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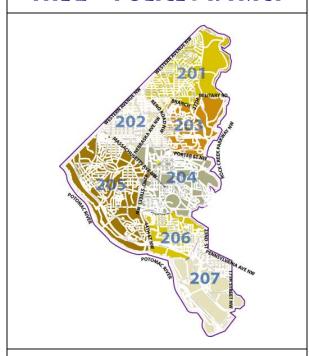
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SUMMARY OF RECENT COURT CASES

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A detailed descriptions of these and other cases from the 2nd District are provided inside of this report.

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2ND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROSECUTION UPDATE



Burglaries continue to be the crime of choice in the Second District. The summer months are traditionally the time when residents are most vulnerable. This vulnerability is a function of the vacation season and the greater openness of our homes, garages, and windows. Help reduce the chances of being the next victim by securing your home, garage, and windows and by encouraging your neighbors to do the same. Pay special attention to your neighbor's property when they are away. If you suspect that your home or property has been invaded, report these suspicions to police immediately. Most burglars are serial burglars and the more information we collect on them will enhance our ability to identify them and prosecute them effectively.

The COURT REPORT

Christopher L. Lewis sentenced to 10 years in prison for assaulting a woman in the restroom of Chadwick's Restaurant in the 5200 Block of Wisconsin Avenue, NW. (F-7116-03; PSA 202)

FACTS: Christopher L. Lewis, 38, of Gaithersburg, MD, was sentenced by the Honorable Robert I. Richter to a total of ten years in prison for assaulting a woman in the restroom of Chadwick's Restaurant, located in the 5200 block of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. On April 7, 2004, a Superior Court jury had found Lewis guilty of Assault with Intent to Commit First Degree Sexual Abuse and Attempted Sexual Abuse. As a result of his conviction, Lewis will have to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison. He is already a convicted sex offender in the state of Maryland.

According to the government's evidence, on October 23, 2003, Lewis entered the ladies' room at Chadwick's Restaurant and slammed the victim's head against the wall while she was attempting to use the restroom, knocking her unconscious. Lewis was found by a witness, inside the stall standing over the victim attempting to zip his pants. Lewis attempted to escape by pushing the witness to the ground. The witness chased the defendant while screaming for help. A bartender at the restaurant heard the witness' screams for help and chased Lewis out of the restaurant. The bartender tried to get Lewis to return to the restaurant, but Lewis refused and left the scene. The next day, Lewis returned to Chadwick's to retrieve his coat, and a bag that contained identifying information. Lewis had left the coat and bag in the ladies' room inside of the stall next to the stall where the attack occurred. He was identified by three witnesses and was captured by video surveillance after he tried to retrieve his coat and bag.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Kenneth Wainstein praised the efforts of MPD Detectives Wallace Carmichael, James Dukes, Vincent Spriggs, Derek Bolding and Sergeant Kevin Rice, all of the Sex Branch Division; Detective Dwayne Corbett of the Violent Crime Branch; Detective Larry Williams, Officers Enoch Rogers, Rhonda Hardy and Vivian Moore, all of the Second District; Officers Kevin Jeter and Keith Slaughter, both of the Forensic Sciences Section; David Foster, of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit; Deborah Dunn, Amy Klein, Ron Royal, Errol Spears and Shane Ackerman of the Litigation Technology Unit; Victim Advocate Iris Vega; Legal Assistant Linda C. Harris; Paralegal Specialist Anthony Griffith and the late Carolyn Cozzens-Morton. Finally, he thanked Assistant United States Attorney Bridgette Crafton, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

Wane N. Mendoza is sentenced to seven years in prison for Armed Robbery of Domino's Pizza. (F-6324-03; PSA 202)

FACTS: Wane N. Mendoza, 21, of the 8800 block of Welbeck Way, Montgomery Village, MD, was sentenced in District of Columbia Superior Court to seven years in prison for an armed robbery. Mendoza and two accomplices robbed the Domino's Pizza at 4539 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on October 9, 2003. Mendoza previously pleaded

guilty to one count of armed robbery and a related weapons charge for his lead role in the robbery.

According to the government's evidence, at approximately 11:50 p.m. on October 9, 2003, three males, who were later identified as Wane Mendoza, Glenn Young and Idris Yakoub, entered the Domino's Pizza Carry-out located at 4539 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Upon entering the carryout, Mendoza and Young brandished guns and approached the manager of the restaurant demanding money. Mendoza brandished a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun; Young carried an air pistol that looked like a handgun. While Yakoub acted as lookout at the door of the carryout, Mendoza and Young escorted the manager to the office and demanded money from the safe. Once realizing that the safe was empty Mendoza and Young robbed the manager of his cash, cell phone, and credit cards. They also took cash from the cash register drawers before leaving the carryout.

The three men soon got lost, however, on the streets of upper Northwest, Washington, D.C. Before they could leave the jurisdiction, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department spotted the vehicle, fitting the description given by the Domino's manager, in the area of Military Road and Connecticut Avenue, N.W. The car was stopped and the manager of the Domino's Pizza identified all three defendants. Within the car, police found the pistol and the air pistol, money from the Domino's Pizza, and proceeds from other armed robberies including over \$1000 in cash.

