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Re: PAO/12-01085 (F)
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This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on June 15, 2012, of a copy of each Public Affairs Daily News Wrap for the time period beginning March 15, 2012 through June 15, 2012. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Public Affairs.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of Public Affairs and 146 pages were located that are responsive to your request. I have determined that this material is appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter-and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Copies are enclosed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or by e-mail at DOJ.OIP.AdministrativeAppeal@usdoj.gov. Your appeal must be received within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope, or the e-mail, should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Mallon
Chief of Staff

Enclosures

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

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Contact: Nanda Chitre, Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks, along with other Cabinet-level officials, at the meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Schuelke Report on Prosecution of Former Senator Ted Stevens Released (OPA)

Numerous articles are expected regarding Hank Schuelke's report on the prosecution of former Senator Ted Stevens. The report, released today, details the conduct of prosecutors involved in the case. The department issued a brief statement.

Media Reports on Documents Released Regarding Operation Fast and Furious (OPA)

Media is expected to report on documents released today to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee regarding Operation Fast & Furious. The department provided the media with the documents as well as letters sent to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Philadelphia Man Charged in Colorado with Terrorism Violation (U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado)

Bakhtiyor Jumaev was arrested this morning without incident by members of the Philadelphia FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in connection with a criminal complaint in the District of Colorado charging him with one count of conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU), a designated foreign terrorist organization. The IJU is an extremist organization that is responsible for a number of attacks and bombings, including attacks against Coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Media to Write Articles on Congressman Darrell Issa's Report on the Federal Government's Effort to Track FOIA Requests (OPA)

Media is expected to write articles on a report released today by Congressman Darrell Issa regarding the federal government's efforts to track and manage FOIA requests. The articles are expected to be critical of the department's responsiveness citing that the department only provided information on three of its 40 components. The department told reporters that it responded to the committee's request almost a year ago by providing logs and other information pertaining to 11 components. Reporters were told that we advised the committee that we would continue to provide additional information on a rolling basis and that we also offered to provide a briefing to explain the FBI's FOIA processing activities. We also said that our process continues as we work with several other department components to gather the remaining requested information.

Department Reaches Agreement with Pinson, Ala., on Bailout from Preclearance Requirements of the Voting Rights Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that it has reached an agreement with Pinson, Ala., that, if approved by the court, will allow for the city to bail out from its status as a "covered jurisdiction" under the special provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and thereby exempt the city from the preclearance requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. If granted, this would be the first such bailout for a covered jurisdiction in Alabama. The agreement is in the form of a consent decree filed today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Department's 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Go Into Effect (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design go into effect today. These standards were adopted as part of the revised regulations for Title II and Title III of the ADA, and will make buildings and facilities accessible to more than 54 million Americans with disabilities.

Former Humphreys County, Tenn., Sheriff's Deputies Indicted for Federal Civil Rights Offenses (Civil Rights Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee returned a one count indictment charging former Humphreys County, Tenn., Sheriff's Deputies Timothy Wayne Hedge and James Benjamin Lee for violating the civil rights of an individual on Jan. 23, 2011, in Humphreys County.

New Orleans Man Charged for Alleged Role in Five Murders (Criminal Division)

Steven Earl Hardrick was charged today by a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in a 17-count superseding indictment for his alleged role in five murders. The superseding indictment charges Hardrick with violations of the federal controlled substances act and federal firearms laws, carjacking, witness tampering and murder.

Business Consultant Pleads Guilty in New York to Insider Trading (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Sherif Mityas pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to a securities fraud charge in connection with a stock purchase he made while in possession of confidential information.

Two Sentenced in North Carolina in Elder Fraud Scam (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina)

Two Canadian citizens were sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina today for targeting the elderly in a fraud scam. Clayton Atkinson was sentenced to serve 151 months in prison followed by five years supervised release. David Stewart was sentenced to serve 78 months in prison followed by three years supervised release. The court also ordered the defendant to pay restitution of \$840,705.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

11:30 a.m. EDT

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will deliver remarks regarding the department's consumer protection efforts at the Consumer Federation of America's Consumer Assembly.
Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel
Capital Room C/D
900 10th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

12:20 p.m. EDT

Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer will speak at the Ethisphere Global Ethics Summit.
Grand Hyatt
109 E. 42nd St.
New York City
OPEN PRESS

**4:00 p.m. EDT/
3:00 p.m. CDT**

Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at Vanderbilt University Law School on the department's efforts to protect Americans against crime and fraud.
Flynn Auditorium
Vanderbilt University Law School
131 21st Ave. South
Nashville, Tenn.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012**

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General for the Vanderbilt University Law School Cecil Sims Lecture Series (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at Vanderbilt University Law School today in Nashville, Tenn., for their Cecil Sims Lecture Series. The remarks highlighted the department's efforts to protect Americans against crime and fraud

Remarks by Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West at the Consumer Federation of America's Consumer Assembly (ASG)

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West delivered remarks today at the Consumer Federation of America's Consumer Assembly on the department's consumer protection efforts

Media Reports on Documents Released Regarding Operation Fast and Furious (OPA)

Media is expected to report on documents released today to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee regarding Operation Fast & Furious. The department provided the media with the documents as well as the letter sent to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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Department Settles Charge of Employment Discrimination by Puerto Rico Security Company (Civil Rights Division)

The department and Puerto Rico-based Indrescom Security Technology Inc. have agreed to settle allegations that the company discriminated against a work-authorized individual during the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9 process by requiring him to present a lawful permanent resident card, despite the fact that the employee had already produced documents establishing his identity and authority to work in the United States, and not allowing him to work when he did not produce the card. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Former Georgia Sheriff's Deputy Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Detainee (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that former Thomas County Sheriff's Deputy Julian Scott Law pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia to assaulting a detainee inside of the Thomas County Jail in Thomasville, Georgia, thereby depriving the detainee of his civil rights.

Georgia Couple Convicted of Conspiring to Defraud the IRS and Filing False Returns in a South Florida Refund Scheme (Tax Division)

Elmo Antonio George and Nasheba Necia Hunte were found guilty today by a federal jury in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and filing false individual income tax returns for 2005 and 2006.

Delaware Man Pleads Guilty to Transportation of Child Pornography (Criminal Division)

David Osborn pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware to one count of transportation of child pornography.

Individual Posing as Investment Adviser Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Earlier today, Telson Okhio, the president of Ohio Group Holdings Inc., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to a charge of wire fraud arising out of an investment fraud scheme. Okhio faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Federal Authorities Arrest 19 Persons in Operation "Open Market" (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada)

Federal authorities arrested 19 persons over the last two days in nine states in "Operation Open Market," an investigation into a transnational criminal organization, which operated principally out of Las Vegas and whose members bought and sold stolen personal and financial information through online forums and engaged in crimes such as identity theft and counterfeit credit card trafficking.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, March 19, 2012

5:00 p.m. EDT

Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Sharis A. Pozen will deliver remarks entitled, "Update from Washington on Health Care Activities," at the World Congress Annual Leadership Summit on Mergers & Acquisitions in Health Care.
Caribe Royale
8101 World Center Drive
Orlando, Fla.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012**

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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Attorney General Speaks at the White House LGBT Conference on Safe Schools & Communities (AG)

The Attorney General delivered the keynote address with Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett at the White House LGBT Conference on Safe Schools & Communities held in Arlington, Texas.

Media Reports on Department Investigation into Death of Trayvon Martin (Civil Rights Division)

Media is expected to continue reporting on the death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla. The department issued a statement last night that stated that it had opened an investigation and that the Community Relations Service will be in Sanford this week to meet with civil rights leaders, community leaders, and local law enforcement to address tension in the community. Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez met with Congresswoman Corrine Brown and the Mayor of Sanford on the issue.

Judge Allows Convicted Cuban Spy to Visit Brother in Cuba (National Security Division)

The department received queries from various reporters on a ruling late yesterday by a federal judge in Miami to allow convicted Cuban agent Rene Gonzalez to visit his dying brother in Cuba, despite security concerns raised by the FBI and department. Gonzalez, one of the so-called "Cuban Five," was convicted in 2001 in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida of spying on Cuban exiles, served a 13 year prison sentence and is currently on supervised release. The department declined comment on the ruling and pointed reporters to prior department filings in the case.

Harbert Companies Agree to Pay \$47 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations (Civil Division)

Harbert Companies have agreed to pay the United States \$47 million to settle allegations that they submitted false claims, and caused others to submit false claims, to the U.S. Agency for International Development. The agreement was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Former Chief Financial Officer of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Pleads Guilty to Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Delton de Armas pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to making false statements and conspiring to commit bank and wire fraud for his role in a more than \$2.9 billion fraud scheme that contributed to the failures of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker and Colonial Bank.

Former Army Contractor Sentenced to Serve 39 Months in Prison for Role in Bribery and Money Laundering Scheme Related to DOD Contracts (Criminal Division)

Terry Hall was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to serve 39 months in prison for his participation in a bribery and money laundering scheme related to bribes paid for contracts awarded in support of the Iraq war.

Two Southern California Men Plead Guilty for Their Roles in a Nationwide Breach of Credit and Debit Card Terminals at Michaels Stores Inc. (Criminal Division)

Edward Arakelyan and Arman Vardanyan pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California for their roles in a scheme to defraud nearly 1,000 debit card holders by using stolen bank account information to withdraw money from ATMs.

Foreclosure Rescue Scammer Pleads Guilty in Philadelphia (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Anthony J. DeMarco III pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to conspiracy and fraud charges in connection with a mortgage fraud scheme involving more than \$30 million in loans.

Department Settles with Mountain Valley, Pa., Midget Football League Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced it has reached a settlement with the Mountain Valley, Pa., Midget Football League to ensure that children with disabilities are offered an equal opportunity to play youth football.

Department Seeks to Shut Down Mississippi Tax Return Preparer (Tax Division)

The United States has asked the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi to bar Cynthia H. Carter from preparing federal tax returns for others. The civil injunction suit alleges that Carter prepares returns for customers that report false income and expense amounts and falsely claim several tax credits, including the first-time-homebuyer credit.

Department Seeks to Bar Las Vegas Couple from Preparing Federal Tax Returns (Tax Division)

The United States has sued Marge L. Cellini and Harry Portnoy of Las Vegas seeking to bar them from preparing federal tax returns for others. According to the government complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, Cellini and Portnoy, who are married and do business as Tax Factory Inc. and/or Myst Inc., repeatedly prepare tax returns that include false or inflated deductions for personal or business expenses in order to reduce their customers' federal income tax liabilities fraudulently.

Former President of Children's Clothing Company Carter's Inc. Indicted in Atlanta in Multi-Million Dollar Securities Fraud Cover-Up (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia)

Joseph Pacifico was indicted today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia for securities fraud, causing the filing of false financial statements and falsifying the books and records of a public company.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

12:00 p.m. EDT Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer will deliver remarks at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Gittis Center for Clinical Legal Studies
Room 214
3501 Sansom St.
Philadelphia
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2:00 p.m. EDT Director of the Office of Information Policy Melanie Ann Pustay is scheduled to testify before the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform on the Freedom of Information Act.
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2154
Washington, D.C.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012**

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Attorney General's Remarks at the Raising the Bar in D.C. Event (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the Raising the Bar in D.C. event which honors law firms that last year donated a benchmark percentage of their Washington, D.C., office revenue to local legal services providers.

Media Reports on Meeting with Family of Trayvon Martin (Civil Rights Division)

Media is expected to report on the meeting today between the family of Trayvon Martin and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Roy Austin Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Tampa Division Steven E. Ibison and U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida Robert O'Neill. The department issued a statement stating, "During the course of this meeting, we listened carefully to the concerns of the family and their representatives. Earlier this week, the Department of Justice announced the opening of a parallel investigation into the death of Trayvon Martin. That matter remains open at this time."

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Three Brandon, Miss., Men Plead Guilty For Their Roles in the Racially Motivated Assault and Murder of an African-American Man (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that Deryl Paul Dedmon, John Aaron Rice and Dylan Wade Butler pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi to violating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act in connection with an assault culminating in the death of James Craig Anderson, an African-American man, in the summer of 2011. Today's pleas mark the first time that the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act has been used in a case where the defendants' actions resulted in a victim's death. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Tom Perez delivered remarks at a press conference today with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Mississippi.

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United States Files Lawsuit against AT&T in Telecommunications Relay Services Fraud Case (Civil Division)

The United States filed a complaint yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania against AT&T Corporation under the False Claims Act for conduct related to its provision of Internet Protocol Relay services. AT&T is a global conglomerate that provides a wide variety of telecommunications services, including Telecommunications Relay Services for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Louisiana Jury Convicts General Manager/Former Owner of Arkla Disposal Services of Violations of Clean Water Act and Obstructing an EPA Investigation (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

A federal jury in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has convicted John Tuma of discharging untreated wastewater directly into the Red River without a permit, discharging untreated wastewater into the city of Shreveport sewer system in violation of its permit and obstructing an Environmental Protection Agency inspection.

Armenian Power Member and Three Armenian Power Associates Convicted for Roles in Identity Theft Ring (Criminal Division)

After a five week trial, a federal judge in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California yesterday convicted the last of four defendants, an associate of the Armenian Power organized crime group, of bank fraud and identity theft charges based on her role in one of the largest identity theft schemes in California history, with dozens of victims in four states, and millions of dollars in losses.

Baton Rouge, La.-Area Residents Sentenced in Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Stephanie B. Williams and Mary H. Griffin were sentenced today in U.S. District court for the Middle District of Louisiana for their roles in Medicare fraud schemes involving fraudulent claims and illegal kickback payments for unnecessary durable medical equipment.

Federal Prisoner Charged For Murder of Cell Mate (Criminal Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California returned a two-count indictment today charging Samuel Stone with first degree murder and murder by a federal prisoner serving a life sentence.

Former San Juan, Puerto Rico, Police Department Officer Convicted for Role in Providing Security for Drug Transactions (Criminal Division)

Arcadio Hernandez-Soto was convicted by a federal jury yesterday in U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico for his role in providing security for drug transactions.

Department Settles Document Abuse Claim against Ross Stores, Inc. (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it reached an agreement with Ross Stores, Inc., resolving allegations that the company had engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination based on citizenship status while verifying employment eligibility at its store in San Ysidro, Calif. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Events TBD

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Justice Department Announces Agreement to Protect Rights of Military and Overseas Voters in Wisconsin (Civil Rights Division)

The department reached an agreement with Wisconsin officials to help ensure that military servicemembers, their family members and U.S. citizens living overseas have the opportunity to participate fully in Wisconsin's April 3, 2012, federal presidential primary election. The agreement was filed at the same time as a lawsuit brought under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and signed today by the federal district court in Madison, Wis. The suit alleges that the state failed to send absentee ballots to over 200 of Wisconsin's eligible military and overseas voters for the April presidential primary election in sufficient time for those voters to receive, cast and return their ballots.

Lockheed Martin Reaches \$15.85 Million Settlement with U.S. to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations (Civil Division)

Lockheed Martin Corporation has agreed to pay \$15.85 million to settle allegations that it mischarged perishable tools used on numerous government contracts. Today's settlement resolves allegations arising out of a pricing scheme by Tools & Metals Inc., a subcontractor that sold perishable tools to Lockheed Martin for use on military aircraft. It also settles two qui tam actions, and Robert Spencer and John Becker will split a \$2 million share of the government's recovery.

United States Settles False Claims Act Allegations Against Illinois-Based LifeWatch Services (Civil Division)

LifeWatch Services Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$18.5 million to resolve allegations that the company submitted false claims to federal health care programs. According to the complaints, LifeWatch improperly billed Medicare for ambulatory cardiac telemetry (ACT) services. The settlement resolves two lawsuits filed under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act. Former LifeWatch sales representatives Ryan Sims and Sara Collins together will receive approximately \$3.4 million plus interest as their share of the settlement proceeds.

Solicitor General Appeals to Supreme Court in Hospital Merger Case (Antitrust Division)

The Solicitor General's Office today filed a petition for a writ of certiorari on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission regarding a hospital merger between Phoebe Putney Health System Inc. and Palmyra Park Hospital Inc. in Georgia. On April 20, 2011, the FTC challenged the proposed acquisition, but the District Court for the Middle District of Georgia and the Court of Appeals for the 11th District rejected the FTC's challenge of the merger. Media is expected to report.

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Media Inquiries on T-Mobile's Layoff Announcement (Antitrust Division)

Media are reporting on AT&T Inc.'s statement today about T-Mobile USA's announcement that it will consolidate its call center operations resulting in 1,900 net job reductions. AT&T's statement says that the Federal Communications Commission's opposition to the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile transaction was a factor in the loss of jobs. The department was asked to comment on AT&T's statement. The department declined to comment.

