The documents were filed after relatives of people who were allegedly murdered by Bulger met with prosecutors. Emerging from the hour-long meeting at US District Court in Boston, Tom Donahue and Steve Davis said prosecutors told them that each charge Greig faces carries a maximum five-year sentence, but that, under federal sentencing guidelines, she could serve as little as 32 months in prison. They also said prosecutors had told them that Greig, 60, would not be forced to testify against Bulger and that the government was not seeking forfeiture of her house.

Donahue and Davis said prosecutors didn't disclose what sentence they would recommend. Prosecutors declined to comment in a statement issued this afternoon

Donahue said he was disappointed by the news and felt the government should have been tougher on her.

"She helped that guy on the run," he said. "We could have had these answers 16 years ago. She's a criminal, she's not a victim. She's a criminal," he said. Davis said he understood that Greig was not the murderer — Bulger allegedly murdered 19 people — but Davis was disappointed by "the fact that the government has not put a tight enough grip on everything."

"What they want out of this is they want the conviction," he said.

Davis's sister, Debra, was allegedly strangled by Bulger in 1981. Donahue's father, Michael, was allegedly shot and killed by Bulger in 1982 on the South Boston waterfront.

Relatives of at least four of Bulger's alleged victims attended the meeting. Bulger, who fled just before his January

today to charges arising from a scheme to obtain false and fraudulent U.S. Treasury tax refund checks, the Justice Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced.

1995 federal racketeering indictment after being warned by his former FBI handler that he was about to be arrested, was a fixture on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list. He was finally captured on June 22 in Santa Monica, with Greig, a former dental hygienist who lived in South Boston and Quincy.

The FBI found more than \$800,000 cash and 30 weapons hidden inside the walls of the rent-controlled apartment where the couple had lived as Charles and Carol Gasko for at least 13 years, according to the FBI. They also found numerous false identities allegedly used by the couple. Since they were returned to the Boston area last year, Greig has remained jailed without bail at a Rhode Island facility, and Bulger is being held at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility. Greig's attorney, Kevin Reddington, has argued in court that her only crime was falling in love with Bulger and that she had no knowledge of any of his crimes. He also said she would not cooperate against Bulger."

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Justice Department Files Lawsuit Against United Airlines for USERRA Violation

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The Justice Department filed a lawsuit against United Airlines Inc., alleging violations of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

United Kingdom Citizen and Two Americans Charged in Alabama for Allegedly Conspiring to Defraud United States Government

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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United Kingdom citizen Ahmed Sarchil Kazzaz and his company, Leadstay Company, were charged in an indictment unsealed today in the Northern District of Alabama for their roles in a conspiracy to defraud the United States and pay kickbacks in exchange for receiving subcontracts for a Department of Defense program in Iraq.

Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer Speaks at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

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"The Fair Sentencing Act is just one example, albeit a very important one, of many I could give you where Criminal Division lawyers and others in the department have worked hard to advance needed legislation and reform an aspect of the criminal justice system in need of repair," said Assistant Attorney General Breuer.

Alabama Woman Sentenced to More Than Five Years in Prison for Identity Theft and Tax Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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Melinda Clayton of Montgomery, Ala., was sentenced today to 61 months in prison, following a guilty plea to conspiracy to make false claims, wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced.

Riverton, Illinois, Man Sentenced to 216 Months in Prison for Production and Possession of Child Pornography

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Jeffrey Price, 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sue E. Myerscough in Springfield, Ill.



Taiwan-Based AU Optronics Corporation, Its Houston-Based Subsidiary and Former Top Executives Convicted for Role in LCD Price-Fixing Conspiracy

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submined at 658 PM March 13, 2012 A federal jury in San Francisco today convicted the largest Taiwan liquid crystal display producer, its subsidiary and their two former executives for their participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of thin-film transistor-liquid crystal display panels sold worldwide.

U.S. Orders Pennylvania Diet Supplement Company to Cease Operations Pending Reinspection by FDA

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 4:18 PM March 13, 2012 The United States has entered a consent decree against ATF Fitness Products Inc., Manufacturing ATF Dedicated Excellence Inc. (MADE), and the owner and president of both companies, James G. Vercellotti, the Justice Department

announced today. Director of the Office of Information Policy Melanie Ann Pustay Testifies Before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 10:37 AM March 13, 2012 "As the lead federal agency responsible

for implementing the FOIA across the government, the Department of Justice is strongly committed to encouraging compliance with the Act by all agencies and to promoting open government," said Director Pustay.

Miami-Area Resident Pleads Guilty to Participating in \$200 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme

(USDOJ: Justice News) Submitted at 6:18 PM March 13, 2012

Mathis Moore, 56, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry L. Garber in Miami to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and to pay and receive illegal health care kickbacks.

U.S. v. David M. Farber

(Antitrust Division: Criminal Case Filings)

Submitted at 1:52 PM March 13, 2012 Document filed on February 23, 2012 • <u>Plea Agreement</u>

Investigating Financial Crime: A Retrospective

fbi (White-Collar Crime)

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A look back at the growing size and scope of our financial fraud cases.