Both of Mendoza's co-defendants, Glenn Young and Idris Yakoub, have also pled guilty and been sentenced.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Kenneth Wainstein praised the outstanding investigative efforts of Detectives Neil Jones, Mike Ross, and Delroy Burton of the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department. He also commended the efforts of Second District Officers Charles Fultz, Alton Bryant, Hogan Samels, Lawrence Glover, William Belton and Michael Handy, who apprehended the suspects. Finally, Mr. Wainstein commended the efforts of Legal Assistant Taniqueka Brooks, who assisted in the preparation of the case, and Assistant Attorney David P. Saybolt who prosecuted the case.

Ralph J. Franks pleads guilty to four counts of Second Degree Burglary. (F-7067-03;PSA 205)

FACTS: Ralph J. Franks, 44, of the 3800 block of 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., entered a plea of guilty in District of Columbia Superior Court to four counts of Second Degree Burglary. Franks faces up to sixty years in jail. He is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Susan R. Winfield on July 27, 2004.

According to the government's evidence, beginning on September 12, 2003, and continuing through November 11, 2003, Franks burglarized eleven homes and one business in Northwest, Washington, D.C., in each case breaking into the home or business when it was occupied. Franks was apprehended on November 11, 2003, in the 4400 block of Reservoir

Road, N.W., as he ran from a crime scene with a stolen purse under one arm. Franks confessed to three burglaries on the night of his arrest, and subsequently identified nine other burglary locations after being driven around affected neighborhoods the day after his arrest. Franks admitted to police that he typically would look into windows of homes in the early evening hours and look for handbags placed near the front door. He would then break into the home, either by opening an unlocked door, kicking down the door or breaking a window, and then run away with the stolen item.

In announcing the guilty plea, United States Attorney Kenneth Wainstein praised the outstanding investigative efforts of Detective Neil Jones of the burglary squad at the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department. He also commended the efforts of Second District Officers Stephen Davis, Gregory Curry, and Robert Bryant, as well as Second District Detective Joseph Crespo, who assisted in apprehending Franks on November 11, 2003, and Officer Kathy Jackson who assisted in the investigation. Finally, Mr. Wainstein commended the efforts of Legal Assistant Taniqueka Brooks, who assisted in the preparation of the case, and Assistant United States Attorneys David P. Saybolt and Cully Stimson, who prosecuted the case.

Anthony Artisst was convicted by a D.C. Superior Court jury of First Degree Burglary While Armed. (F-5762-02; PSA 206)

FACTS: Anthony Artisst, age 50, of the 3700 blk 15th Street, N.E. was convicted of First Degree Burglary While Armed and Second Degree Theft on April 16, 2004 by a D.C. Superior Court jury, after less than a hour of deliberations. Artisst is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Russell Canan on July 16, 2004. Artisst faces up to 30 years for the burglary offense and 180 days for the theft offense. Additional burglary charges are also pending against Artisst. Artisst was on probation in a felony case before Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr., at the time of this offense and may face additional penalties in that case. His probation revocation hearing is scheduled for July 23, 2004.

The government's evidence showed that on the morning of September 4, 2002, Anthony Artisst entered the apartment of three female Georgetown University students. The apartment was located on Banks Street, N.W., just off of M Street in Georgetown. Two of the female occupants were at home at the time and were getting ready for class. Once inside, Artisst took a red backpack containing a wallet, cell phone and other personal property.

Artisst was apprehended in a nearby alley after a Second District Police saw him leaving the apartment with the bag. Second District Detective Scott Ambiance, who was in the area working overtime on traffic enforcement, was driving down Banks Street when he saw Artisst leaving the apartment. Detective Ambiance recognized Artisst, and knew that Artisst did not live in the area. After seeing the defendant scurry into a nearby alley, Detective Ambiance went into the alley to investigate further. Once in the alley, Detective Ambiance found the defendant going through the backpack and placing items from it in his pockets. The defendant was stopped and the property was identified as that of one of the students. Artisst was placed under arrest and when he was searched a wide-blade folding knife was found in his back pocket.

District of Columbia man pleads guilty to making false threats to explode bombs throughout the Metrorail system.

FACTS: America Yegile Haileselassie ("Haileselassie"), 25, of 1203 Otis Street, N.E., pled guilty before the Honorable John D. Bates of the United States District Court to Conveying False Information Concerning an Attempt or Alleged Attempt to Commit an Act of Violence Against a Mass Transportation System. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Haileselassie will receive a term of imprisonment between 30 and 37 months when he is sentenced on September 24, 2004, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000 dollars.

The evidence in this case established that on April 25, 2004, Haileselassie contacted the communications center of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA"), which is responsible for the operation of the Metrorail system, and made several threats to blow up trains and stations in the Metrorail system, kill train passengers, and kill President Bush. He also admitted having made a threat on February 3, 2003, to blow up the Anacostia Metro station.

The guilty plea was the result of an investigation by members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force of the Washington Field Office of the FBI, in particular FBI Special Agents Christine A. Botz and Amy L. Lasut, U.S. Secret Service Special Agent Daniel P. Kurz, Metro Transit Detective Marshall K. Trigg, MPD Investigator Seth Holmes, and FBI computer forensics analysts Jeffrey C. Bedford and Susy J. Hwang, together with personnel of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Legal Assistants Karen Evans and Cheryl Simms, and Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan M. Malis, who is prosecuting the case.