SK Foods Former Owner and CEO Scott Salyer Pleads Guilty to Racketeering and Price Fixing in California (U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of California)

U.S. Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced during a press conference that Frederick Scott Salyer pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the District of California to racketeering and price fixing. In his plea, Salyer admitted that he operated SK Foods, a grower, processor and seller of tomato paste and other processed agricultural products, as a racketeering organization by encouraging a food broker to pay bribes and kickbacks to purchasing officers employed by Kraft Foods, Frito-Lay and B&G Foods.

Two Bloods Gang Members in Tennessee Convicted for Roles in Three Murders, Racketeering Conspiracy and Firearms Offenses (Criminal Division)

Bloods gang members Keairus Wilson and Rondarius Williamson were convicted yesterday by a federal jury in the U.S. District Court in Nashville, Tenn., for their roles in the murder of three individuals, a racketeering conspiracy and committing firearms offenses. According to evidence presented at trial, Wilson and Williamson committed or conspired to commit numerous racketeering acts, including shooting at three different individuals and possessing and selling drugs.

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Pennsylvania-Based EUSA Pharma to Pay U.S. \$180,000 for Allegedly Submitting Inflated Claims to Medicare (Civil Division)

EUSA Pharma (USA) Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$180,000 to resolve claims that it violated the False Claims Act by allegedly encouraging doctors to submit inflated claims to Medicare for imaging scans. Today's settlement resolves a lawsuit filed by former EUSA Pharma employee Ann-Marie Williams under the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, and Williams will receive \$30,600 as her share of the government's recovery.

Tennessee Jury Convicts Two Members of Violent Drug Trafficking Organization on Racketeering, Murder and Other Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee)

A federal jury in Memphis, Tenn., convicted Martin Lewis and Clinton Lewis of racketeering conspiracy, violent crime including murder, money laundering and other charges. In addition, Clinton Lewis was found guilty of kidnapping Marcus Turner in September 2007 in aid of racketeering activity, conspiring to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and conspiring to commit money laundering. Martin Lewis was also convicted of money laundering.

Former East Alton, Ill., Police Sergeant Pleads Guilty to Abusing Arrestee (Civil Rights Division)

Brent E. Wells, a former police sergeant with the East Alton, Ill., Police Department, pleaded guilty yesterday in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Ill., to violating the civil rights of a civilian by assaulting the man during an arrest in front of Wells's home on Sept. 11, 2010.

California Man Sentenced to 300 Months in Prison for Production and Possession of Child Pornography (Criminal Division)

Edward Lee Sullivan was sentenced today to 300 months in prison for production and possession of child pornography. Sullivan was previously found guilty after a trial in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Evidence presented at trial showed that in March 2008, Sullivan trained a 14 year-old girl to work for him as a child prostitute and produced numerous photographs and videos of the minor.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, March 26, 2012

10:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will attend the oral arguments on the Affordable Care Act at the Supreme Court.
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First St., N.E.
Washington, D.C.
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Arguments on the Affordable Care Act (SG)

Media is reporting on the oral arguments held today in the Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act. Today was the second of three days of scheduled arguments, with arguments made by Solicitor General Don Verrilli. The arguments today focused on whether the requirement of the individual mandate violates the Constitution.

Media Reports on Briefing Regarding Hate Crimes (OPA)

Media is expected to report on a briefing by Acting Director for Community Relations Service Becky L. Monroe to members of the House Judiciary Committee on hate crimes. The briefing was followed by a panel with leading civil rights figures assessing the role of the federal government regarding racial profiling and hate crime issues, specifically as it relates to the case of Trayvon Martin.

Five Hutaree Defendants Acquitted of All Charges (National Security Division)

A federal judge in the Eastern District of Michigan today acquitted five members of the Hutaree militia group of all charges, including seditious conspiracy and conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction, and only left intact weapons charges against two Hutaree defendants, David Stone Jr. and his son Joshua Stone. The ruling came six weeks into the trial against the defendants, who were charged with, among other things, plotting to kill a law enforcement officer and then attack law enforcement officers who would gather in Michigan for the funeral. The judge ruled that the evidence presented in the case was insufficient to find that the defendants came to a concrete agreement to forcibly oppose the authority of the U.S. government. Trial for David and Joshua Stone on the remaining weapons counts is expected to resume later this week. The department declined comment on the ruling, pending completion of the trial for the two remaining defendants.

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Mlex on Closing of Antitrust Division's Field Offices (Antitrust Division)

Mlex published an article on the proposed plan to close four Antitrust Division field offices as part of the department's cost-saving and efficiency measures announced on Oct. 5, 2011. The article is expected to report that there is a plan to add an additional criminal unit in the division's Washington, D.C., office if and when the field offices close. The department provided the

following comment: "The office closure proposal is still pending. As part of our overall planning we are considering various options." The department declined to comment further.

Department Requires Divestitures in Humana Inc.'s Acquisition of Arcadian Management Services Inc. (Antitrust Division)

The department today announced that it will require Humana Inc. and Arcadian Management Services Inc. to divest assets relating to Arcadian's Medicare Advantage business in parts of five states in order for Humana to proceed with its acquisition of Arcadian. The department's Antitrust Division filed a civil lawsuit today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to block the proposed acquisition. At the same time, the department filed a proposed settlement that, if approved by the court, would resolve the lawsuit and the department's competitive concerns.

New York Financial Investor Pleads Guilty to Bid Rigging at Municipal Tax Lien Auctions in New Jersey (Antitrust Division)

Robert E. Rothman, a financial investor who purchased municipal tax liens at auctions in New Jersey, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey for his role in a conspiracy to rig bids for the sale of tax liens auctioned by municipalities throughout the state.

Department Intervenes in Lawsuit Involving New Hampshire's Mental Health System (Civil Rights Division)

The department today moved to intervene in *Lynn E. v. Lynch*, a recently-filed lawsuit alleging that the state of New Hampshire fails to provide mental health services to people with disabilities in community settings in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The intervention papers and proposed complaint were filed in U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

Aryan Brotherhood of Texas Member Sentenced to Serve 20 Years in Prison for Role in 2009 Shooting (Criminal Division)

Joshua Mark Bodine, a member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas to serve 20 years in prison for his role in the 2009 shooting of a man in Jefferson County, Texas.

Detroit Podiatrist Sentenced to Serve One Year in Prison for Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Dr. Errol Sherman was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to serve one year in prison for a fraud scheme involving false billings to Medicare. In addition to his prison term, Sherman was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$300,000 in restitution.

Greek Shipping Company Sentenced in New Orleans to Pay \$2 Million for Intentional Cover-Up of Oil Pollution and Obstruction of Justice (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Ilios Shipping Company S.A. was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships and obstruction of justice. According to the plea agreement oily bilge waste and sludge was routinely discharged from the

vessel directly into the sea without the use of required pollution prevention equipment. The court ordered Ilios to pay an overall criminal penalty of \$2 million.

Former Caesars Palace Nightclub Owner, Head Doorman Plead Guilty to Tax Crimes (Tax Division)

Steve Davidovici and Mikel Hasen, former employees of the Pure Nightclub located within the Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada to one count of filing a false federal income tax return for the 2006 tax year.

Witness in Identity Theft and Tax Trial Convicted of Perjury and Lying to a Federal Agent (Tax Division)

Nacretia Lewis was convicted today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama for perjury and lying to a federal agent. According to the indictment and evidence introduced at trial, Lewis testified falsely in September 2011 in a tax fraud trial.

U.S. Recovers \$250,000 from Appraiser in New York in Civil Mortgage Fraud Case (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

The United States has settled mortgage fraud claims in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against real-estate appraiser William Buckley and his firm, Premier Appraisal Services Inc. Under the settlement, Buckley admitted and accepted responsibility for the fact that certain of Premier's appraisals overstated the value of properties that the government alleges were part of a mortgage fraud scheme.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

9:00 a.m. EDT

Deputy Assistant Attorneys General for the Antitrust Division Scott D. Hammond, Leslie C. Overton, Fiona Scott-Morton and Joseph F. Wayland will participate in a panel entitled, "Agency Update with the Antitrust Division Front Office," at the American Bar Association's 60th Antitrust Spring Meeting.
JW Marriot Hotel
Salons D-G
1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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2:00 p.m. EDT

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Leslie C. Overton will participate in a panel entitled, "Challenges Facing Competitive Analysis of Intellectual Property Acquisitions," at the American Bar Association's 60th Antitrust Spring Meeting.
JW Marriot Hotel
Salon III
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Possible Investigation and Indictment of South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley on Tax Charges (Tax Division)

Media is reporting on a possible federal investigation and indictment of South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley on tax fraud charges related to the Sikh Temple run by Governor Haley's father. Governor Haley has managed the finances for the worship center since 2003, and there are at least five pending lawsuits related to missing funds used to pay contractors for construction on the temple. The department declined to comment.

Two Members of Hutaree Militia Plead Guilty to Weapons Charges (U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Michigan)

David Stone, Sr. and his son Joshua Stone, members of the Hutaree Militia, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to weapons violations, admitting that they possessed machine guns, specifically a Bushmaster .223 and a Double Star Corp. .223. Yesterday, charges against five other Hutaree Militia defendants were dismissed by the judge presiding over the trial. Media coverage is expected.

Man Charged with Attempting to Carry Explosive Device on Aircraft (U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Joseph Picklo was charged today by criminal complaint in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania with attempting to carry an explosive device on a plane, following an incident at Philadelphia International Airport. Picklo was being screened for a United Airlines flight to San Francisco this morning when a plastic bottle filled with an explosive substance was found in his luggage. Picklo was arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department. He was transferred to federal custody this afternoon. He made an initial appearance in federal magistrate's court today and had a Federal Defender appointed to represent him.

Former Upper Big Branch Mine Superintendent Pleads Guilty to Felony Conspiracy (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia)

Gary May pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia to conspiracy to impede the Mine Safety and Health Administration's enforcement efforts at Massey Energy Company's Upper Big Branch mine between February 2008 and April 5, 2010. Upper Big Branch was the site of a fatal explosion on April 5, 2010, that killed 29 miners.

Detroit Medical Clinic Owner Pleads Guilty to Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Juan Villa pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for his participation in a Medicare fraud scheme.

New Orleans Man Sentenced for Shooting Two Hispanic Men (Civil Rights Division)

Mark Gautreau was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Louisiana to serve 72 months in prison for shooting two men on the Bonnet Carre Spillway in St. Charles Parish on Aug. 20, 2006.

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Department Asks Federal Court to Bar Indiana Firm from Preparing Tax Returns (Tax Division)

The United States has asked the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana to bar Quick Sam Tax Refund and its owner, John Newlin, from preparing federal tax returns for others.

Federal Court Permanently Bars San Diego Accountant from Preparing Tax Returns that Understate Income (Tax Division)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California has permanently barred Robert Jensen from providing tax advice or preparing federal tax returns that illegally attempt to reduce customers' taxable income.

Georgia Tax Preparer Charged With Tax Fraud and Identity Theft (Tax Division)

Willie C. Grant was indicted on March 15, 2012, in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia with 23 counts of making false claims for tax refunds, four counts of theft of government money and four counts of aggravated identity theft. The indictment was unsealed yesterday.

Six Arraigned on Tax Conspiracy in a Corporate Bonus Scheme Based in Western New York (Tax Division)

Six officials of an Upstate New York firm were arraigned yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York on tax charges, including conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:00 a.m. EDT

Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Sharis A. Pozen will participate in a panel entitled, "Enforcers' Roundtable," at the American Bar Association's 60th Antitrust Spring Meeting.
JW Marriot Hotel
Grand Ballroom
1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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2:30 p.m. EDT

The Antitrust Division will present the Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture with remarks by European Commission Vice-President Joaquín Almunia, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Sharis A. Pozen, Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Edith Ramirez and former Assistant Attorney General John H. Shenefield.
U.S. Department of Justice
The Great Hall
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

The Attorney General Welcomes Confirmation of Kathryn Keneally and Michael E. Horowitz (AG)

The Attorney General today welcomed the confirmation of Kathryn Keneally as Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division and Michael E. Horowitz as Inspector General for the Justice Department. Keneally and Horowitz were confirmed yesterday by the U.S. Senate.

Virginia Man Sentenced to Serve 24 Months for Scheme to Conceal Pakistan Government Funding for His U.S. Lobbying Efforts (National Security Division)

Syed Ghulam Nabi Fai was sentenced today to serve 24 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for conspiracy and tax violations in connection with a decades-long scheme to conceal the transfer of at least \$3.5 million from the government of Pakistan to fund his lobbying efforts in America related to Kashmir.

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Former California Campaign Treasurer Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Campaign Committees (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California)

Kinde Durkee pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California to five counts of mail fraud. The charges relate to a long-running scheme in which she misappropriated millions of dollars from various campaign committees of federal and state elected officials.

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Media Reports on ABA Antitrust Spring Meeting (Antitrust Division)

Acting Assistant Attorney General Sharis A. Pozen today participated in a panel discussion entitled, "Enforcers' Roundtable," at the American Bar Association (ABA)'s 2012 Antitrust Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Media outlets have reported on the conference. The meeting concluded today after three days of various panel discussions.

Antitrust Division Hosts Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture (Antitrust Division)

European Commission Vice President Joaquín Almunia today delivered the 2012 Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture in the Great Hall. Acting Assistant Attorney General Sharis A. Pozen, Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Edith Ramirez and former Assistant Attorney General John H. Shenefield joined the lecture and delivered brief remarks. A blog entry on the event was posted on justice.gov.

West Memphis, Ark., Police Department Officer Convicted of Criminal Civil Rights Violation (Civil Rights Division)

A federal jury in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas convicted West Memphis, Ark., Police Department (WMPD) Officer Scott McCall of one misdemeanor count of Deprivation of Rights under Color of Law. According to the evidence presented at trial, on June 14, 2010, McCall, while in the lobby of the WMPD, choked an arrestee who was handcuffed behind his back.

Department Files Lawsuit Alleging Retaliation by the City of Selma, Texas, Fire Department (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today the filing of a civil suit against the city of Selma, Texas, alleging that the city discriminated against firefighter Adam Sadler in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The complaint alleges that the city violated Title VII by retaliating against Sadler because he engaged in activity protected under the act. The suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Department Reaches Americans with Disabilities Act Settlement with Trinity Health Systems in Iowa (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today a settlement, filed in U.S. District court for the Northern District under the Americans with Disabilities Act with Trinity Health Systems to ensure that Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa, provides effective communication to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Former Corrections Officer at Shiprock, N.M., Detention Center Charged for Sexually Abusing a Female Inmate (Civil Rights Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico indicted Sylvester Bruce, a former corrections officer with Navajo Nation's Shiprock, N.M., Detention Center, on charges related to the sexual abuse of an inmate during the summer and fall of 2010.

Former Senate Office Manager Sentenced to Serve 20 Months in Prison for Wire Fraud and Theft of Government Property (Criminal Division)

Ngozi Pole, a former office manager in the U.S. Senate, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to serve 20 months in prison for wire fraud and theft of government property.

Florida Woman Pleads Guilty to Obstruction of Justice in Relation to Her Husband's Disappearance (Criminal Division)

Abby Beard Hogan pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida for her role in the obstruction of a multinational investigation into the disappearance of her husband, James Hogan, then an employee in the U.S. Consulate in Curacao.

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

Lazaro Acosta pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida for his role in structuring monetary transactions to provide cash for the furtherance of a fraud scheme that resulted in the submission of more than \$200 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare.

Florida Man Sentenced in Maryland to Serve 150 Years in Prison in \$78 Million Mortgage Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland)

Andrew Hamilton Williams Jr. was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland to serve 150 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his participation in a massive mortgage fraud scheme that promised to pay off homeowners' mortgages on their "dream homes," but left them to fend for themselves.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, April 2, 2012

8:30 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the opening session of the Summit on Preventing Youth Violence in Washington, D.C.
Renaissance Hotel
Grand Ballroom South
999 Ninth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

9:15 a.m. EDT Director of the Office on Violence Against Women Susan B. Carbon will participate on a panel entitled "Challenging Economic Times Call for Innovative Collaborations" at the End Violence Against Women International Conference.
Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel
1380 Harbor Island Dr.
San Diego
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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary at the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit (AG)

The Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary spoke at the opening session of the Summit on Preventing Youth Violence in Washington, D.C. The Attorney General also recognized Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, Tenn., Salinas, Calif., and San Jose, Calif. for their youth violence prevention efforts.

JetBlue Pilot Makes Initial Appearance on Charge of Interference with a Flight Crew (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas)

JetBlue pilot Clayton Frederick Osbon made his initial appearance today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas on charges of interference with a flight crew. According to the affidavit filed with the complaint on March 28, 2012, Osbon, a pilot working on JetBlue Flight 191 from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport to Las Vegas, displayed erratic behavior while captaining the flight and had to be detained by flight crew and passengers until an emergency landing in Amarillo, Texas.