New York man sentenced to 10 months of imprisonment for identification document fraud.

FACTS: Adesoye Adewale, 38, of New York, New York, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Rosemary M. Collyer to 10 months of incarceration, and ordered to pay \$4,600 in restitution, following his guilty plea to identification document fraud.

According to the government's evidence, Adewale was stopped on a bus from New York City, arriving at the Greyhound bus terminal in Washington on September 11, 2003. He consented to a search of his bag, and police found 30 counterfeit, Colorado and Texas driver's licenses, all in different names, four with his photograph (although none with his name). Police also found seven credit cards, all in different names (each of which matched one of the counterfeit driver's license names). The credit cards had been mailed to legitimate account holders in the Los Angeles area, but had never been received by the intended recipients. Also found on Adewale were account numbers and various personal identification information - names, addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth - for other people.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Roscoe C. Howard commended the investigative efforts of Special Agent James Concannon of the United States Secret Service and Postal Inspector Michael Blackmon of the Washington Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service, as well as Legal Assistant Teesha Tobias and Assistant United States Attorneys Alexia Pappas and Elana Tyrangiel, who prosecuted the case.

Bank teller pleads guilty to embezzling \$21,060.

FACTS: Eric L. Walker, Jr., 19, of Landover, Maryland, pled guilty in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Gladys Kessler to the charge of bank embezzlement. Sentencing is scheduled for August 27, 2004. The defendant faces a maximum of 30 years in prison under the statute. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Walker's likely sentence will be between 0 to 6 months in jail.

According to the government's evidence and a statement signed by the defendant, between December 2002 and October 2003, Walker worked as a teller at Wachovia, in its branch located at 18th and K Streets, NW (PSA 306). His primary responsibilities consisted of servicing customers at the teller line, although, beginning on September 1, 2003, he was given the additional responsibility of gathering and processing the deposits from the "night drop". Starting a few days after he was assigned the night drop responsibilities, Walker began taking the cash deposits of a certain company ("IP"), which had switched from Wachovia to a new bank, but was continuing, mistakenly, to deposit cash into the Wachovia night drop. Walker took the IP cash deposits from September 3, 2003 until September 30, 2003; these deposits amounted to approximately \$21,060.

In announcing the guilty plea, United States Attorney Roscoe Howard commended FBI Special Agent Jeanne P.A. Schnese and Assistant United States Attorney Virginia Cheatham.

Enforcer for violent D.C. drug gang sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

FACTS: Bryan Bostick, 34, an enforcer for a violent street gang, was sentenced by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Bostick, formerly of the 600 block of Atlantic Street, S.E., and other members of the 1-5 Mob had been convicted by a federal jury of various offenses, including Narcotics Conspiracy, Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) Conspiracy, First-Degree Premeditated Murder, and related firearms violations. Bostick had also pled guilty to being a member of a separate RICO Conspiracy.

The indictment and subsequent trial of many of the members of the 1-5 Mob were the result of two years of intensive investigation by the members of the FBI/MPD "Safe Streets Task Force." During the course of the investigation, it was established that between 1985 and 1998, the members of the 1-5 Mob were responsible for the distribution of more than a thousand kilograms of cocaine, cocaine base and heroin and the murder of more than 20 people. As an enforcer, Bostick was directly responsible for the:

- December 17, 1993, murder of two innocent bystanders in the 3000 block of Martin Luther King Avenue, S.E., 14-year-old Velonte Smith and her 19-year-old college student brother, Rodney Smith, who was home for Christmas;
- April 4, 1994, non-fatal shooting of an innocent bystander, Jummor Mackel, who happened to be in a car in Suitland, Maryland, that looked like one of the Bostick's targets;
- August 3, 1996, near fatal shooting of Bostick's friend, Tracy Medina, in the 3000 block of Stanton Road, S.E.; and
- August 20, 1996, murder of a potential witness, Joseph Jones, in the 700 block of 7th Street, N.E.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office Michael A. Mason, and MPD Chief Charles Ramsey praised the efforts of the members of the Safe Streets Task Force for their investigation and specifically commended FBI Agents Dan Sparks, Kyle Fulmer, Vincent Lisi, Bryan Wilhite, Alice Moye, John Bevington, Robert Lockhart, and Jay Burton; MPD Detectives Konstantinos Giannakoulias, Thomas Webb, and Arthur Reed; and MPD Officers Joseph Cabillo, John Davis, Calvin Hopkins, and Joseph Anderson, for their efforts during the investigation and trial. In addition, the efforts of paralegals Barbara Necastro, Cheryl Gerald-Lonon and Katrice Mueller were also recognized. Finally, they cited the efforts of Assistant United States Attorneys Stephen J. Pfleger, Amy Jeffress, Michael Volkov, Timothy Heaphy and Matthew Olsen, as well as former Assistant United States Attorneys William M. Sullivan Jr. and Paul A. Quander, Jr., who successfully investigated and prosecuted these cases.

Department of Labor contracting official pleads guilty to receiving bribe.

FACTS: Kevin B. Brown, 33, of Accokeek, Maryland, pled guilty in United States District Court to receipt of a bribe by a public official in connection with his duties as a contracting official at the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). When sentenced on October 18, 2004, before the Honorable Reggie B. Walton, Brown faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, Brown faces a likely sentence of 18-24 months in prison.

According to the government's evidence, between 2002 and March 2004, Brown was employed as a purchasing agent for the BLS, and his duties included soliciting and receiving competitive bids for the award of contracts to vendors for various goods and services. With respect to three BLS contracts, Brown arranged to split the profit with the successful vendor. Brown received \$700 in cash from one contract on February 13, 2004, and received \$200 and \$400 in cash from two other contracts on March 22, 2004, in each instance traveling to the Vienna, Virginia Metro Station to receive the money.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein, Michael A. Mason, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and U.S. Department of Labor Inspector General Gordon Hedell commended the outstanding investigative work of DOL Inspector General Special Agent John Gervino and FBI Special Agent Tim Tylicki, as well as Assistant United States Attorney Steven J. Durham, who prosecuted the case.

DCRA employee sentenced to three years in prison for receiving bribe.

FACTS: Eldred "E.J." Fornah, 54, of Rockville, Maryland, was sentenced to three years in prison by the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina in connection with his conviction for receipt of a bribe by a public official. Fornah was also fined \$7,500, ordered to pay \$3,215 in restitution, and placed on a three year period of supervised release following his release from prison. In January 2004, a United States District Court jury had returned a guilty verdict against Fornah.

Fornah was a paralegal in the Corporations Division of the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Fornah's job responsibilities included insuring that timely and correct paperwork and fees were submitted to DCRA in connection with the registration of a new corporation, or the renewal or reinstatement of an already registered corporation.

Fornah received a bribe from an individual named John Bisong, who utilized a series of corporations to operate a fraudulent immigration document business. (Bisong's company, American Immigration Agency, promised to obtain immigration documents that would allow customers to work legally in the United States. Bisong was convicted of multiple counts of bank and immigration fraud following a jury trial in June 2003, and was sentenced by Judge Urbina in April 2004, to a 16-year term of imprisonment.) Bisong paid Fornah a \$1,500 bribe, in exchange for which Fornah renewed or reinstated the registrations for Bisong's various corporations, without collecting the \$3125 in required fees associated with these renewals and reinstatements.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein and DC Acting Inspector General Austin Anderson commended the outstanding investigative work of Investigator Diane Eickman of the United States Attorney's Office, Special Agent James Glymph of the District of Columbia Office of Inspector General, Special Agent Joe Mizell of the Department of Homeland Security (formerly the INS), and Special Agent Andrew Shea of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, as well as the work of paralegal specialist Jeanie Latimore-Brown, and Assistant United States Attorneys Elizabeth Coombe, who investigated the case, and Steven J. Durham, who returned the indictment and prosecuted the case at trial.

Fugitive's girlfriend sentenced to 15 months in prison for harboring her fugitive boyfriend.

FACTS: Melonie Wilson, 24, of 7356 Mossy Brink Court, Columbia, Maryland, was sentenced by Chief Judge Thomas F. Hogan in U.S. District Court to a term of 15 months in prison for harboring her fugitive boyfriend. Wilson was convicted in January of this year by a federal jury of harboring a fugitive.

The case began when Wilson's boyfriend, Antwain Dykes, 22, walked out of court in the middle of his trial for federal gun and drug offenses on May 15, 2003. The trial continued in his absence, and he subsequently was convicted of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. He was sentenced to 100 months of incarceration.

Meanwhile, Wilson's efforts to harbor Dykes began immediately. On May 15, 2003, the night that Dykes fled court, Wilson and Dykes spent the night in a motel in Leesburg, Virginia. She picked him up at the Anacostia subway station in Washington, D.C., on May 31, and brought him to her home in Columbia, Maryland; then later, she returned him to the Anacostia station. She met him at her place of work on June 6, and spent the night with him in a motel in Columbia, Maryland. On June 7, the pair went shopping at the Dulles Town Centre, and Wilson then returned Dykes to the Anacostia subway station. On June 11, 2003, Wilson was interviewed by the United States Marshals seeking to locate Dykes. She initially denied any knowledge of his whereabouts, and then admitted only to meeting him a few times. She never admitted knowing his whereabouts or provided information to the Marshals or any other authorities concerning Mr. Dykes' whereabouts.

The U.S. Marshals Service subsequently developed intelligence that suggested that Dykes might be at Dulles Airport. On June 22, 2003, the Marshals located Dykes at Dulles Airport, driving Wilson's car. Dykes was apprehended after a short chase, and Wilson drove up moments later in a rental car that she admitted she rented for the two of them to use to travel away.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein praised the efforts of the United States Marshals Service for investigating Wilson and apprehending Dykes. He especially wanted to acknowledge the efforts of Deputy United States Marshals Sean Mcleod and Chris Street, who led the investigation of Wilson. Mr. Wainstein commended the efforts of the United States Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Unit, which provided invaluable assistance to witnesses in the course of the investigation and trial. Finally, Mr. Wainstein commended the efforts of Assistant United States Attorney Steven B. Snyder, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

District Tax Auditor sentenced to 24 months on federal bribery charges.