Department to Monitor Election in Wisconsin (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that the Civil Rights Division will monitor the election on April 3, 2012, in Milwaukee. The monitoring will ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other federal voting rights statutes.

Department Alleges GFI Mortgage Bankers Engaged in Illegal Lending Discrimination (Civil Rights Division)

The department and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York filed a lawsuit alleging that GFI Mortgage Bankers Inc., a mortgage banker with operations in seven states, violated federal fair lending laws by charging African-American and Hispanic borrowers higher interest rates and fees on home mortgage loans because of their race or national origin, not based on their creditworthiness.

Former Civilian Contractor Pleads Guilty in North Carolina for Role in Scheme to Steal and Sell Military Equipment in Iraq (Criminal Division)

David John Welch pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to conspiring to steal military generators in Iraq in 2011 and selling them on the black market.

Two Owners and Two Employees of Miami Home Health Company Plead Guilty in \$20 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Ariel Rodriguez, Reynaldo Navarro, Michelle Rodriguez and Ysel Salado pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida for their participation in a \$20 million Medicare fraud scheme involving false billings for home health care services.

New Hampshire and Massachusetts Residents Convicted for Promoting and Using Tax Defier Schemes (Tax Division)

A federal jury in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts convicted William Scott Dion, Catherine Floyd and Charles Adams for conspiracies to defraud the United States through the promotion and use of multiple tax fraud schemes.

Alabama Woman Indicted for Tax Fraud (Tax Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama returned an indictment on March 28, 2012, charging Wanda Davis with filing false federal income tax returns. The indictment was unsealed today following Davis's initial appearance.

Michigan Man Arrested On Tax Charges (Tax Division)

Steven Kern was arrested today following his indictment on March 27, 2012, in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on eight counts of failing to file his individual tax returns and eight counts of filing false corporate tax returns.

Leader of the Arellano-Felix Organization Sentenced in San Diego for Racketeering and Money Laundering Offenses (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California)

Benjamin Arellano-Felix, the former leader of the Tijuana Cartel/Arellano-Felix Organization, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California to serve 25 years in federal prison for racketeering and conspiring to launder monetary instruments. Arellano-Felix was also ordered to forfeit \$100 million in criminal proceeds.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

11:00 a.m. EDT Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Bernard Melekian will deliver the keynote speech at the Essex County School Safety Conference in Peabody, Mass.
Peabody Marriott
84 Centennial Dr.
Peabody, Mass.
OPEN PRESS

12:00 p.m. EDT Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks to Cincinnati Police Department officers receiving cultural awareness training from the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service.
Cincinnati Police Academy
800 Evans St.
Cincinnati
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Former CIA Official Indicted for Disclosing Classified Information to Journalists (AG)

Former CIA officer John Kiriakou was indicted in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia today for allegedly repeatedly disclosing classified information to journalists, including the name of a covert CIA officer and information revealing the role of another CIA employee in classified activities. He was also charged with making false statements for allegedly lying to the Publications Review Board of the CIA.

Media Reports on Letter to Fifth Circuit Court's Power to Review Constitutionality of Laws (OPA)

Media is reporting on a letter from the Attorney General to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals today acknowledging that it is within the judicial branch's power to review the constitutionality of acts of Congress. The letter comes at the request of Judge Jerry Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, asking for the position of the Attorney General and the department in regard to recent statements by the President on the Affordable Care Act stating specifically, and in detail, what the authority is of the federal courts in this regard in terms of judicial review. The department provided a copy of the letter to the press.

International Arms Trafficker Viktor Bout Sentenced to Serve 25 Years in Prison for Terrorism Crimes (U.S. Attorney for Southern District of New York)

International arms trafficker Viktor Bout was sentenced today to serve 25 years in prison for conspiring to sell millions of dollars worth of weapons, including 700-800 surface-to-air missiles, more than 20,000 AK-47s, and five tons of C-4 plastic explosives, to a designated terrorist organization, the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, with the specific understanding that the weapons were to be used to kill Americans in Colombia.

Three Plead Guilty to Charges Related to Participation in Firearms Trafficking Organization (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California)

Jaime Avila Jr., Joshua David Moore and Kenneth James Thompson each pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona to charges arising from their participation in a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking organization, which was illegally acquiring firearms in Arizona for shipment, transportation and/or exportation to drug trafficking organizations in the United States and Mexico.

Juarez Drug Cartel Leader Pleads Guilty to Charges Related to U.S. Consulate Murders and is Sentenced to Life in Prison (Criminal Division)

Jose Antonio Acosta-Hernandez, the Juarez Drug Cartel's leader in Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and was sentenced to life in

prison for his participation in drug-trafficking and numerous acts of violence in connection with the Barrio Azteca gang, including directing and participating in more than 1,500 murders since 2008.

U.S. Announces Innovative Clean Air Agreement for Industrial Flares with Marathon Petroleum Company (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced an innovative environmental agreement with Ohio-based Marathon Petroleum Company that already has significantly reduced air pollution from all six of the company's petroleum refineries. In a first for the refining industry, Marathon has agreed to state-of-the-art controls on combustion devices known as flares and to a cap on the volume of waste gas it will send to its flares.

Department Files Complaint against Home Depot for Violating the Employment Rights of a California Army National Guard Soldier (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today the filing of a complaint in U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona against Home Depot U.S.A. Inc. for violating the employment rights of California Army National Guard soldier Brian Bailey under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

Former Wilcox County Jail Trustee Pleads Guilty for Assault on Inmate (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that former Wilcox County Jail trustee Willie James Caruthers pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia to acting with several others, including law enforcement officials, to assaulting an inmate inside of the Wilcox County Jail on July 23, 2009. Caruthers also pleaded guilty to conspiring to tamper with a witness in connection with the assault.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Joseph Wayland Named Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division (Antitrust Division)

Media is expected to report on the announcement that Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Joe Wayland has been named Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division upon Sharis A. Pozen's departure on April 30, 2012.

Remarks by Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Fiona Scott Morton at Georgetown Law School (Antitrust Division)

Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Fiona Scott Morton delivered remarks today at Georgetown University Law Center on the topic, "Contracts That Reference Rivals: An Antitrust Analysis."

Alabama Woman Indicted for Tax Fraud Using Stolen Identities (Tax Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama returned an indictment charging Jacqueline Slaton for using stolen identities to file false tax returns. The 12-count indictment, which was unsealed following her arrest, charges Slaton with filing false claims, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

Montgomery, Alabama, Woman Indicted for Using Stolen Identities and Debit Cards to Obtain Tax Refunds (Tax Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama returned an indictment on March 28, 2012, charging Antoinette Djonret for using stolen identities to file false tax returns. The 19-

count indictment, which was unsealed today following her arrest, charges Djonret with filing false claims, theft of government funds, access device fraud, aggravated identity theft and possession of unauthorized access devices.

Importers Charged in New York with Securities Fraud (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Three principals of a company that imported paving stones from Australia were charged with conspiracy, securities fraud and money laundering in an indictment unsealed today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The charges against Eric Aronson, Vincent Buonauro and Fredric Aaron arose from their solicitation of investor money for, and their operation of, Permapave Industries and Permapave USA.

Former Atlanta Attorney Sentenced in North Carolina for Million Dollar Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina)

Gregory Bartko was sentenced yesterday in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Bartko received a prison sentence of 23 years for his conduct related to the sale of unregistered securities.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:45 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder and White House Advisor on Domestic Violence Lynn Rosenthal will moderate a panel on Violence Against Women and Girls at the White House Forum on Women and the Economy.
The White House
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
725 17th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General on Electronically Stored Information at Georgetown University Law Center (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks at an event entitled, "The New Criminal Electronically Stored Information Protocol: What Judges and Practitioners Need to Know," at Georgetown University Law Center.

Media Reports on the Florida State Attorney General's Decision Not to Convene a Grand Jury into the Death of Trayvon Martin (Civil Rights Division)

Media is reporting on a decision by the Florida State Attorney General not to use a grand jury in the investigation into the death of Trayvon Martin. The department responded that its parallel investigation remains ongoing.

Rulings Expected on Extradition of Six Terror Suspects to United States (National Security Division)

Early tomorrow morning, the European Court of Human Rights is expected to render a decision on whether the extradition of six terrorism suspects to the United States from the United Kingdom would violate the defendants' rights under the European Convention on Human Rights. The terrorism suspects, which include two charged for their alleged roles in the 1998 East Africa Embassy bombings, have been held in the U.K. for many years pending extradition. Media attention is expected, some are expected to publish stories in advance of the ruling.

New Mexico Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Kidnapping That Resulted in Death of 16-Year-Old Victim (Criminal Division)

Larry Lujan was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico to life in prison for a kidnapping that resulted in the death of a 16-year-old. Lujan was found guilty on Aug. 9, 2011, of kidnapping and fatally stabbing Dana Joseph "Joe" Grauke Jr.

Indiana Man Charged With Interstate "Sextortion" of Children (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana)

Richard Leon Finkbiner has been charged in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana with the sexual exploitation of children by inducing and coercing at least two minors to engage in sexually explicit activity that Finkbiner allegedly captured with a webcam, conduct frequently referred to as "sextortion."

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

2:00 p.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Sharis A. Pozen will deliver remarks at the Sherman Act Award presentation to former Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division James F. Rill.

U.S. Department of Justice

The Great Hall

950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C.

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Department Reaches Settlement with Three of the Largest Book Publishers and Continues to Litigate Against Apple Inc. and Two Other Publishers to Restore Price Competition and Reduce E-Book Prices (AG/Antitrust)

The department announced today at a press conference that it has reached a settlement with three of the largest book publishers in the United States – Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins Publishers L.L.C. and Simon & Schuster Inc. – and will continue to litigate against Apple Inc. and two other publishers– Holtzbrinck Publishers LLC, which does business as Macmillan, and Penguin Group – for conspiring to end e-book retailers' freedom to compete on price, take control of pricing from e-book retailers and substantially increase the prices that consumers pay for e-books. The department said that the publishers prevented retail price competition resulting in consumers paying millions of dollars more for their e-books.

Attorney General and Secretary Salazar Announce \$1 Billion Settlement of Tribal Trust Accounting and Management Lawsuits Filed By More Than 40 Tribes (AG/Environmental and Natural Resources Division)

The Attorney General and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced the settlement of lawsuits filed by 41 federally-recognized tribes against the United States, in which the tribes alleged that the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury had mismanaged monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribes. The announcement followed a 22-month-long negotiation between the tribes and the United States that has culminated in settlements between the government and tribes totaling more than \$1 billion.

Remarks by the Attorney General at the National Action Network 14th Annual Convention (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks on the department's efforts to combat youth violence and uphold civil rights at the National Action Network's 14th Annual National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Media Reports on Charges in the Death of Trayvon Martin (Civil Rights Division)

Media is expected to report on charges brought against George Zimmerman by the Florida State Attorney General in the death of Trayvon Martin. The department directed reporters to comments made by the Attorney General today and declined further comment.

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Former Employee of Government Contractor Sentenced In Oklahoma for Child Pornography Offense (Criminal Division)

Keith Strimple was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma to serve 27 months in prison on a child exploitation charge brought under the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act.

North Hollywood, Calif., Man Sentenced in Los Angeles to Serve 20 Years in Prison for Participating in International Child Pornography Ring (Criminal Division)

Harcourt Hagop Sarafian was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to serve 20 years in prison and lifetime supervised release for his participation in an international child pornography ring.

Department Settles Lawsuit against City of New Berlin, Wis., for Blocking Affordable Housing (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it has settled its lawsuit against the city of New Berlin, Wis., for race discrimination in violation of the Fair Housing Act. Filed in June 2011 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the lawsuit alleged that the city of New Berlin blocked a 180-unit affordable housing project that a developer, MSP Real Estate Inc., had proposed for the city center area of New Berlin.

New Orleans Police Officer Sentenced for Perjury and Obstruction of Justice (Civil Rights Division)

Former New Orleans Police Department officer Ronald Mitchell was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to serve 20 months in prison for lying under oath and obstructing justice in a case related to the death of a man in the days following Hurricane Katrina.

Alabama Tax Preparation Business Owner and Five Preparers Indicted for Tax Fraud Scheme (Tax Division)

Bruce King and five tax preparers have been charged in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama with conspiring to defraud the United States and aiding in the filing of false tax returns.

Former Deputy Director of USAID Contractor, Wife Accused of Embezzling More Than \$1 Million Meant for Global Health (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

Mark Adams, a former deputy director of a contractor for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and his wife, Latasha Bell, have been indicted in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on charges that they stole more than \$1 million from a program meant to address global health problems such as HIV/AIDS.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

**2:20 p.m. EDT/
11:20 a.m. PDT**

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will deliver the keynote speech at the Y Factor: Men Leading By Example event.
Futures Without Violence Headquarters
The Presidio
100 Montgomery St.
San Francisco
OPEN PRESS

4:15 p.m. EDT

Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver opening remarks at a human trafficking symposium.
Yale Law School
127 Wall St.
New Haven, Conn.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012**

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the National Action Network 14th Annual Convention (AG)
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012**

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at Yale Law School Human Trafficking Symposium (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General spoke at Yale Law School at a human trafficking symposium entitled, "Trade of Innocents: A Global Perspective on Trafficking."

Remarks by the Acting Associate Attorney General at Y Factor: Men Leading by Example (ASG)

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West delivered the keynote speech at the Y Factor: Men Leading by Example event in San Francisco. The event, hosted by Futures without Violence and The Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention, is a national summit saluting the work of men leading the movement to prevent violence against women and children.

Albanian National Pleads Guilty in New York to Attempting to Support Terrorists (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Agron Hasbajrami pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to attempting to provide material support to terrorists. At sentencing, Hasbajrami faces up to 15 years in prison. As a condition of his plea, Hasbajrami has agreed to be deported from the United States.

Tarek Mehanna Sentenced in Boston to 17 Years in Prison on Terrorism-Related Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts)

Tarek Mehanna was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to 210 months, to be followed by seven years of supervised release. In December 2011, Mehanna was convicted of four terrorism-related charges and three charges related to providing false information to the government.

Two Harlan County, Ky., Men Indicted for Federal Hate Crime Against an LGBT Individual (Civil Rights Division)

David Jason Jenkins and Anthony Ray Jenkins were indicted today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for their roles in kidnapping and assaulting a gay man because of his sexual orientation. The indictment charges the men with committing a hate crime in violation of the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act. This case marks the first federal hate crime charging a violation of the sexual orientation provision of the statute.

Ninth Circuit Strikes Down Ban on Political Ads on Public Television (Civil Division)

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco in a 2 to 1 vote today said the Federal Communications Commission violated the First Amendment's free speech clause by blocking public broadcasters from running political and public issue ads. The court's decision struck down a federal ban on political advertising on public TV and radio stations. The court said in its ruling that the ban was

overly broad and that lifting it would not threaten to undermine the educational nature of public broadcast stations. The department declined to comment.

Three Tennessee Men Sentenced for Launching Mortar-Style Fireworks at African-Americans (Civil Rights Division)

Colton L. Partin, Kyle C. Montgomery and James Smiley were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee for conspiring to intimidate African-Americans in the free exercise and enjoyment of housing rights secured to them by the laws of the United States. Smiley and Montgomery were sentenced to serve 12 months in prison and three years of supervised release, and Partin was sentenced to serve 18 months probation, including six months home confinement.

Jury Selection Begins in John Edwards Trial (Criminal Division)

Numerous media outlets are reporting on the start of jury selection in the trial of former presidential candidate and Senator John Edwards. Potential jurors reported today to U.S. District Court in Greensboro, N.C. Opening statements are scheduled for April 23, 2012. Edwards was charged in June 2011 for his alleged role in a scheme to violate federal campaign finance laws.

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Pennsylvania Man Arrested for Tax Evasion (Tax Division)

Stephen Thomas was arrested on charges of attempted tax evasion. On April 4, 2012, a federal grand jury in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia returned an indictment charging Thomas with three counts of attempted evasion of his personal income taxes. The indictment was unsealed following Thomas's arrest.

D.C. Federal Court Acts to Halt Alleged "Sham Cemetery" Tax Scheme (Tax Division)

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has permanently barred Michael Strauss from promoting tax shelters. The government complaint in the case alleged that Strauss, his son Patrick Strauss, and Joseph Barreiro promoted and sold several fraudulent tax schemes, including sham cemetery investments.

Five Indicted in Conspiracy to Obtain Tax Refunds Using Stolen Identities (Tax Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama returned a 37-count indictment against Mary Bennett, Milton Bennett, Narendrakumar Patel, Corinthian Bennett and

Eugenia Burks for their roles in an identity theft and tax fraud scheme. All five are charged with conspiring to commit mail fraud and wire fraud.