FACTS: U.S. District Court Judge John Bates sentenced Obafemi Orenuga, 51, of Lanham, Maryland, to 24 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$19,000 in restitution. (The original sentence was 37 months, but Judge Bates reduced the sentence to 24 months following a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in an unrelated case.) On April 9, 2004, a federal jury in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia had returned guilty verdicts against Orenuga, for receiving \$19,000 in bribes as a public official in relation to his official duties as a Tax Auditor for the District of Columbia.

"The Court's sentence appropriately punishes the defendant for his willingness to violate the trust of public service to satisfy his own personal greed," said U.S. Attorney Kenneth L.

Wainstein. "It is a victory for the citizens of the District of Columbia who deserve honest and corrupt-free services from its public servants. We will continue to root out corruption wherever it exists."

As a Tax Auditor, Orenuga was responsible for conducting financial tax audits of businesses in the District of Columbia in order to determine the correct amount of tax due to the District of Columbia from businesses in the District of Columbia. According to the evidence presented at trial, Orenuga began soliciting bribe payments as early as May 2002. In exchange for the payment of a \$6,000 cash bribe in June 2002, Orenuga agreed to reduce the amount of tax of a business that was due and owing to the District of Columbia from \$70,000 to \$12,000. Additionally, the evidence showed that in March 2003, in exchange for a \$13,000 cash payment, Orenuga agreed to reduce the amount of tax due and owing to the District of Columbia from \$40,000 to zero.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein and Michael A. Mason, Assistant Director in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Field Office commended the outstanding investigative work of FBI Special Agents Mary Jo Ervin, David McClelland and Michelle Rankin, and Jim Trost of the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue, Internal Security. Also commended were Debbie Dunn, Shane Ackerman and Amy Klein of the U.S. Attorney's Office for their litigation support assistance. Finally, Mr. Wainstein and Mr. Mason praised the work of former Assistant United States Attorney Carol Fortine, who assisted with the investigation, as well as Assistant United States Attorneys Steven J. Durham, who presented the case to the grand jury, and Julieanne Himelstein and Lisa Monaco, who prosecuted the case.

District man pleads guilty to running child sex trafficking and internet prostitution business out of Northeast Washington residence.

FACTS: Gary Gates, also known as "Sweat," 42, pled guilty before the Honorable Ellen S. Huvelle in United States District Court to four counts of Sex Trafficking of Children and First-Degree Child Sexual Abuse. At the sentencing on September 8, 2004, Gates will face an aggregate sentence of approximately 15 years' incarceration under the terms of the plea agreement. Gates and Tamisha Heyward had been indicted for running a sex trafficking operation which involved the prostitution of girls as young as 14 years old. (They had been charged with Conspiracy to Commit Sex Trafficking of Children and Sex Trafficking by Force, Transportation of Minors for Prostitution, and Coercion and Enticement of Children to Engage in Prostitution, among other offenses.) Tamisha Heyward had previously pled guilty to child sex trafficking and possessing a gun.

During the plea hearing, Gates admitted to running an interstate sex-trafficking and prostitution business from March 2001 through December 18, 2003, in which he was the pimp who would recruit women to come live with him and Heyward for the purpose of having the women engage in prostitution for the financial benefit of Gates and Heyward. The government proffered that its evidence would show that Gates would often travel from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore, Maryland, where he would prey upon girls as young as 14 years old and entice them to come to Washington, D.C. with him to work as prostitutes. Heyward was known as Gates'

"bottom bitch," a term of art in the prostitution industry which means the female in the most powerful position. Gates concentrated on recruitment, retention and enforcement, primarily using physical force, psychological coercion and sexual abuse to compel women to keep working for him and Heyward. Gates beat women who disobeyed or disappointed him, and engaged in sexual acts with many of the women, including those under 16 years old.

Beginning on or about the summer of 2002, and continuing until December 18, 2003, Gates and Heyward moved much of their business from the streets to the internet, setting up a "Redlightspecialinc.com" and later called a second website called "pandorasboxinc.com," each of which advertised "escort services" that were in reality commercial sex act services that sent prostitutes to customers located in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, who called by telephone or sent messages over the internet to make appointments for prostitution services. More than thirty women were employed by Gates and Heyward. During one eight-month period in late 2003, Heyward maintained a merchant account into which over \$35,000 in proceeds were deposited. On December 18, 2003, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at the residence of Gates and Heyward at 1111 16th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., during which they seized computers, digital cameras, credit card machines, vehicles, receipts, hotel keys, condoms, and a pistol.

In announcing the guilty plea, United States Attorney Wainstein and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights R. Alexander Acosta praised the efforts of MPD Major Narcotics Branch Prostitution Enforcement Unit officers Michael Whiteside, Wayne Gerrish, Thomas Smith, and George Rada; U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Investigation Unit investigators Jeffrey Folts and John Marsh; and FBI Agent Bridgette Thomas. In addition, they thanked the more than thirty law enforcement agencies from Baltimore, Florida, South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Canada and many other locations, who contributed to this successful prosecution, as well as Victim Witness Advocates Veronica Vaughan, Rosie Pettway, and Tracey Yeldell; paralegals Cynthia Muhammad, Krystal Coates and Latasha Sams; and Assistant United States Attorneys Roy L. Austin, Jr. and Jeanne M. Hauch, who are prosecuting the case.