Two Individuals Sentenced to Prison for Involvement in Eastern Connecticut Mortgage Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Today, Jane Soulliere was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to serve 21 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release. Yesterday, Yunio Gonzalez was sentenced to serve 24 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release. Soulliere and Gonzalez each previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud in relation to a mortgage fraud scheme.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

2:00 p.m. EDT Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez will deliver remarks at the Rutgers Law Review symposium entitled, "The Voting Rights Act of 1965: Where Do We Go From Here?"
New Jersey State House Annex
125 West State St.
Trenton, N.J.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012**

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Virginia Man Sentenced to Serve 144 Months for Providing Material Support to Terrorist Organization (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia)

Jubair Ahmad was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to serve 144 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for providing material support to Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, a designated foreign terrorist organization.

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Remarks by Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez at Rutgers Law Symposium (Civil Rights Division)

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez delivered remarks at the Rutgers Law Review symposium entitled, "The Voting Rights Act of 1965: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Departments of Justice and Education Reach Agreement with the University of California, San Diego, to Resolve Harassment Allegations (Civil Rights Division)

The Departments of Justice and Education reached a settlement agreement, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, with the University of California, San Diego, to resolve an investigation into complaints of racial harassment against African-American students on campus. Titles IV and VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 each prohibit harassment based on race.

Department Settles with Air Methods Corporation and LifeMed Alaska LLC to Enforce the Employment Rights to Army National Guard Member in Alaska (Civil Rights Division)

The department today announced that it has resolved a lawsuit alleging that Air Methods Corp. and LifeMed Alaska LLC willfully violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 by discriminating against and failing to reemploy Chief Warrant Officer Third Class Jonathon L. Goodwin of Wasilla, Alaska. The suit was filed U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Air Methods will immediately reinstate Mr. Goodwin, will assign him to the first available position on the LifeMed contract at Wolf Lake Base in Alaska, and will pay him an undisclosed sum of money in back pay and other damages.

Two Harlan County, Ky., Women Plead Guilty to Federal Hate Crime against Individual Because of Sexual Orientation (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that Mable Ashley Jenkins and Alexis LeeAnn Jenkins pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky to aiding and abetting kidnapping and aiding and abetting the hate crime assault against Kevin Pennington on April 4, 2011.

AmMed Direct LLC to Pay \$18 Million to United States and Tennessee to Resolve False Claims Allegations (Civil Division)

AmMed Direct LLC has agreed to pay the United States and the state of Tennessee \$18 million plus interest to settle allegations that it submitted false claims to Medicare and Tennessee Medicaid. Under the agreement, AmMed will pay \$17,560,997 to the United States and \$439,003 to Tennessee. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Five Aryan Brotherhood of Texas Gang Members Sentenced in Houston for Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering (Criminal Division)

Five members of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to federal prison for their role in an aggravated assault that took place in Tomball, Texas, in September 2008. Zechariah Aaron Johnston was sentenced to serve 84 months in prison; Stephen Kyle Knebel was sentenced to serve 24 months in prison; Robert Lynn Sheats was sentenced to serve 36 months in prison; and Johnny Ray Nichols was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison. On March 23, 2012, Rusty Dwayne Plante was sentenced to serve 36 months in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Man Sentenced in Manhattan Federal Court to Serve 70 Months in Prison for Multi-Million Dollar Investment Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

Robert E. McDonald, the former president of RAI Hotel Acquisition Inc., was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to serve 70 months in prison for securities fraud, wire fraud and mail fraud crimes in connection with a multi-million dollar investment scheme.

Former Research Analyst at Investment Firm Pleads Guilty in Manhattan Federal Court to Insider Trading Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

Danny Kuo pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to his involvement in an insider trading scheme that included multiple analysts and portfolio managers at different hedge funds and investment firms and involved material, non-public information about Dell Inc. and NVIDIA Corporation, two publicly traded technology companies.

Chief Executive Officer of Holding Company Charged in New York with Bank Fraud Arising Out of \$750 Million Check Kiting Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Mair Faibish, the former chief executive officer of a publicly held food products company that traded on the NASDAQ and manufactured and distributed a line of baking mixes and spices, was indicted today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on conspiracy, bank fraud and false statement charges arising out his scheme to inflate Synergy's sales through a \$26 million bank fraud scheme.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, April 16, 2012

Events TBD

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012**

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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

**U.S. and Tennessee Announce Clean Water Act Agreement with the City of Memphis
(Environment and Natural Resources Division)**

The department, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General announced today a comprehensive Clean Water Act settlement with the city of Memphis, Tenn. Memphis has agreed to make improvements to its sewer systems to eliminate unauthorized overflows of untreated raw sewage. Memphis estimates such work will cost approximately \$250 million.

Departure of Bill Welch (Criminal Division)

Numerous media outlets requested confirmation today on the departure of Criminal Division Senior Litigation Counsel Bill Welch. NPR published a story this morning, which said Welch had told associates he will leave the department. Reporters were referred to a filing today in the 4th Circuit in the *U.S. v. Sterling* matter, which noted that Mr. Welch is leaving the department for a job in the private sector.

Supreme Court Denies Skilling Request to Review Conviction (OPA)

The Supreme Court today denied former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling's request to review a ruling by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that denied Skilling's most recent challenge to his conviction.

Three Men Found Guilty of Federal Hate Crime Charge Related to the Assault of African-American Man (Civil Rights Division)

A jury in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas today convicted Charles Cannon, Michael McLaughlin and Brian Kerstetter of a federal hate crime charge related to a racially motivated assault of a 29-year-old African-American man.

Media Reports on Lawsuit in Custer County, Idaho (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Idaho media outlets will report on a lawsuit filed by the department on April 13, 2012, against Custer County, Idaho. The United States asked the court for an emergency order to prevent the county from opening a road closed since 1999 on land adjacent to a Wilderness Study Area. The department provided a statement saying that such action was necessary to allow a federal court to rule on the validity of the county's claim to a road right-of-way before the county took unilateral action which could damage the surrounding area.

**Former Partner at Major International Accounting Firm Sentenced to Prison for Tax Crimes
(Tax Division)**

Stephen A. Favato was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey to serve 18 months in prison for tax crimes. In August 2010, a jury found Favato guilty of one count of corruptly endeavoring to obstruct and impede the Internal Revenue laws and one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of a false income tax return.

Ohio Insurance Salesman Pleads Guilty to Failing to File Income Tax Returns (Tax Division)

Thomas Mitchell pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio to a criminal information charging him with willfully failing to file an income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Creators and Operators of Online Narcotics Marketplace Arrested on First of Its Kind Federal Indictment Charging Drug Trafficking in 34 Countries and 50 States (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California)

Federal, state and international law enforcement authorities have arrested eight people who all face federal drug trafficking and money laundering charges stemming from their creation and operation of a "secret" online narcotics marketplace – known as the "The Farmer's Market" – which sold a variety of controlled substances to approximately 3,000 customers in 34 countries and 50 states.

Former TSA Officer Pleads Guilty in Connecticut to Federal Extortion and Bribery Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Christopher Allen, formerly a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer based at Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach, Fla., pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to federal charges related to his acceptance of cash in exchange for facilitating the transportation of illegal narcotics through airport security without detection.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

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| 8:30 a.m. EDT | Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks at the 2012 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation.
Hyatt Regency Atlanta
265 Peachtree St., N.E.
Atlanta
OPEN PRESS |
| 10:35 a.m. EDT/
9:35 a.m. CDT | Office of Violence Against Women Acting Director Bea Hanson will deliver remarks at the 12 th Annual International Family Justice Conference.
InterContinental Hotel
La Salle Ballroom
444 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans
OPEN PRESS |
| 5:15 p.m. EDT | Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the 2012 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation.
Hyatt Regency Atlanta
Centennial Ballroom |

265 Peachtree St., N.E.
Atlanta

OPEN PRESS

5:30 p.m. EDT

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will participate in a community forum entitled, "Where Do We Go From Here: Civil Rights in a Multi-Cultural Society."

Wayne State University Law School Auditorium

Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights

471 W. Palmer St.

Detroit

OPEN PRESS

8:25 p.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice's Good Apple Awards dinner.

The Biltmore Ballrooms

817 W. Peachtree St.

Atlanta

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012**

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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice Good Apple Awards (AG)

The Attorney General will deliver remarks at the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice's Good Apple Awards dinner.

Remarks by the Attorney General at the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the 2012 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta.

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks at the 2012 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta.

Najibullah Zazi Testifies for the Government in Terror Trial (National Security Division)

National media outlets are expected to have stories on testimony today by convicted New York subway bomb plotter Najibullah Zazi in the ongoing terrorism trial of Adis Medunjanin in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Medunjanin is charged for his role in the al-Qaeda-sponsored plot to carry out suicide attacks on the New York subway in September 2009. Zazi, who has pleaded guilty to his role in the plot, testified on behalf of the government.

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Media Expected to Report on Status Conference Hearing in E-Books Case (Antitrust Division)

The status conference for U.S. v. Apple and Hachette et al. is scheduled for tomorrow in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Media is expected to attend and report on the status hearing.

Media Reports on GAO Report on Health Care Antitrust Guidance (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are reporting on the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on health care antitrust guidance. The report generally found mixed responses from six antitrust experts and four industry groups as to whether the guidance from the Federal Trade Commission and the department was sufficient to allow providers to work together to improve quality.

Media Reports on the Oil and Gas Price Fraud Working Group (OPA)

Media will report on the president's announcement today to strengthen the oversight of energy markets and to call on Congress to pass measures to deter illegal behavior in those markets. Media is expected to include information on the Oil and Gas Price Fraud Working Group's efforts to date.

Former Chief Engineer of South Pacific Tuna Vessel Pleads Guilty to Covering up Environmental Crimes (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Rolando Ong Vano, a former chief engineer from the tuna fishing vessel San Nikunau, pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships. According to the plea agreement, it was routine practice onboard the vessel to discharge directly into the sea oily bilge waste from the engine room and other areas of the vessel without using required pollution prevention equipment.

Former Executive of New York-Based Tax Liens Company Pleads Guilty to Bid Rigging at Municipal Tax Lien Auctions in New Jersey (Antitrust Division)

Stephen E. Hruby, a former executive of a New York-based tax liens company who supervised the purchasing of municipal tax liens at auctions in New Jersey, pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey for his role in a conspiracy to rig bids for the sale of tax liens auctioned by municipalities throughout the state.

Two Former Executives of California Valve Company Plead Guilty to Foreign Bribery Offenses (Criminal Division)

Stuart Carson and Hong “Rose” Carson pleaded guilty late yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). The Carsons, who are married, each pleaded guilty to separate one-count superseding informations charging them with making a corrupt payment to a foreign government official in violation of the FCPA.

Loan Officer Pleads Guilty for Role in Mortgage Fraud Scheme that Resulted in More Than \$6.5 Million in Losses (Criminal Division)

Alejandro Curbelo pleaded guilty late yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for his role in a mortgage fraud scheme.

Russian National Charged in New Jersey in \$1 Million Trading Account Hack, Securities Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey)

Petr Murmylyuk has been charged in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey for his alleged role in a ring that stole approximately \$1 million by hacking into retail brokerage accounts and executing sham trades. Murmylyuk has been charged by complaint with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, unauthorized access to computers and securities fraud.

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9:00 a.m. CDT** Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks at the 12th Annual International Family Justice Conference.
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La Salle Ballroom
444 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans
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10:00 a.m. EDT Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Leslie C. Overton will participate on a panel entitled, “Market Consolidation: Update on Enforcement Efforts to Ensure Competition,” at the Ninth Annual World Health Care Congress.
Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center
201 Waterfront St.
National Harbor, Md.
OPEN PRESS

11:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder and other administration officials will deliver remarks at the White House on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Obama administration’s ongoing coordination across the federal government to eliminate violence against women.
The White House
South Court Auditorium
Washington, D.C.
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**4:00 p.m. EDT/
5:00 p.m. BRT**

Antitrust Division Special Advisor, International Rachel Brandenburger will present the international enforcement cooperation project at the 11th annual International Competition Network conference.

Royal Tulip Rio de Janeiro Hotel

Av. Aquarela do Brasil, 75

Sao Conrado, Rio de Janeiro

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012**

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the White House Event on the Violence Against Women Act (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the White House on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Obama administration's ongoing coordination across the federal government to eliminate violence against women. The Attorney General was joined by Vice President Joe Biden, Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett and White House Advisor on Violence Against Women Lynn Rosenthal.

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at the 12th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks during the second day of the 12th Annual International Family Justice Conference. Yesterday, Office of Violence Against Women Acting Director Bea Hanson welcomed attendees at the opening session.

Media Expected to Report on Status Conference Hearing in E-Books Case (Antitrust Division)

Media is expected to report that the judge asked the parties to coordinate their efforts on both the class action and the government's e-books cases before her. She asked the parties to coordinate on discovery issues. A hearing is set for June 22.

Detroit-Area Patient Recruiter Pleads Guilty to Medicare Fraud (Criminal Division)

Daron Elder pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for his participation in a Medicare fraud scheme. Elder pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Department Seeks to Shut Down Five South Florida Tax Return Preparers (Tax Division)

The United States has sued to shut down five Florida tax return preparers. In the civil injunction complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the government alleges that since at least 2008, Jayvon Copeland, Kisha Andrews, James Daniels, Aundrea Luc and Brandon Johnson have knowingly understated their customers' federal income tax liabilities and claimed improper tax refunds.

Tennessee Engineering Consultant and Wife Charged With Tax Crimes (Tax Division)

On April 17, 2012, a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee returned a four count indictment charging Beverly S. Beavers and James E. Beavers with conspiracy to defraud the United States and filing false claims for tax refunds.

Virginia Businessman Pleads Guilty to Federal Money Laundering Charge in Investigation of Federal Government Contracts (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

James Edward Miller, the owner of a Virginia-based construction management company, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a federal charge of conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with an ongoing investigation into the awarding of millions of dollars of contracts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Three Charged in Connection With Multi-Million Dollar Fraud Schemes (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Peter Liounis, Ruslan Rapoport and Roman Tsimmerman were charged today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in a criminal complaint for their participation in \$15 million fraudulent investment schemes between December 2008 and April 2012.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

- 9:00 a.m. EDT** Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks at the Small Business Procurement Conference Town Hall hosted by the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS
- 9:00 a.m. EDT** Executive Office of the U.S. Trustee Director Clifford J. White III will deliver remarks at an event in the House Judiciary Committee Hearing Room to introduce the Commission on the Reform of Chapter 11, created by the American Bankruptcy Institute.
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2237
Washington, D.C.
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- 12:00 p.m. EDT** Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the memorial service for Greenland, N.H., Police Chief Michael Maloney.
Winnacunnet High School
Outdoor Sports Field
1 Alumni Dr.
Hampton, N.H.
OPEN PRESS
- 10:00 a.m. EDT/
11:00 a.m. BRT** Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Sharis A. Pozen will moderate a panel on current trends and developments in merger enforcement at the 11th annual International Competition Network conference.
Royal Tulip Rio de Janeiro Hotel
Av. Aquarela do Brasil, 75
Sao Conrado, Rio de Janeiro

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Attorney General and Dominican Prosecutor General Jiménez Peña Sign Permanent Agreement to Share Forfeited Assets (AG)

The Attorney General and Dominican Prosecutor General Radhamés Jiménez Peña met today in Washington, D.C., to sign a permanent agreement to share forfeited assets between the governments of the United States and the Dominican Republic. The permanent sharing agreement acknowledges the consistent forfeiture-related cooperation that United States authorities have received from the Dominican Republic and creates a more efficient process for sharing assets with the Dominican Republic.

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Memorial Service for Greenland, N.H., Police Chief Michael Maloney (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the memorial service for Greenland, N.H., Police Chief Michael Maloney today in Hampton, N.H.

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Small Business Procurement Conference (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks at the Small Business Procurement Conference Town Hall hosted by the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in Washington, D.C.

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Executive Summary on Gulf Coast Claims Facility (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The department today released the executive summary of the report by an independent auditor of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF), the facility set up to process claims in the wake of the April 20, 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The audit found that the GCCF claims process constituted a significant advance in disaster response. But the audit also identified significant errors that are now being corrected by sending more than \$64 million in additional payments to approximately 7,300 individuals and businesses throughout the Gulf region.

U.S. Pharmaceutical Company Merck Sharp & Dohme Sentenced in Connection with Unlawful Promotion of Vioxx (Civil Division)

American pharmaceutical company Merck, Sharp & Dohme was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to pay a criminal fine in the amount of \$321,636,000 in connection with its guilty plea related to its promotion and marketing of the painkiller Vioxx. In December 2011, Merck pleaded guilty to violating the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for introducing a misbranded drug, Vioxx, into interstate commerce.

Department Announces Agreement with Orange County, N.Y., to Protect the Rights of Spanish-Speaking Voters (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced a settlement today with Orange County, N.Y., to protect the rights of Spanish-speaking Puerto Rican voters under Section 4(e) of the Voting Rights Act. Today's consent decree is intended to resolve concerns that limited-English proficient Puerto Rican voters were being denied their full voting rights because the county failed to provide bilingual ballots and Spanish-language assistance as required by law.

Media Reports on the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group (OPA)

Several media outlets will write stories on the work to date of the RMBS Working Group. The department declined to comment on the status or methods of ongoing investigations but did offer a statement and background on the increased staffing efforts and continued involvement by the U.S. Attorney's Offices and working group members.

Department Asks Federal Court to Shut Down Three Philadelphia-Area Tax Preparers (Tax Division)

The United States has asked the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to bar Deron Joe, Edmund Dassin and James Tokpawhiea from preparing federal tax returns for others.

Utah Tax Defier Pleads Guilty in Nine-Year Scam to Defraud the United States, is Sentenced to Two-Year Prison Term (Tax Division)

Stephen Murphy pleaded guilty late yesterday in U.S. District Court for the District of Utah to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, and was sentenced the same day to serve 24 months in prison.

Virginia Businessman Indicted for Alleged \$11 Million Tax Credit Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia)

George P. Hranowskyj has been indicted in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for allegedly engaging in a six-year tax credit fraud scheme that cost the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia more than \$11 million and enriched him and others by approximately \$8 million.

Six Doctors and Owner of Three Ohio Pain Clinics Indicted for Illegal Distribution of Prescription Drugs (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio has indicted the owner of three pain clinics in Ohio and six of the doctors he hired from around the United States to satisfy the demand for the illegal diversion of prescription drugs in central and southern Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

**8:00 a.m. EDT/
9:00 a.m. BRT** Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Scott D. Hammond will moderate a panel on bid rigging at the 11th annual International Competition Network conference.
Royal Tulip Rio de Janeiro Hotel
Av. Aquarela do Brasil, 75
Sao Conrado, Rio de Janeiro
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8:30 a.m. EDT Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Thomas E. Perez will deliver the keynote address about the department's efforts to enforce federal laws providing equal educational opportunities to all students in public schools at the National School Boards Association annual national conference.
Sheraton Boston Hotel
39 Dalton St.
Boston
OPEN PRESS

9:00 a.m. EDT Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division Ignacia Moreno will deliver remarks and participate in the annual Environment and Natural Resources Division Earth Day Service Event.
Marvin Gaye Park Community Greening Center
5100 Block of Burroughs Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C.
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2:00 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary will deliver remarks at the Office of Victims of Crime's National Crimes Victims' Service Awards Ceremony.
Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium
1301 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General on Human Trafficking for the Frank and Kula Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks on the department's efforts to combat human trafficking as part of the Clinton Foundation's Frank and Kula Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series in Little Rock, Ark.

Former BP Engineer Arrested for Obstruction of Justice in Connection with the Deepwater Horizon Criminal Investigation (AG)

Kurt Mix, a former engineer for BP plc, was arrested today for allegedly intentionally destroying evidence requested by federal criminal authorities investigating the April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon disaster. Mix was charged with two counts of obstruction of justice in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and unsealed today.

Attorney General's Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence Holds Final Public Hearing in Detroit (AG)

At the final hearing of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence in Detroit, officials from the department and the city of Detroit underscored efforts to keep kids safe and prevent youth violence. The department released remarks by Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary.

Individual Indicted in Connection with Machine Gun Attack on U.S. Embassy in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2011 (National Security Division)

Mevlid Jasarevic was indicted today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on charges of attempted murder and other violations in connection with his alleged machine gun attack on the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on Oct. 28, 2011.

Dallas Compounding Pharmacy Owner Pleads Guilty in Connection with Misbranded Drug Shipment (Civil Division)

Gary D. Osborn and his corporation, ApothéCure Inc., pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas to two misdemeanor criminal violations of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The pleas are in connection with ApothéCure's interstate shipment of two lots of misbranded colchicine injectable solution that led to the deaths of three people in the Pacific Northwest.

U.S. Intervenes in False Claims Lawsuit Alleging Knowing Failure to Pay Import Duties by Japanese and U.S. Companies (Civil Division)

The United States has intervened in a lawsuit against Toyo Ink Manufacturing Co. Ltd. and its U.S. subsidiaries. Toyo Ink, which has operations worldwide, is a leading provider of printing inks. The

lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina by whistle blower John Dickson under the *qui tam*, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act.

Four Alleged Members of the Internet Piracy Group "Imagine" Indicted (Criminal Division)

Four individuals have been charged in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for their alleged roles in an internet piracy group that distributed via the Internet copies of movies showing only in theaters.

Freeport-McMoRan Corp. and Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Inc. Will Pay \$6.8 Million in Damages for Injuries to Natural Resources from the Morenci Copper Mine in Arizona (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Freeport-McMoRan Corporation and Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Inc. have agreed to pay \$6.8 million to settle federal and state natural resource damages claims related to the Morenci copper mine in southeastern Arizona. The complaint, which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, alleges that Freeport-McMoRan is civilly liable for injuries to natural resources that resulted from hazardous substance releases at and from Freeport-McMoRan's Morenci Mine site.

Massachusetts Financial Advisor Sentenced to Serve 60 Months for Tax Crimes and Contempt (Tax Division)

Kevin P. Mahoney was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to serve 60 months in prison, following trial convictions on corruptly endeavoring to obstruct the administration of the Internal Revenue laws, filing false tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service and criminal contempt of court.

Florida Tax Preparer Pleads Guilty To Identity Theft and Wire Fraud (Tax Division)

Ernst Pierre pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft. Pierre was charged with a scheme to file false federal income tax returns using stolen identity information.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Forfeits More Than \$16 Million Seized From Indicted Swiss Bank's U.S. Account (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

A judge in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered a default judgment and final order of forfeiture for more than \$16 million seized from the U.S. correspondent account of the private Swiss bank, Wegelin & Co. The funds will be deposited in the Treasury Forfeiture Fund.

Construction Firm Lend Lease Charged with Defrauding Clients in Three Separate Schemes (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Charges were filed today against the construction firm Lend Lease Construction LMB Inc. and former principal in charge James Abadie. Abadie pleaded guilty this morning in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to conspiring to commit mail and wire fraud by fraudulently overbilling clients. Lend Lease has agreed to pay up to \$56.6 million in penalties to the federal government and restitution to victims and has agreed to institute far-reaching corporate compliance reforms.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

9:00 a.m. EDT

The COPS Office, in conjunction with the Bureau of Justice Statistics, will convene an Officer Safety and Wellness Working Group meeting, with distinguished experts from across the country to review and analyze issues related to officer safety. The group will focus on the issue of traffic accident fatalities.

Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

6th Floor Ballroom

810 7th St., N.W.

Washington, D.C.

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1:00 p.m. EDT

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Scott D. Hammond will participate on a panel entitled, "Criminal Antitrust – Government Perspective" at the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Conference.

State Bar of Georgia Headquarters

104 Marietta St., N.W.

Atlanta

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Deputy Attorney General Meeting with Students at Standing Rock High School (DAG)

Media is reporting on the Deputy Attorney General's meetings with the Standing Rock Tribal Court, public safety personnel and students at Standing Rock High School in Fort Yates, N.D.

Two Taiwanese Nationals Charged in New Jersey with Conspiring to Export Sensitive U.S. Military Technology to China (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey)

Hui Sheng Shen and Huan Ling Chang have been charged in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey for allegedly seeking to export sensitive U.S. military technology to China after federal agents investigating counterfeit goods smuggling uncovered plots to smuggle drugs into and sensitive defense articles out of the United States.

Hess Corporation to Install \$45 Million in Pollution Controls and Pay \$850,000 Penalty to Resolve Clean Air Act Violations at New Jersey Refinery (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Hess Corporation has agreed to pay an \$850,000 civil penalty and spend more than \$45 million in new pollution controls to resolve Clean Air Act violations at its Port Reading, N.J. refinery. The consent decree was lodged in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Three Operators of Miami Home Health Company Sentenced in \$60 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Three operators of a Miami health care agency were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to serve 120, 87 and 87 months in prison, respectively, for their participation in a \$60 million home health Medicare fraud scheme.

Former Morgan Stanley Managing Director Pleads Guilty for Role in Evading Internal Controls Required By FCPA (Criminal Division)

Garth Peterson pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York for his role in a conspiracy to evade the Morgan Stanley's internal accounting controls, thereby violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Alleged Acting New England Crime Boss Anthony Dinunzio Charged in Racketeering and Extortion Conspiracy (Criminal Division)

Anthony L. Dinunzio, the alleged leader of the New England organized crime family of La Cosa Nostra, was arrested and charged today in U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island on racketeering and extortion charges.

Federal Court Bars Two Louisiana Women from Preparing Tax Returns (Tax Division)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana has permanently barred Cathy and Lashanda Vinnett from preparing federal tax returns for others.

TSA Screeners at Los Angeles International Airport Arrested on Federal Drug Trafficking and Corruption Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California)

Two former and two current Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screeners at Los Angeles International Airport have been arrested and charged in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California on federal narcotics trafficking and bribery charges for allegedly taking cash payments to allow large shipments of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana to pass through the X-ray machines at TSA security checkpoints.

Former Agape World Inc. Account Representatives Charged in New York with Massive Ponzi Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

A criminal complaint was unsealed today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York charging Jason Keryc, Anthony Massaro, Anthony Ciccone and Diane Kaylor, former account representatives of Hauppauge, N.Y.-based Agape World Inc. and Agape Merchant Advance, for their participation in a large-scale Ponzi scheme.

Connecticut Resident Admits Defrauding Investors of More Than \$1 Million (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Robin Bruhjell Brass pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to one count of mail fraud stemming from a scheme to defraud investors of more than \$1 million.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

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| 10:00 a.m. EDT/
9:00 a.m. CDT | Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks on the department's efforts to enhance public safety and criminal justice in Indian country at the U.S. Attorney for the District of North Dakota's Tribal Consultation Conference.
United Tribes Technical College
James Henry Community Center
3315 University Dr.
Bismarck, N.D.
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| 10:00 a.m. EDT | Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will join Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett and White House Advisor on Violence Against Women Lynn Rosenthal on a press conference call to discuss reauthorization for the Violence Against Women Act.
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| 1:00 p.m. EDT | Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women Bea Hanson will deliver remarks at the department's Sexual Assault Awareness Month event.
U.S. Department of Justice
The Great Hall
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. |

Washington, D.C.
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7:30 p.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia Servant of Justice Awards Dinner.
JW Marriott Hotel
1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Statement of the Attorney General on the Violence Against Women Act (AG)

The Attorney General made the following statement today on the Senate's approval of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): "No one should suffer from domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking, which is why I applaud the passage of the bill to reauthorize the critical Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) through the Senate. This legislation originally transformed our nation's response to crimes against women, and today it helps us bring justice to victims and hold offenders accountable. The Department of Justice is committed to ending violence against women and vigorously enforcing the provisions of VAWA."

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia Servant of Justice Awards 80th Anniversary Dinner (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia Servant of Justice Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Media Reports on Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at the 2012 Tribal Consultation Conference and Visit to Standing Rock High School (DAG)

Media is reporting on the Deputy Attorney General's remarks today in Bismarck, N.D., on the department's efforts to enhance public safety and criminal justice in Indian country at the U.S. Attorney for the District of North Dakota's Tribal Consultation Conference as well as his visit yesterday to Standing Rock High School to meet with the Standing Rock Tribal Court, public safety personnel and students.

Remarks by Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women Bea Hanson at Department Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event (ASG)

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women Bea Hanson delivered remarks at the department's Sexual Assault Awareness Month event.

ATF Releases 2007-2011 Mexico Gun Trace Data (ATF)

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) today announced the release of trace information for firearms recovered in Mexico and submitted to ATF for tracing. Trace information shows that between calendar years 2007 and 2011 the Government of Mexico recovered and submitted more than 99,000 firearms to ATF for tracing. Of those firearms more than 68,000 were U.S.-sourced.

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Reports of DEA and FBI Agents Attending Strip Club in El Salvador (DEA/FBI)

Amidst continuing coverage of the Secret Service prostitute scandal in Colombia, a Seattle CBS news station alleged that Secret Service agents had attended a strip club in El Salvador and later taken prostitutes to their hotel rooms in March 2011 prior to the arrival of President Obama. The Seattle report also quoted the owner of the club alleging that DEA, FBI and U.S. Embassy personnel in El Salvador had previously frequented the same strip club. The reports did not allege DEA or FBI agents solicited prostitutes. DEA and FBI responded to multiple media queries, noting that any information assessed as credible would be followed up immediately and that if any allegation of employee misconduct is proven to have merit, swift and appropriate action would be taken.

D.C. Federal Judge Rejects Release of Bin Laden Pictures (Civil Division)

U.S. District Court Judge James Boasberg in the District of Columbia today refused to order the administration to release pictures and video of the U.S. military operation that killed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan almost a year ago. Judicial Watch had requested that the Department of Defense and CIA release any pictures or video footage of the May 1, 2011, operation that killed bin Laden. The Defense Department said it found no pictures or videos sought by the group and the CIA said it found 52 such records but refused to release them. It cited exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act law for classified materials and other reasons. Judicial Watch has already filed a notice of appeal in the matter. The department declined to comment.

Department Releases Investigative Findings on the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County (Civil Rights Division)

Following a comprehensive investigation, the department today announced at a press conference its findings regarding the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, and the Shelby County Juvenile Detention Center. The department found that the juvenile court fails to provide constitutionally required due process to all children appearing for delinquency proceedings, that the court's administration of juvenile justice discriminates against African-American children, and that its detention center violates the substantive due process rights of detained youth by not providing them with reasonably safe conditions of confinement. The department released remarks by Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez.

Federal Courts Order Seizure of 36 Website Domains Involved in Selling Stolen Credit Card Numbers (Criminal Division)

Seizure orders have been executed against 36 domain names of websites engaged in the illegal sale and distribution of stolen credit card numbers. The seizures are the result of Operation Wreaking hAVoC, an FBI and Justice Department operation targeting the sale of stolen credit card numbers via the Internet. The operation was coordinated with international law enforcement, including the United Kingdom's Serious Organised Crime Agency.

McKesson Corp. Pays U.S. More Than \$190 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations (Civil Division)

McKesson Corporation has agreed to pay the United States more than \$190 million to resolve claims that it violated the False Claims Act by reporting inflated pricing information for a large number of prescription drugs, causing Medicaid to overpay for those drugs. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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Media Reports on Sen. Kohl's Letter on Antitrust Field Office Closings (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are expected to report on Sen. Herb Kohl's letter sent today to the Attorney General about the proposed closure of four of the Antitrust Division's field offices. Sen. Kohl's letter expresses concern about the impact these closures will have on the division's ability to prosecute criminal antitrust conspiracies in the states currently served by those field offices and about the savings realized from the closures. The department told reporters it had received the letter and that it will respond as appropriate.

Two Northern California Real Estate Investors Agree to Plead Guilty to Bid Rigging at Public Foreclosure Auctions (Antitrust Division)

Lydia Fong and Matthew Worthing have agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California for their roles in conspiracies to rig bids and commit mail fraud at public real estate foreclosure auctions in northern California.

DENSO Corporation Executive Agrees to Plead Guilty to Automobile Parts Price-Fixing and Bid-Rigging Conspiracy (Antitrust Division)

Makoto Hattori, an executive of Japanese-based DENSO Corporation, has agreed to plead guilty and to serve 14 months in a U.S. prison in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for his role in a conspiracy to fix prices and rig bids for heater control panels installed in U.S. cars.

Department Settles Lawsuit Alleging Sex Discrimination by Waupaca County, Wisconsin (Civil Rights Division)

The department today announced that it has reached a consent decree, filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, with Waupaca County, Wis., to resolve allegations that the county discriminated against an employee by denying her a promotion because of her sex.

Former Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Sheriff's Sergeant Sentenced for Criminal Civil Rights Violations (Civil Rights Division)

Former Tuscaloosa Sheriff's sergeant Althea Mallisham has been sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to serve 61 months in prison for civil rights convictions for wrongfully using a Taser against three detainees during separate incidents over a four month period in 2008.

Former District of Columbia Department of Corrections Officer Pleads Guilty to Criminal Civil Rights Charge (Civil Rights Division)

Former District of Columbia Department of Corrections Officer Victor Bell pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a criminal civil rights charge for assaulting an inmate in the District of Columbia Central Detention Facility.