N.C. man sentenced to approximately 16 months in prison for threatening to detonate explosives on the National Mall.

FACTS: On June 23, 2004, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson sentenced Dwight Ware Watson, 51, of Whitakers, North Carolina, to approximately 16 months of incarceration for offenses arising from Watson's standoff with law enforcement in March 2003. (The original sentence was 72 months, but Judge Jackson reduced the sentence to 16 months following a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in an unrelated case.) On September 26, 2003, a federal court jury had convicted Watson of threatening and conveying false information concerning the use of an explosive, and of destroying government property. The Court also ordered that Watson spend three years on supervised release, perform 150 hours of community service, and pay restitution to the National Park Service for damage to Constitution Gardens on the Mall.

According to the government's evidence, on March 17, 2003, Watson drove a large John Deere tractor into the pond in Constitution Gardens on the National Mall. Attached to the tractor was a jeep, behind which was a trailer with a large yellow box sitting on its bed. Watson claimed to have explosives in the box on the trailer bed, and threatened to detonate the explosives if anyone approached him or attempted to force him to leave the pond. Over the course of the next forty-seven hours, Watson repeated those threats numerous times. Throughout the standoff, several buildings along Constitution Avenue were evacuated, and the street itself was closed to traffic between 23rd and 15th Streets, N.W. On March 19, 2003, Watson drove the tractor to the edge of Signer's Island, which sits in the middle of the pond, and used the tractor to dig up a portion of the island and destroy a portion of the retaining wall, causing approximately \$5000 of damage to Signer's Island. On March 19, Watson surrendered, and a search revealed no explosives.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein, Acting Chief of the United States Park Police Dwight Pettiford, and Michael A. Mason, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office praised the extraordinary efforts of the approximately two hundred members of law enforcement who worked around the clock to bring the standoff to a safe and successful conclusion. Aside from members of the U.S. Park Police and the FBI, representatives from the MPD, the U.S. Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the United States Capitol Police assisted in this effort. Particular note was taken of the work of Detective Todd Reid of the U.S. Park Police and Special Agent Jerry Jobe of the FBI, who served as the lead investigators in the case; officer Jerre Psak and Sergeant Kathy Harasek of the U.S. Park Police, who acted as negotiators during the standoff; Sergeant Roger Blair of the MPD's Explosive and Ordnance Disposal Unit, who advised those on the scene concerning the dangers of the alleged bombs; as well as paralegal specialist Eugene Lee and former paralegal specialist Craig Greenberg, Litigation Support Specialist Thomas Royal, Legal Assistants Cheryl Simms and Phaylyn Hunt, and Assistant United States Attorneys Steven Pelak, who provided advice and assistance during the standoff, and Jay Bratt, who conducted the grand jury investigation and handled the case at trial.

Would-be airline hijacker pleads guilty in machete-wielding incident at Guatemala Airport

FACTS: Viet Tran, 47, of no fixed address, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to four counts of Violence at an International Airport, and Attempted Carrying a Weapon on an Aircraft. The charges arose from an incident at the La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on April 28, 2001, when Tran, a homeless indigent, pulled a machete and rushed onto an American Airlines aircraft that was in the process of boarding for a flight to Miami, Florida, slashing one flight attendant in the head before being subdued. The injured flight attendant, and one of the three others who were chased and assaulted by Tran, were United States nationals. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Tran faces a likely term of imprisonment of seven to nine years. He will be sentenced by United States District Judge Gladys Kessler on September 1, 2004.

Following the guilty plea, United States Attorney Wainstein stated that, "this case is an excellent example of our unwavering commitment to seek justice for violent crimes committed

against Americans and American interests abroad. As such international threats of violence have increased, we continue to work with the FBI to track down and prosecute those who would commit such crimes, wherever they may be found."

Tran, who had fled Vietnam in the early 1980s and entered the United States as a refugee, served a prison sentence in Kansas after assaulting a coworker with a knife. Upon release from that sentence, Tran left the United States in the early 1990s and apparently lived as an indigent in Guatemala for several years leading up to the American Airlines incident. At his plea proceeding, Tran admitted that he had stormed the American Airlines airplane because he wanted to be taken back to Vietnam. He was brought to the United States to face criminal charges in July 2001. After extensive litigation on the issue of his mental competency, he was determined to be competent to stand trial but instead he entered into a plea agreement.

In announcing the guilty plea, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein praised the outstanding work of the extraterritorial squad of the FBI's Miami, Florida, Field Office, which investigated the case, and he expressed appreciation to the Guatemalan authorities for their cooperation. He also commended the efforts and teamwork of Yvonne Bryant, of the United States Attorney's Office's Victim Witness Assistance Unit; former Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Valder and Department of Justice Trial Attorney Michael Keegan, who initially handled the case; and Assistant United States Attorneys Laura A. Ingersoll, Jeanne M. Hauch, and Colleen M. Kennedy, who have handled the case during the past two years.

Owner of local computer company sentenced to nine years in prison for \$13 million money laundering scheme.