Second Conspirator Pleads Guilty to Civil Rights Violation (Civil Rights Division)

Billie Ray Pratt pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland to his involvement in hanging a raccoon on the porch of an African-American family.

Two Alleged Members of the Philadelphia La Cosa Nostra Family Charged in Second Superseding Indictment (Criminal Division)

Joseph Licata and Louis Fazzini, two alleged members of the Philadelphia organized crime family of La Cosa Nostra, were arrested today and charged in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on racketeering charges contained in a second superseding indictment.

Former TSA Officer Pleads Guilty in Connecticut to Federal Extortion and Bribery Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Brigitte Jones, a former Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer based at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y., pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to federal charges related to her acceptance of cash in exchange for facilitating the transportation of illegal narcotics and narcotics trafficking proceeds through airport security without detection.

Long Island Tax Return Preparer Sentenced to 37 Months for Tax Fraud (Tax Division)

Howard Levine was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to serve 37 months in prison for tax crimes. On January 5, 2012, Levine pleaded guilty to obstructing the internal revenue laws and aiding in the preparation of false income tax returns for clients.

Natural Gas and Oil Drilling Company and Supervisor Sentenced for Negligent Violation of Clean Water Act (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Integrated Production Services Inc. (IPS) was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma to pay a criminal fine of \$140,000 for violations of the Clean Water Act at its hydraulic fracturing operation in Atoka County, Okla. Gabriel Henson, a crew supervisor for IPS, was sentenced to serve two years probation and a fine of \$2,500.

Former Naval Engineer and His Father Charged in Rhode Island in \$10 Million Bribery and Kickback Conspiracy (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island returned a 37-count indictment today charging Ralph Mariano and his father, Ralph Mariano Jr., in connection with an alleged 15-year bribery and fraud conspiracy involving approximately \$10 million of Naval funds.

New Charges for Montgomery Man Accused of Massive Online Sextortion Plot (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama)

Christopher Patrick Gunn was charged today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama with a global online sextortion investigation.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Events TBD

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Federal Officials Close Investigation into the Death of Sergio Hernandez-Guereca (Civil Rights Division)

The department and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas announced today that there is insufficient evidence to pursue federal criminal charges against a U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Border Patrol agent for the fatal shooting of the late Sergio Hernandez-Guereca, a 15-year-old Mexican national shot within a spillway of the Rio Grande River along the United States – Mexico border on June 7, 2010.

Somali Hostage Negotiator in S/V Quest Piracy and Pirating of M/V Miranda Marguerite Convicted (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia)

Mohammad Saaili Shibin was convicted today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for his involvement in the pirating of an American yacht, the *S/V Quest*, and taking hostage four U.S. citizens, who were ultimately killed before their release could be secured, and of the pirating of the *M/V Marida Marguerite*.

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Federal Jury Finds Ira Issacs Guilty in Los Angeles Adult Obscenity Case (Criminal Division)

Ira Isaacs was found guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California on one count of engaging in the business of producing and selling obscene videos and four counts of distributing obscene videos.

Alabama Real Estate Investor Agrees to Plead Guilty to Conspiracies to Rig Bids and Commit Mail Fraud for the Purchase of Real Estate at Public Foreclosure Auctions (Antitrust Division)

Steven J. Cox has agreed to plead guilty and to serve one year in prison in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama for his role in conspiracies to rig bids and commit mail fraud at public real estate foreclosure auctions in southern Alabama. To date, as a result of the ongoing investigation, four individuals and one company have pleaded guilty.

Virginia Man Sentenced for Filing a False Refund Claim Based on Forms-1099 and For Failing to File Tax Returns (Tax Division)

Richard Jaensch was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to serve 36 months in prison for corruptly endeavoring to impede the Internal Revenue Service, filing a false claim for a refund and four counts of failing to file tax returns for 2004 through 2007.

Oil Traders Sentenced in Multimillion Dollar Kickback Scheme Assets Valued at \$25 Million Recovered in Case to Date (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas)

Oil traders Bernard Langley and Clyde Meltzer have been sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to serve 60 and 48 months, respectively, for their role in a multimillion dollar kickback scheme.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Saturday, April 28, 2012

**9:30 a.m. EDT/
8:30 a.m. CDT** Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart Delery will deliver the keynote address at the White House LGBT Conference on Families.
Burroughs Community School
1601 W. 50th St.
Minneapolis
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Monday, April 30, 2012

1:00 p.m. EDT Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will give remarks at a civil rights symposium and anti-bullying event with U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan Johnson.
Washington Pavilion
301 South Main Ave.
Sioux Falls, S.D.
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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

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Department Reaches Settlement with Nation's Largest Mortgage Insurance Provider to Resolve Allegations of Discrimination against Women on Maternity Leave

The department announced today that it has reached an agreement to settle its lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, against the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation for discriminating against women on maternity leave in violation of the Fair Housing Act. This settlement is the department's first case involving discrimination against women and families in mortgage insurance.

Media Outlets Report on Sale of Wireless Spectrum Licenses to Verizon (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are expected to report on the department's investigation into Verizon's proposed purchase of wireless spectrum licenses. The reports will speculate about department's decision, and will vary from allowing the transactions to go forward or asking for changes. The department said that the investigation is ongoing.

President of Costa Rican Company Convicted in Half A Billion Dollar Fraud Scheme with Thousands of Victims Worldwide (Criminal Division)

Minor Vargas Calvo, the president of a Costa Rican company that sold reinsurance bonds to life settlement companies, was found guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for carrying out a half-billion-dollar fraud scheme that affected more than 2,000 victims throughout the United States and abroad.

More Than \$728 Million Distributed to Victims of Adelphia Securities Fraud (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York announced today that more than \$728 million forfeited in connection with investigation and prosecution of the Adelphia Communications Corporation securities fraud is being distributed to victims who suffered financial losses as a direct result of the fraud.

Hitachi-LG Data Storage Inc. Executive Agrees to Plead Guilty for Participating in Bid-Rigging Conspiracies Involving Optical Disk Drives (Antitrust Division)

Woo Jin Yang, an executive of Korean-based Hitachi-LG Data Storage Inc., has agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and to serve time in a U.S. prison for his participation in a series of conspiracies to rig bids for the sale of optical disk drives.

National Express and Petermann to Sell Off School Bus Contracts in Texas and Washington to Resolve Antitrust Concerns (Antitrust Division)

In order to resolve antitrust concerns, National Express Corporation and Petermann Partners Inc. will divest several school bus contracts and associated assets in the states of Washington and Texas in order to proceed with their proposed merger. National Express and Petermann contract with school districts throughout the United States to provide school bus services.

Arizona Man Sentenced to Serve Seven Years in Prison for Participating in International Child Pornography Ring (Criminal Division)

Joseph Hines was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to serve seven years in prison and 15 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute child pornography.

United States Announces \$8 Million Penalty and Non-Prosecution Agreement with Florida-Based Imperial Holdings Inc. (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire)

Imperial Holdings Inc. has entered into a non-prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire to pay an \$8 million penalty to resolve fraud allegations related to Imperial's involvement in making misrepresentations on life insurance applications in connection with its premium finance business.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Events TBD

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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Medunjanin Convicted in Terror Plot Against New York Subways (National Security Division)

Media is expected to report on the conviction of Adis Medunjanin today by a federal jury in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on all counts related to his role in an al-Qaeda sponsored plot to carry out suicide bomb attacks against the New York subway system in September 2009. Medunjanin's co-conspirators, Najibullah Zazi and Zarein Ahmedzay have already pleaded guilty in the case and testified against Medunjanin at trial.

Five Men Arrested in Plot to Bomb Ohio Bridge (U.S. Attorney for Northern District of Ohio)

Five men were arrested last night in connection with a plot to destroy a bridge near Cleveland. Douglas L. Wright, Brandon L. Baxter, and Anthony Hayne, who are self-described anarchists, were arrested by members of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force on charges of conspiracy and attempted use of explosive materials to damage physical property affecting interstate commerce. Also arrested last night were Connor C. Stevens and Joshua S. Stafford. In response to media queries about the suspects potential affiliation with the Occupy movement, the department noted that the complaint charges only these five individuals, no others, for specific acts they allegedly committed and makes no allegations whatsoever about the Occupy movement.

Department Announces Investigations of the Handling of Sexual Assault Allegations by the University of Montana, the Missoula, Mont., Police Department and the Missoula County Attorney's Office (Civil Rights Division)

The department today announced at a press conference with Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez and U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana Michael W. Cotter a series of investigations stemming from allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment at the University of Montana and in the greater Missoula, Mont., community. These investigations will seek to determine whether gender discrimination affected the prevention, investigation and prosecution of sexual assaults and sexual harassment in Missoula.

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Former Acting Director of Intelligence for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Pleads Guilty to Role in Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

James M. Woosley, the former Acting Director of Intelligence for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to defrauding the government of more than \$180,000 in a scheme involving fraudulent travel vouchers and time and attendance claims.

Department Settles Towing Company Case Under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it had reached a settlement of alleged violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) providing damages and credit repair to 26 servicemembers whose cars were towed and sold while they were on active duty without obtaining court orders as SCRA requires. The settlement resolves allegations that Aristocrat Towing violated the SCRA when it towed and sold these servicemembers' vehicles without obtaining court orders.

Former Bryan County, Okla., Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Pleads Guilty to Using Taser to Shock Restrained Detainee (Civil Rights Division)

Former Bryan County, Okla., Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Kevin Bennett Holt pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma to using a Taser to assault a detainee inside of the Bryan County Jail in Durant, Okla., thereby depriving the detainee of his civil rights.

Colorado Man and Co-Defendant Found Guilty For Scheme to File Approximately \$22,000,000 in False Claims with the IRS (Tax Division)

Curtis Morris and Richard Kellogg Armstrong were found guilty on April 30, 2012, in U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado by a jury for mail fraud, filing false claims against the United States and conspiracy to file false claims against the United States.

Lawsuit Filed Against Princeton Review for Claiming Reimbursement for Tutoring Services It Did Not Provide (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

The United States has filed a civil fraud lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against The Princeton Review, Inc., a leading provider of educational products and services, and Ana Azocar, a former employee at the company, for Princeton Review's repeated submission of false claims for reimbursement in connection with a federally-funded program to provide tutoring services to underprivileged children in New York City.

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Draft Contempt Order from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (OPA)

Media is reporting on a draft contempt resolution released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee regarding the department's response to subpoenas and other information requests regarding Operation Fast and Furious. The department provided a letter to the Committee from the Deputy Attorney General strongly disputing claims that the department has not adequately responded to the Committee's requests.

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Former District of Columbia Council Member Harry Thomas Jr. Sentenced to Serve 38 Months in Prison for Theft, Tax Charges in Scheme Involving Government Funds (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

Harry L. Thomas Jr., a former member of the Council of the District of Columbia, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to serve 38 months in prison on federal theft and tax charges stemming from a scheme in which he used more than \$350,000 in taxpayers' money that was earmarked for the arts, youth recreation and summer programs for his own personal benefit, including to pay for vehicles, clothing and trips.

Media Reports Visa Received CID from Department (Antitrust Division)

Media outlets are reporting that Visa's CEO announced during a conference call to investors on Wednesday that the company has received a civil investigative demand (CID) from the Antitrust Division regarding Visa's debit strategy. The department declined to comment.

Hyosung Corporation Executive Agrees to Plead Guilty to Obstruction of Justice for Submitting False Documents in an ATM Merger Investigation (Antitrust Division)

Kyoungwon Pyo has agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and to serve time in a U.S. prison for obstruction of justice charges in connection with an automated teller machine merger investigation conducted by the Antitrust Division.

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Department Returns \$44 Million to Victims of Qwest Communications Fraud (Criminal Division)

The department has returned approximately \$44 million to victims of a securities fraud scheme related to Qwest Communications International Inc. The \$44 million in funds were forfeited to the United States as a result of the 2007 federal conviction of Qwest's chief executive officer, Joseph P. Nacchio, for securities fraud. The forfeited funds are being returned to 112,210 victims who incurred losses on Qwest securities purchased during the fraud scheme.

U.S. and State Of Ohio Reach \$5.5 Million Settlement for Damages from Hazardous Releases in Lower Ashtabula River and Harbor (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The department and Ohio Attorney General have reached a proposed settlement of claims for injuries to natural resources caused by past releases and discharges of hazardous substances into the lower Ashtabula River and Harbor in northeast Ohio. The consent decree, valued at approximately \$5.5 million, was filed today in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Austin, Texas, Man Sentenced to Serve 61 Months in Federal Prison for Bankruptcy Fraud and Identity Theft in Connection with Nationwide Foreclosure-Rescue Scheme (Criminal Division)

Frederic Alan Gladle was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas to serve 61 months in prison and was ordered to forfeit \$84,010 for his role in operating a foreclosure-rescue scam in Southern California and elsewhere that charged distressed homeowners fees in exchange for fraudulently delaying foreclosure sales.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Man Pleads Guilty to Odometer Tampering Charges (Civil Division)

Beau Michael Guidry pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to three counts of odometer tampering. Guidry, owner of Affordable Imports, purchased high-mileage motor vehicles both online, through eBay, as well as from wholesale automobile auctions in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The vehicles' odometers were then rolled back as much as 147,000 miles. Guidry subsequently resold the vehicles at his lot in Denham Springs or through eBay to unsuspecting purchasers.

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Remarks by Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary at Arresting Demand: A National Colloquium (OJP)

Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary delivered keynote remarks at the Demand Abolition, Hunt Alternatives Fund's Arresting Demand: A National Colloquium in Boston. The Colloquium brings together criminal justice professionals, survivors, nongovernment organization leaders, policymakers, researchers, philanthropists, corporate leaders, and activists committed to eradicating sex trafficking by eliminating the demand for illegal commercial sex.

Federal Court Shuts Down Texas Tax Return Preparer (Tax Division)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas has permanently barred Joseph Rivas from preparing federal tax returns for others.

Eleven Indicted in Pharmaceutical Thefts (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida)

Eleven South Florida residents were indicted today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida for their participation in the sale and distribution of stolen pharmaceuticals and other goods. This prosecution, dubbed Operation Southern Hospitality, targeted individuals involved in the sale and distribution of goods stolen from warehouses and tractor-trailers across the United States.

Former National Archives Employee Sentenced to Serve 18 Months in Prison for Stealing Historical Records (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland)

Leslie Charles Waffan, a former employee of the National Archives and Records Administration for over 40 years, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland to serve 18 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release for embezzling government property in connection with an eight-year scheme to sell historically significant sound recording discs on eBay that he stole from the National Archives.

Superseding Indictment Charges Former New York State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno with Scheme to Defraud Citizens (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York returned a superseding indictment today against Joseph L. Bruno, the former New York State Senate Majority Leader. Bruno is charged with carrying out a scheme to defraud the State of New York and its citizens of the right to his honest services through bribery and kickbacks by soliciting and accepting payments from an Albany, N.Y., businessman totaling \$440,000.

Florida Businessman with Swiss Bank Account Pleads Guilty to Filing a False Tax Return (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida)

Humberto Gomez pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to a one count information charging him with filing a false income tax return.

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Maryland Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists (National Security Division)

Mohammad Hassan Khalid pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, stemming from his participation in a scheme to support, recruit and coordinate members of a conspiracy in their plan to wage violent jihad in and around Europe.

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Former New Mexico Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse (Civil Rights Division)

Lawrence Etsitty, a former police officer with the Navajo Police Department, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico on charges related to the sexual abuse of a woman who was in his custody on Jan. 25, 2009.

Nine Alabama Family Members Indicted in Conspiracy to Obtain Tax Refunds Using Stolen Identities (Tax Division)

Barbara Murry, Douglas Murry, Douglas Murry III, Yolanda Moses, Lee Moses, Veronica Temple, Jeffrey Temple, Almetta Johnson and Courtney Johnson were charged in an indictment in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama on a variety of counts stemming from an identity theft and tax fraud scheme.

Dallas Man Sentenced in Half Billion Dollar Ponzi Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas)

A federal judge in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas has sentenced Joseph Blimline to serve 240 months in federal prison in connection with his role in a pair of complex, lucrative oil and gas Ponzi schemes that operated in Michigan and Texas.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Sunday, May 6, 2012

2:00 p.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver the commencement speech at the University of Michigan Law School.
University of Michigan Law School
Hill Auditorium
825 North University Ave.
Ann Arbor, Mich.
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7:30 p.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the NAACP Detroit Branch
57th Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner.

Cobo Convention Center

1 Washington Blvd.

Detroit

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Monday, May 7, 2012

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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Abbott Labs to Pay \$1.5 Billion to Resolve Criminal & Civil Investigations of Off-Label Promotion of Depakote (DAG)

Global Health Care Company Abbott Laboratories Inc. has pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.5 billion to resolve its criminal and civil liability arising from the company's unlawful promotion of the prescription drug Depakote for uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration, announced the department at a press conference today. The press conference speakers included the Deputy Attorney General, Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia Timothy Heaphy, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and Health and Human Services Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson.

Media Reports on Foiled Airline Bomb Plot (FBI)

Multiple media outlets are following up on *Associated Press* story late today about a failed plot by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) to destroy a U.S.-bound airliner using an improvised explosive device similar to those employed previously by AQAP near the one-year anniversary of the killing of Osama bin Laden. Press posture was coordinated by the White House and involved the department, the FBI, the CIA, and the Department of Homeland Security. The Department of Homeland Security and White House each issued statements to the media, and the FBI issued the following statement to the media:

- "As a result of close cooperation with our security and intelligence partners overseas, an improvised explosive device (IED) designed to carry out a terrorist attack has been seized abroad. The FBI currently has possession of the IED and is conducting technical and forensics analysis on it. Initial exploitation indicates that the device is very similar to IEDs that have been used previously by al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in attempted terrorist attacks, including against aircraft and for targeted assassinations. The device never presented a threat to public safety, and the U.S. Government is working closely with international partners to address associated concerns with the device. We refer you to the Department of Homeland Security, including the Transportation Security Administration, regarding ongoing security measures to safeguard the American people and the traveling public."

Media Reports on Sen. Franken's Letter to the Department and FCC Asking the Agencies to Investigate Alleged Violations of Comcast/NBC Merger Terms (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are expected to report on Sen. Franken's letter sent today to the Antitrust Division and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) calling on both agencies to investigate complaints that Comcast has violated the terms of its merger with NBC Universal as well as potentially violating net neutrality rules to prevent Comcast from prioritizing its content or discriminating against its

competitors' content. The department told reporters that it has received the senator's letter and that we will respond as appropriate.

Department to Monitor Election in Wisconsin (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that the Civil Rights Division will monitor the election on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, in Milwaukee. The monitoring will ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which requires certain covered jurisdictions to provide language assistance during the election process. The city of Milwaukee is required to provide assistance in Spanish.

Department Settles Document Abuse Claim Against Imagine Schools in Ohio (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it reached an agreement with Imagine Schools Inc., resolving allegations that the company discriminated under the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act, when it fired an employee at its Imagine School in Groveport, Ohio, in connection with a "reverification" of his employment eligibility.

Alabama Resident Arrested and Charged with Bribery and Gambling Conspiracy (Criminal Division)

Robert E. Taylor Jr. was arrested today and charged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama with conspiracy, federal programs bribery and operating an illegal gambling business.

Florida Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sex Trafficking of Minors and Production of Child Pornography (Criminal Division)

James Mozie was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to life in prison on charges of sex trafficking of minors and production of child pornography.

Five Men Convicted of Charges for Their Roles in Crimes That Led to Five Murders, Nine Other Shootings (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

Five men were convicted by a jury today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of murder, conspiracy and other charges for a series of violent crimes that culminated on the night of March 30, 2010, with a deadly mass shooting on South Capitol Street in Washington, D.C.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

1:15 p.m. EDT Deputy Assistant Attorney General Leslie C. Overton of the Antitrust Division will participate on a panel regarding, "Dealing with Enforcement Issues and Opportunities," at the Practicing Law Institute's 2012 Antitrust Institute: Developments and Hot Topics.
Practicing Law Institute
Conference Center, 21st Floor
810 Seventh Ave.
New York
OPEN PRESS

1:30 p.m. EDT Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Director Bernard Melekian and the COPS Office will host an open house on Capitol Hill, meeting with

congressional members and staff to discuss upcoming law enforcement grant programs and current public safety trends.

Dirksen Senate Office Building

Room 106

Washington, D.C.

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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Oral Arguments on Whether to Remove Iranian Dissident Group from U.S. Terrorism Blacklist (Civil Division)

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit heard arguments today on a petition from the Iranian group, Mujahadin-e Khalq, which is seeking an order forcing the State Department to either remove it from the list or require action within a specified period on its request to be delisted. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton plans to decide on the group's request to be delisted from the U.S. Foreign Terrorist Organization list "no later than 60 days after the last move," Robert Loeb, a Civil Division attorney representing the administration, told the appeals court that heard oral arguments on the issue. Loeb told the court the administration has been carefully weighing whether the group has fully renounced its violent past and given up any weapons. He denied that the process was without an end.

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Direct Resource Inc. Agrees to Pay \$450,000 to Settle Allegations of Selling Foreign Products to Federal Agencies (Civil Division)

Direct Resource Inc. has agreed to pay the government \$450,000 to resolve allegations that the company falsely claimed payment in violation of the Trade Agreements Act, which prohibits the sale of products to federal agencies from countries that do not have a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States. The allegations regarding the company arose from a whistleblower lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia under the *qui tam*, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act.

Leaders of Multi-Million Dollar Fraud Ring that Used Stolen Information of Medicaid Recipients Each Sentenced to Over 25 Years in Prison (Tax Division)

Veronica Dale and Alchico Grant, who jointly ran a stolen identity refund fraud ring that attempted to defraud the United States of millions of dollars over several years, were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama to serve 334 months and 310 months, respectively, in federal prison.

Alabama Return Preparer Sentenced to Federal Prison for Tax Conspiracy Involving Stolen Identity Refund Fraud (Tax Division)

Margaret Kirksey was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama to serve 81 months in federal prison for filing false tax returns using stolen identities.

Department to Return \$24 Million to Victims of Berkeley Nutraceutical Fraud (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio)

The department has released approximately \$24 million for remission payments to victims nationwide who purchased "sexual enhancement" and other nutritional products from Berkeley Premium Nutraceuticals Inc. under fraudulent circumstances between 2001 and 2005.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:00 a.m. EDT FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III will testify before the House Judiciary Committee on the oversight of the FBI.
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2141
Washington, D.C.
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8:00 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event.
George Washington University
Lisner Auditorium
730 21st St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Event (AG)

The Attorney General will deliver remarks at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event in Washington, D.C.

Statement of the Attorney General on the Passing of Former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas DeBelleville Katzenbach (AG)

The Attorney General released a statement today on the death of former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas DeBelleville Katzenbach.

Addition of Adam Mayes to FBI's Most Wanted Fugitive List (FBI)

The FBI, U.S. Attorneys for the Western District of Tennessee and Northern District of Mississippi, and the Tennessee and Mississippi Bureaus of Investigation today held a press conference today to announce the addition of Adam Christopher Mayes to the FBI's ten most wanted fugitive list. Mayes is suspected of killing Jo Ann Bain, of Tennessee, and her 14-year-old daughter, as well as kidnapping Bain's two younger daughters, ages 12 and 8.

Media Inquires About Congressional Letter to the Attorney General Regarding MF Global Investigation (OPA)

The department received requests for comment today on a congressional letter to the Attorney General calling for an independent counsel to investigate the collapse of MF Global Holdings Ltd. The letter has not yet been received. The department declined comment.

Michigan Man Sentenced to Serve Eight Years in Prison for Tax Fraud Scheme and Gun Crime (Tax Division)

Karl Herrington was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to serve 97 months in prison, following convictions at trial for corruptly endeavoring to obstruct the administration of the Internal Revenue laws, filing false tax forms with the Internal Revenue Service and being a felon in possession of firearms.

Investor Pleads Guilty in New York to Engaging in Market Manipulation Schemes Involving Two Different Stocks (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

David Blech pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to two counts of securities fraud arising from schemes to manipulate the market for securities of Pluristem Therapeutics Inc. and Intellect Neurosciences Inc. in 2007 and 2008.

New Jersey Insurance Broker Admits Failing to Pay Taxes, Making Illegal Donations to Federal Campaign (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey)

Joseph Bigica admitted today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey to failing to pay more than \$2 million in personal income taxes and using straw donors to make almost \$100,000 in illegal contributions to a federal campaign committee.

Indianapolis Man Sentenced to Serve 41 Months in Prison for Conspiring to Operate Interstate Prostitution Ring (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana)

Gregorio Hernandez-Castilla has been sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana to serve 41 months in prison after pleading guilty to charges of conspiring to operate an interstate prostitution ring with his two brothers.

Wisconsin Man Pleads Guilty to Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in Belize (Criminal Division)

Roland J. Flath pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to traveling in foreign commerce and engaging in and attempting to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

Former School Security Officer Sentenced to Serve 30 Years in Prison for Production of Child Pornography (Criminal Division)

Michael Wayne Wooten was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to serve 30 years in prison for producing child pornography.

Manalapan, N.J., Woman Pleads Guilty To Sexually Abusing Girl, Streaming Assault Live Over the Internet (Criminal Division)

Jennifer Mahoney pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey to producing child pornography by sexually abusing a five-year-old girl on more than one occasion and streaming footage of a sexual assault over the Internet.

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

The Attorney General Convenes 3rd Federal Reentry Council Meeting (AG)

The Attorney General today convened the third meeting of the federal interagency Reentry Council at the department. The council represents 20 federal agencies working to make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization; assisting those who return from prison and jail in becoming productive citizens; and saving taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.

Department Files Lawsuit in Arizona against Maricopa County, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Joseph Arpaio (Civil Rights Division)

The department filed a civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona today against Maricopa County, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Sheriff Joseph M. Arpaio, arising from unconstitutional and unlawful actions by the defendants. According to the complaint, since approximately 2006, MCSO and Sheriff Arpaio have intentionally and systematically discriminated against Latinos. The department held a press conference in Phoenix with Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez.

FBI Economic Espionage/Insider Threat Campaign (FBI)

The FBI plans to launch a public campaign tomorrow highlighting the threat from economic espionage and insiders who steal trade secrets from U.S. companies for the benefit of competitors and/or foreign governments. The FBI will post information to its website and unveil billboards in certain U.S. cities highlighting the threat. FBI officials have also conducted interviews with certain media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, which are expected to publish stories tomorrow and in the coming days on economic espionage.

Media Reports on Mozilla Corp.'s Allegations of Anticompetitive Behavior by Microsoft Corp. (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are reporting on comments made by Harvey Anderson, general counsel for Mozilla, and Asa Dotzler, director of Firefox, about Microsoft's decision to limit development of third party applications for the next generation version of Windows on ARM-based devices. Anderson argues that Microsoft is giving Internet Explorer an unfair advantage and hindering competitors' ability to distribute new software for the next generation operating system. Many of the reports have questioned whether this would violate the terms of Microsoft's previous settlement with the department over the bundling of Internet Explorer with Windows. The department declined to comment.

California Member of the Internet Piracy Group "IMAGiNE" Pleads Guilty to Copyright Infringement Conspiracy (Criminal Division)

Sean M. Lovelady, a member of the online piracy group IMAGiNE, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to conspiring to willfully reproduce and distribute tens of thousands of infringing copies of copyrighted works without permission, including infringing copies of movies before they were commercially released on DVD.

Two Stock Promoters, a Stock Trader and a Securities Lawyer Sentenced to Prison for Their Roles in a \$7 Million Fraudulent Stock Manipulation Scheme (Criminal Division)

Two stock promoters, a securities lawyer and a stock trader associated with a Costa Rican brokerage firm were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida for their participation in a stock manipulation scheme that defrauded investors in a company called CO2 Technologies.

Vice Lords Gang Member Who Escaped Prison After Murder Conviction in Tennessee Sentenced to Serve Life in Prison (Criminal Division)

Vice Lords gang member Jessie Lobbins was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee to life in prison for various crimes related to his involvement in the Vice Lords gang.

Companies Agree to \$4.25 Million Natural Resource Damages Settlement at Industri-Plex Superfund Site, Woburn, Mass. (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Pharmacia Corporation and Bayer CropScience Inc. have agreed to pay \$4.25 million to federal and state natural resource trustees to resolve claims for natural resource damages connected with the Industri-plex Superfund site located in Woburn, Mass.

Alaskan City Agrees to Extensive Sewer System Upgrade in Federal Settlement (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The city of Unalaska, Alaska, will undertake a major upgrade of its municipal sewage treatment plant under a settlement of a Clean Water Act enforcement action filed against the city and the state of Alaska by the Department of Justice on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Lawyer for Coachella Valley Indian Tribe and Three Others Charged in Bribery Scheme Related To Projects at Spotlight 29 Casino (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California)

An attorney for the 29 Palms Band of Mission Indians is among four people who have been indicted on federal bribery and money laundering charges for allegedly participating in scheme in which associates of the lawyer hired to provide assistance to the tribe paid kickbacks to the attorney.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:00 a.m. EDT Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary and Acting Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Melodee Hanes will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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**11:00 a.m. EDT/
10:00 a.m. CDT** Deputy Assistant Attorney General Fiona Scott-Morton of the Antitrust Division will participate on a panel regarding portfolio acquisition and enforcement at the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Spring Meeting.
Hilton Austin
500 E. Fourth St.
Austin, Texas
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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Three Former Financial Services Executives Convicted for Roles in Conspiracies Involving Investment Contracts for the Proceeds of Municipal Bonds (Antitrust Division)

A federal jury in New York City today convicted three former financial services executives – Dominick P. Carollo, Steven E. Goldberg and Peter S. Grimm – for their participation in conspiracies related to bidding for contracts for the investment of municipal bond proceeds and other municipal finance contracts.

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Justice Department to Monitor Elections in Texas (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it will monitor municipal elections on May 12, 2012, in Dallas, Galveston and Jasper Counties in Texas to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The observers will watch and record activities during voting hours at polling locations in these counties, and Civil Rights Division attorneys will coordinate the federal activities and maintain contact with local election officials.

Health Care Providers Settle with Justice Department Over Complaints of HIV Discrimination (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that it has reached settlements with two health care providers, Mercy Medical Group Midtown Clinic in Sacramento, Calif. and Knoxville Chiropractic Clinic North in Knoxville, Tenn., resolving claims that they had refused to serve people with HIV in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The settlement agreements require the entities to

develop and implement a non-discrimination policy and to train staff on the requirements of the ADA.

Former New England Organized Crime Leader and Associate Sentenced for Racketeering and Extortion Activities (Criminal Division)

Luigi "Louie" Manocchio, an admitted former boss and underboss of the New England La Cosa Nostra (NELCN), was sentenced to 66 months in federal prison for his leadership of and participation in a racketeering and extortion conspiracy.

Principal of Offshore Brokerage Firm Sentenced in Miami to 20 Years in Prison for \$7 Million Stock Manipulation Scam (Criminal Division)

Jonathan Curshen, the principal of Red Sea Management and Sentry Global Securities, was sentenced today in Miami to 20 years in prison for his role in a stock manipulation scheme that defrauded investors in a company called CO2 Technologies.

Department of Justice Seizes More Than \$1.5 Million in Proceeds from the Online Sale of Counterfeit Sports Apparel Manufactured in China (Criminal Division)

The department has seized more than \$1.5 million in proceeds from the distribution of counterfeit sports apparel and jerseys as the result of an investigation into the sale of counterfeit goods on commercial websites. The investigation also resulted in the seizure of three domain names used in the sale of counterfeit sports apparel.

Georgia County Commissioner Charged with Attempted Extortion, Bribery and False Statements (Criminal Division)

Al J. Hurley, a county commissioner in Sumter County, Ga., was indicted today for his alleged role in soliciting illicit payments in exchange for his official efforts to secure government contracts for a private contractor.

Omnicare to Pay \$50 Million to Resolve Allegations of Improper Dispensing of Controlled Substances at Nursing Homes (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio)

The department has reached a settlement with Omnicare Inc. in which the company will pay a \$50 million civil penalty to resolve claims its various pharmacy facilities improperly dispensed controlled substances to patients at long-term care facilities across the country.

Rhode Island-Based Sellers of Herbal Products Held in Contempt (Civil Division)

A U.S. District Court Judge has held Daniel Chapter One, an herbal products company located in Portsmouth, R.I., and its officers, James and Patricia Feijo, in civil contempt of court for violating the terms of a preliminary injunction order.

Virginia Anesthesiologist Pleads Guilty to Filing False Tax Returns (Tax Division)

George Anderson, an anesthesiologist from Farmville, Va. pleaded guilty today to two counts of filing a false corporate and false individual income tax return.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Saturday, May 12, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. EDT** Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver the commencement speech at the University of North Carolina Law School.
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Carmichael Arena
301 South Rd.
Chapel Hill, N.C.
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- 3:00 p.m. EDT/
2:00 p.m. CDT** Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will deliver the commencement speech to Texas Wesleyan University.
Arena of the Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston St.
Fort Worth, Texas
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Sunday, May 13, 2012

- 8:00 p.m. EDT** Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the National Police Week 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
400 Block of E St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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Monday, May 14, 2012

Events TBD

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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Department to Monitor Elections in Nebraska (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it will monitor the primary elections on May 15, 2012, in Colfax and Douglas Counties in Nebraska, to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other federal voting rights statutes. The Voting Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the election process on the basis of race, color or membership in a minority language group.