FACTS: Calvin C. McCants, 54, formerly of 4400 15th Street, N.W., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina to nine years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$11 million dollars in restitution, for defrauding a company of \$13 million by providing false accounts receivable information to secure up to a \$25 million line of credit. McCants had pled guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering. As part of his plea, McCants had also agreed to the entry of a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$11 million.

Two other coconspirators, Howard Weinstein and Morton Okin, had previously pled guilty to the conspiracy in May and August 2003. The conspiracy occurred between June 1997 and December 1998. Weinstein's sentencing is scheduled for August and Okin's sentencing is scheduled for September.

According to the government's evidence, in 1997 McCants, who was the owner of a computer company doing business in the District of Columbia, contracted with a New York corporation – CRM Communications – which was in the business of providing telecommunications equipment and services. McCants' company was to provide services and equipment to new customers, and it received funds from CRM pursuant to a line of credit to do so. Initially, CMR's line of credit was \$2 million dollars, but through a scheme to defraud involving false invoices, sham corporations, and altered bank statements, the conspirators tricked the company that was funding CMR (Capital Factors, Inc., a Florida corporation with an office in

Los Angeles, California) into raising CMR's line of credit to \$25 million, based upon false information as to CMR's accounts receivable. As a result of the fraudulent scheme and conspiracy, Union Planters Bank, which subsequently purchased Capital Factors, incurred a loss of approximately \$13 million, and CRM went out of business.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein, Special Agent in Charge Gregory R. Szczeszek IRS Criminal Investigation Division, Michael A. Mason, Assistant Director in Charge, FBI Washington Field Office, and Thomas E. Hutchins, Superintendent, Maryland State Police, praised the work of Special Agents Anthony Brooks of the IRS and Eddie Winkley of the FBI, and Criminal Investigator Robert J. Mignogna of the Maryland State Police (assigned to the U.S. Secret Service Metro Area Task Force), who investigated the case. They also commended Assistant United States Attorneys Michael Humphreys, Jeffrey Beatrice and Judith A. Kidwell, who prosecuted the case.

Convicted felon found guilty of federal gun and drug charges.

FACTS: On June 8, 2004, a federal jury convicted Talib Watson, 36, of the 100 block of Michigan Avenue, N.E., of Possession of Firearms and Ammunition by a Person Previously Convicted of a Felony and Possession of Marijuana. United States District Judge Richard J. Leon presided over the trial and has scheduled sentencing for August 24, 2004. The defendant faces a likely sentence of 63-78 months in prison under the federal sentencing guidelines. This case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. PSN is a partnership between local and federal agencies to reduce gun violence in the District of Columbia.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on June 23, 2003, Police Officer John Cox of the United States Park Police (USPP) stopped the defendant's 2000 Cadillac Escalade for a traffic violation in the 1600 block of C Street, N.E. When a computer check revealed that defendant had a pending arrest warrant, he was placed under arrest, and a search of the car revealed two semi-automatic handguns and a substantial amount of ammunition, in hidden compartments in the front door panels, as well as marijuana in a false-bottomed can found on the back seat. After being informed of his rights, the defendant admitted responsibility for the items seized from his car. A search warrant executed at his home the next day produced 50 additional rounds of ammunition, from the defendant's bedroom. Watson's previous felony conviction was for Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, in 2002.

In announcing the verdict, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein praised the work of USSP Officer John Cox and Sgt. Steinheimer; MPD Detective Norma Horne; FBI. Special Agent Stephanie Yanta; ATF Special Agents Christopher Trainer and Scott Riordan; Paralegal Specialists Mary Downing, Tracy Heckler and Georvina O'Neal; and Assistant United States Attorneys Vincent Caputy, John Irving IV and James G. McGovern, who prosecuted the case.



DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED IN FIREARMS CASES

Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, <u>15</u> persons were convicted of firearms offenses in June, 2004. PSN is a partnership between local and federal agencies to reduce gun violence in the District of Columbia.

DEFENDANTS WHO WERE CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY AND WERE SENTENCED IN A NUMBER OF DRUG CASES

Ramey M. Elhalaby, of the 1400 block of Wheeler Park Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland, was sentenced to 20 years confinement (entirely suspended) and five years probation by Judge Rafael Diaz on June 14, 2004, following a guilty plea on April 9, 2004, to Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine. **Elhalaby** was arrested on August 21, 2003, in the 1200 block of 18th Street, N.W. (PSA 209)

U.S. Attorney's Office Web site

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The Following Report, Titled "Papered Arrests" Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed Against Defendants in this District.

PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
	06/09/2004 11:40	04078978	BURGLARY I TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	SMITH, DAVID	F0364804	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3215 MORRISON ST NW
	06/09/2004 12:00	04078078	BURGLARY II TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	LEWIS, TAYVONNE C	F0364704	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3215 MORRISON ST NW
201	06/09/2004 12:00	04078978	BURGLARY I TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	ADAMS, MARLON	F0364604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3215 MORRISON ST NW
201	06/09/2004 17:05	04079068	SHOPLIFTING TIMOTHY J. KELLY	SOTO, ALBERT A	M0599004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5255 WI AVE NW
202	06/01/2004 16:05	04075006	THEFT 1ST DEGREE TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	MOORE, AARON B	F0348304	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 5300 WISCONSIN AVE NW
	06/06/2004 17:45	04077645	THEFT 2ND DEGREE ROBERT E. LEIDENHEIMER	BENDER, PENELOPE	M0631304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5300 WISCONSIN AVE NW
202	06/14/2004 08:00	04179557	FRAUD 1ST DEGREE STEPHANIE G. MILLER	HOWARD, RAYNARD V	F0373604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 4500 WISCONSIN AVE NW

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	06/22/2004 18:25	04083115	THEFT 2ND DEGREE TEJPAL S. CHAWLA	BALDWIN, TRACEY D	M0648104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 500 INDIANA AVE NW
	06/01/2004 19:45	04075135	THEFT 2ND DEGREE ROZELLA A. OLIVER	JOHNSON, BILLY	M0574004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 5185 MACARTHUR BLVD NW
	06/03/2004 21:45	04076323	UCSA POSS COCAINE GARY K. MILLIGAN	REID, MICHAEL R	M0617204	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION STANTON RD AND ELVANS RD
	06/28/2004 09:00	04155131	NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE (PED) JOHN J. SOROKA	CENTENO, STEVEN	F0409904	SC, HOMICIDE/MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1215 3RD ST NE
	06/29/2004 13:10	04089374	UNLAWFUL ENTRY	JONES, GABRIEL N	M0675904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 4200 LINNEAN AVE NW
	06/01/2004 17:15	04075188	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	TYLER, KAREN T	M0571904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2507 MASS AVE NW
	06/26/2004 08:00	04085757	DEST PROP OVER 200 TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	HUGHES, DAMIEN E	F0407604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 2720 WISCONSIN AVE NW

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	06/28/2004 10:00	04156518	SIMPLE ASSAULT	DUONG, KATHY N	M0670404	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2744 ORDWAY ST. NW
	06/02/2004 11:18	04017206	UCSA POSS DRUG PARA NATASHIA TIDWELL	MCCURIN, ROY H	M0576504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3400 BLOCK OF K ST NW
	06/09/2004 00:25	04078797	PPW KNIFE	PICK-ALUAS, PAUL A	M0622204	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1217 34TH ST NW
	06/12/2004 03:25	04080223	DEST OF PROPERTY NATASHIA TIDWELL	LOESBACK, DAVID J	M0607904	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1083 WISCONSIN AVE NW
	06/19/2004 16:17	04084094	UNLAWFUL ENTRY JENNY L. GRUS	GLENN, TYRONE P	M0638104	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3254 O ST NW
	06/19/2004 20:30	04084268	THEFT 2ND DEGREE JESSIE K. LIU	WEEKS, STEVE S	M0637504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1218 WIS AVE NW
	06/23/2004 02:40	04085963	SIMPLE ASSAULT GARY K. MILLIGAN	MORRISON, MATTHEW M	M0646004	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION M STREET POTOMAC STREET

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	06/26/2004 04:00	04087711	UCSA POSS COCAINE EDWARD S. KEEFE	THOMAS, TIMOTHY A	M0663304	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3600 M STREET NW
	06/26/2004 20:40	04088062	CARRY DANG WEAPON- OUTSIDE HOME/BUSINESS JOHN S. IRVING	RAIGNS, RASHARD J	F0413504	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3100 BLOCK M.STREET N.W.
	06/26/2004 20:50	04088062	APO TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	HAWKINS, REYNOLDS R	F0409104	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3100 BLK M STREET NW
	06/26/2004 20:50	04088062	APO TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	JONES, KEITH D	F0409204	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3100 BLK M. STREET N.W.
	06/26/2004 20:50	04088062	APO TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	HAWKINS, RONALD R	F0409304	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3100 BLOCK M. STREET N.W
	06/27/2004 03:20	04088184	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	WOOD, ANTHONY B	F0408304	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 3100 BLOCK K. STREET N.W
	06/04/2004 02:10	04076402	UCSA POSS MARIJUANA EDWARD S. KEEFE	SHIPPS, CHRISTOPHER	M0646604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2300 BLK WASHINGTON CIRC

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	06/06/2004 11:40	04017688	THEFT 2ND DEGREE JENNY L. GRUS	MASSADO, EDWARD A	M0589504	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2530 VIRGINIA AVE NW
	06/06/2004 11:40	04017688	THEFT 2ND DEGREE JENNY L. GRUS	TAYLOR, GARY	M0589604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 2530 VIRGINIA AVE NW
_	06/07/2004 15:12	04078039	THREATS BODILY HARM JENNY L. GRUS	ENVADE, GENEREL A	M0591604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 1750 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
207	06/09/2004 11:00	04078885	ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	CARTER, MARK	F0365104	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 900 23RD STREET NW
	06/13/2004 09:15	04080790	ROBBERY TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	GRANT, DARRYL R	F0372604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 500 DIVISION AVE NE
	06/17/2004 09:15	04082854	SIMPLE ASSAULT ROZELLA A. OLIVER	DEYOUNG, STEVEN A	M0629604	SC, MISDEMEANOR SECTION 3320 IDAHO AVE NW
	06/21/2004 04:50	04020030	BURGLARY II TIMOTHY G. LYNCH	STAMBACH, MICHAEL G	F0392604	SC, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION/GRAND JURY SECTION 2800 BLOCK VIRGINIA AVE