Wilcox County, Georgia, Sheriff, Son and Jailer Face Civil Rights Charges in Superseding Indictment (Civil Rights Division)

A grand jury sitting in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia returned a superseding indictment Friday against former Wilcox County Sheriff Stacy Bloodsworth; his son, Austin Bloodsworth; and former Wilcox County Jailer Casey Owens. The superseding indictment charges the defendants with assaulting three different inmates inside of the Wilcox County Jail on July 23, 2009, thereby violating their civil rights.

Nineteen-Year Police Veteran Convicted In Puerto Rico For Role In Providing Armed Security For Drug Transaction (Criminal Division)

Yamil Navedo Ramirez, a 19-year veteran of the Police of Puerto Rico, was convicted today in U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico for her role in providing security for a drug transaction.

Alabama Pharmacist and Wife Plead Guilty to Tax Fraud Conspiracy (Tax Division)

Thomas K. Frye and Kathy M. Frye, husband and wife, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama to conspiring to defraud the United States by submitting IRS forms to their employers that falsely claimed they were exempt from federal income taxes.

New Mexico Man Pleads Guilty To Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Crimes (Tax Division)

Douglas Kuester pleaded guilty Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico to one count each of filing false claims and aggravated identity theft.

Executives at Debt Collection Agency Admit Roles in \$10 Million Client, Lender and Investor Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Richard Pinto and Peter Pinto each pleaded guilty late Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, bank fraud and money laundering and one count of wire fraud stemming from a \$10 million fraud scheme they executed while executives at Oxford Collection Agency.

Former FBI Agent Charged in Indiana with Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Indiana)

Former FBI Agent Donald J. Sachtleben has been charged in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana by criminal complaint with possessing and distributing child pornography.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

**2:30 a.m. EDT/
10:30 a.m. MSK** Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer
will deliver remarks at a roundtable discussion hosted by Transparency
International.
High School of Economics
Myasnitskaya Str. 22
Moscow, Russia
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Department Probe of J.P. Morgan Chase (OPA/Criminal Division)

National and international media outlets called for comment after *The Wall Street Journal* reported today that the department had initiated a preliminary inquiry into J.P. Morgan Chase & Co's \$2 billion-plus trading loss based on anonymous sources. The department declined comment.

Media Reports on Violent Criminal Serving as ATF Informant (ATF)

CNN and *The Seattle Times* today reported on the case of Joshua Allan Jackson, an individual who held captive and sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman at a Seattle hotel and committed other violent crimes while allegedly serving as a paid informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Seattle. Jackson has reputedly been jailed in 43 states. Additional media is expected to follow up. The ATF issued the following statement in response to media queries:

- "As a general matter, the ATF does not confirm or deny whether an individual serves as a confidential informant. However, ATF special agents must always adhere to the strict Justice Department and ATF policies regarding the use of confidential informants. ATF officials take very seriously the allegations reported in the Seattle Times and are investigating this matter to ensure that employees are complying with all applicable laws and policies with respect to informants. Ensuring the safety and well-being of the public is the first priority of ATF in fighting violent crime."

Media Reports on Document Release on Fast and Furious (OPA)

Media is expected to report on documents released today to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee regarding Operation Fast and Furious. The department provided the documents and a letter to Chairman Darrell Issa from the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs Ron Weich.

Media Reports on *The Asbury Park Press* Online Federal Government Employee Salary, Bonus Database (OPA)

Media is reporting on *The Asbury Park Press*' new online database of federal government employee salary and bonus information. Articles state that the information was obtained by *The Asbury Park Press* through a FOIA request placed with the Office of Management and Budget. The database allows someone to enter a federal worker's name to obtain salary and bonus information. Articles note that although the database covers 70 percent of federal workers, certain agencies, including the Department of Defense, White House, Congress, CIA and FBI are excluded from the database. Articles specifically noted bonuses of \$40,000 and more than \$60,000.

U.S. District Judge Denies Publishers' Motion to Dismiss Class Action Lawsuit Over E-Books (OPA)

Media outlets are reporting on U.S. District Judge Denise Cote's order denying a motion to dismiss the class action complaint, filed by 31 states and territories, against Apple and five publishing companies over e-book pricing. In her order, Judge Cote stated that the complaint "plausibly alleges that Apple and the Publisher Defendants took part in a conspiracy in restraint of trade, that an object of this conspiracy was to raise prices for eBooks, and that this restraint was unreasonable per se." The order goes on to say that "Apple and the Publisher Defendants' agreement in restraint of trade is unlawful per se because it is, at root, a horizontal price restraint." The department declined to comment.

Japanese Citizen Sentenced to Serve 17 Years in Prison for Participating in International Child Pornography Ring (Criminal Division)

Futoshi Tachino was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to serve 17 years in prison and lifetime supervised release for conspiracy to advertise child pornography.

Florida Man Indicted by Federal Grand Jury for "Sextortion" and Cyberstalking (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida)

Christopher P. Gunn was indicted in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida today on multiple charges involving the online sextortion and cyberstalking of young girls ranging in age from 13 to 17 years old.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

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| 6:15 a.m. EDT/
2:15 p.m. MSK | Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks to students at St. Petersburg Law School.
St. Petersburg Law School
Vasiliyevsky Island Line 22, 7
St. Petersburg, Russia
OPEN PRESS |
| 10:00 a.m. EDT | FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the oversight of the FBI.
Dirksen House Office Building
Room 226
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS |
| 2:30 p.m. EDT | Drug Enforcement Administration Deputy Administrator Thomas M. Harrigan is scheduled to testify before the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control on countering narcotics threats in West Africa.
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 562
Washington, D.C.
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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Statement by FBI Director Mueller on J.P. Morgan (FBI)

Media is reporting on statements made today by FBI Director Robert Mueller during a Senate Judiciary hearing on a FBI investigation into a J.P. Morgan Chase and Co.'s \$2-billion-plus trading loss. In response to a question from Senator Michael Lee regarding details and timing, Director Mueller stated, "All I can say is we've opened a preliminary investigation and, as you would well know having been in this business for a long time, it depends on a number of factors." The FBI and the department referred reporters to the director's remarks.

Two Individuals and Their California Company Sentenced in Connection With Exports of Computer Equipment to Iran (National Security Division)

Massoud Habibion, Mohsen Motamedian, and their Costa Mesa, Calif., company, Online Micro LLC, were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in connection with a scheme to illegally export millions of dollars worth of computer-related goods from the United States to Iran through the United Arab Emirates. Habibion was sentenced to serve 13 months in prison and Motamedian was sentenced to serve 36 months in prison.

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Arizona State Representative Charged With Bribery, Fraud, Attempted Extortion and Making False Statements (Criminal Division)

Paul Ben Arredondo, a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, was charged today in U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona with bribery, fraud, attempted extortion and false statements in connection with receiving more than \$6,000 in tickets to sporting and special events while serving as a Tempe City councilmember and member-elect of the Arizona House.

Houston-Area Nurse Sentenced to 97 Months in Prison for Role in \$5.2 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Houston area nurse Ezinne Ubani was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to serve 97 months in prison for her participation in a \$5.2 million Medicare fraud scheme.

Former Oklahoma Detention Officer Pleads Guilty to Assault (Civil Rights Division)

Jerrold Porter Lane, a former detention officer at the Muskogee, Okla. County Jail (MCJ), pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma to charges related to his assault of an inmate at MCJ and his subsequent attempts to cover up the assault.

Colorado-Based QEP Field Services Co. Agrees to Pay \$4 Million and Install Pollution Controls to Resolve Alleged Violations of the Clean Air Act (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced a settlement with QEP Field Services Co. to resolve alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at five natural gas compressor stations on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Northeastern Utah. QEP will pay a \$3.65 million civil penalty and will pay \$250,000 to a Tribal Clean Air Trust Fund.

Alabama Sisters Sentenced for Their Roles in Stolen Identity Refund Fraud (Tax Division)

Loretta Ferguson and her sister, Tracey Ferguson were sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama for their involvement in a conspiracy to file claims for false income tax refunds using stolen identities. Both sisters were sentenced to serve 115 months in prison.

Real Estate Investment Company Owner and New York Attorney Arrested in Connection with \$4.7 Million Real Estate Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

James Monahan, the owner of real estate investment company Panam Management Group Inc. and Edward Adams, a New York-based attorney, were arrested today and charged in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York with mail and wire fraud charges for allegedly operating a fraudulent real estate scheme.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

**1:30 a.m. EDT/
9:30 a.m. MSK** Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer will participate in the St. Petersburg Legal Forum roundtable discussion entitled, "Open Government."
The Hermitage
St. Petersburg, Russia
OPEN PRESS

**4:00 a.m. EDT/
12:00 p.m. MSK** Attorney General Eric Holder will participate in the St. Petersburg Legal Forum Plenary Session.
The Hermitage
St. Petersburg, Russia
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**7:00 a.m. EDT/
3:00 p.m. MSK** Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer will participate in the St. Petersburg Legal Forum roundtable discussion entitled, "Fighting Against New Threats to Security: A Balance of Rule of Law and Police Efficiency."
The Hermitage
St. Petersburg, Russia
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- 2:00 p.m. EDT** Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will visit Fort Campbell and deliver remarks to soldiers.
Fort Campbell Army Airfield
Fort Campbell, Ky.
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- 3:00 p.m. EDT** Solicitor General Donald Verrilli will deliver the commencement speech at the Columbia University School of Law.
Columbia University School of Law
435 W. 116th St.
New York
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- 3:45 p.m. EDT/
12:15 p.m. PDT** Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart Delery will deliver keynote remarks at the American Bar Association's Fourth Annual National Institute on Internal Corporate Investigations and Forum for In-House Counsel.
Hotel Nikko
222 Mason St.
San Francisco
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Department Releases Final Rule to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape (AG)

The department today released a final rule to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse in confinement facilities, in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. This landmark rule sets national standards for four categories of facilities: adult prisons and jails, lockups, community confinement facilities and juvenile facilities. Today's rule is the first-ever federal effort to set standards aimed at protecting inmates in all such facilities at the federal, state and local levels. The department conducted a background briefing call with reporters, provided outreach to stakeholders and posted the 500-page report online. The department also conducted separate editorial calls with *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

Remarks by the Attorney General at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum Plenary Session. Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer also participated in several sessions of the legal forum throughout the week.

Media Reports on FOIA Documents Released Regarding "Ghost Stories" Spy Case (FBI)

Media is expected to report on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) documents released today by the FBI to the Associated Press as part of an ongoing FOIA release in the "Ghost Stories" Russian spy case. The documents are all listed and described in the criminal complaint made public in 2010.

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Department Reaches Agreement with Wythe County, Va., on Bailout from the Voting Rights Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that it has reached an agreement with Wythe County, Va., that will allow for the county and its three political subdivisions, the Wythe County School District and the towns of Rural Retreat and Wytheville, to bail out from their status as "covered jurisdictions" under the special provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and thereby exempt these jurisdictions from the preclearance requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The consent decree, which must be approved by the court, was filed today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Co-Owner of Detroit-Area Physical Therapy Company Sentenced to Serve 48 Months in Prison for Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Fatima Hassan, the co-owner of a Detroit-area physical therapy company, was sentenced today in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to serve 48 months in prison for her leading role in a more than \$1.9 million Medicare fraud scheme.

Owner of Houston Health Care Company Convicted of Defrauding Medicare (Criminal Division)

Philip Ware, the owner of Houston health care company Preferred Plus Medical Supply, was convicted yesterday by a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in connection with a \$750,000 Medicare fraud scheme.

Former U.S. Army Captain Pleads Guilty to Theft of Government Property at Camp Speicher, Iraq (Criminal Division)

Nicole E. Luvera, a former captain in the U.S. Army, pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia to one count of theft of government property for stealing \$48,000 from a safe at Camp Speicher, Iraq.

Remarks by Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart F. Delery at American Bar Association Forum (Civil Division)

Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart Delery delivered keynote remarks at the American Bar Association's Fourth Annual National Institute on Internal Corporate Investigations and Forum for In-House Counsel in San Francisco.

California Woman Indicted for Tax Evasion and Bank Fraud (Tax Division)

A grand jury in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California has returned an indictment charging Crystal Ann Poole with evading income taxes for over eight years and for defrauding a federally insured bank in Mississippi.

Three individuals in Alabama Plead Guilty in Two Separate Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Schemes (Tax Division)

Three individuals pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama in separate cases involving the use of stolen identities to file fraudulent tax returns. Crystal Sayles pleaded guilty today to one count each of filing false claims, access device fraud and aggravated identity theft. In a separate case, Chiquanta Davis and Terrence Davis each pleaded guilty to crimes related to a different stolen identity tax refund fraud scheme.

Department Seeks to Shut Down San Antonio Tax Return Preparers (Tax Division)

The United States has sued Pete Gutierrez and Jeanette Gutierrez, who do business as Fast Cash Refund Express and Fast Cash Refund Express Electronic Services, seeking to bar them and their companies from preparing any federal tax returns for others. The complaint was filed today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Second Former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Manager Pleads Guilty in Alleged \$30 Million Bribery and Kickback Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

Kerry F. Khan, a former program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pleaded guilty today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to federal charges of bribery and conspiracy to

commit money laundering. The scheme allegedly involved more than \$30 million in bribes and kickback payments and the planned steering of a government contract potentially worth \$1 billion.

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**1:30 a.m. EDT/
9:30 a.m. MSK** Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer will participate in the St. Petersburg Legal Forum roundtable discussion entitled, "International Best Practices in Compliance."
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**5:00 a.m. EDT/
11:00 a.m. CEST** Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will participate in a press availability following a cyber crime and cyber security roundtable discussion.
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Max-Joseph-Platz 3
Munich
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**2:00 p.m. EDT/
1:00 p.m. CDT** Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will deliver the commencement speech at the University of Wisconsin Law School.
Monona Terrace Convention Center
Exhibit Hall
1 John Nolen Dr.
Madison, Wis.
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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General on "Alternatives to Incarceration Program: The Use of 'Drug Courts' in the Federal and State Systems" (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks at New York University Law School on "Alternatives to Incarceration Program: The Use of 'Drug Courts' in the Federal and State Systems" at an event sponsored by the Federal Bar Council.

Media Reports on Bureau of Justice Statistics Unauthorized Access by Internet Community (OPA)

Media is reporting on the unauthorized access of 1.7 GB of information from the Bureau of Justice Statistics by the Internet community Anonymous. The department released the following statement:

- The department is looking into the unauthorized access of a website server operated by the Bureau of Justice Statistics that contained data from their public website. The Bureau of Justice Statistics website has remained operational throughout this time. The department's main website, justice.gov, was not affected. The department is continuing protection and defensive measures to safeguard information and will refer any activity that is determined to be criminal in nature to law enforcement for investigation.

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President of South Carolina-Based Firm Charged with Illegally Exporting Goods to Iran (National Security Division)

Markos Baghdasarian, the President of Delfin Group USA, was arrested on Saturday May 19, 2012, at the Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta just prior to boarding an international flight to the United Arab Emirates. Baghdasarian was charged by criminal complaint, issued in U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, with exporting goods from the United States to Iran without the required U.S. Department of the Treasury licenses and with making false statements on official government documents.

Ohio Man Sentenced to Serve 75 Months in Prison for Scheme to Send Money to Hizballah (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio)

Hor I. Akl was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio to serve more than six years in prison after previously pleading guilty to criminal charges related to a scheme to send hundreds of thousands of dollars to Hizballah, a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Media Reports on Lawsuits by Catholic Institutions Regarding Affordable Care Act (OPA)

Media is reporting on a dozen lawsuits filed Monday across the country on behalf of 43 separate Catholic institutions against the mandate in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requiring employers to provide contraception coverage. The department stated that it was reviewing the lawsuits at this time.

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Department Settles with Home Depot to Enforce the Employment Rights of an Army National Guard Soldier (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it has reached a settlement with Home Depot U.S.A. Inc., to resolve allegations that the company violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 when it terminated the employment of Army National Guard soldier Brian Bailey.

Department Settles with Flint, Michigan, to Make Voting Accessible to People with Disabilities (Civil Rights Division)

The department today announced a settlement, filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, under the Americans with Disabilities Act with the city of Flint, Mich., to make all the city's polling places more accessible for individuals with mobility impairments.

Former Haitian Government Official Sentenced to Serve Nine Years in Prison for Role in Scheme to Launder Bribes (Criminal Division)

Jean Rene Duperval, a former director of international relations for Telecommunications D'Haiti S.A.M., a Haitian state-owned telecommunications company, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to serve nine years in prison for his role in a scheme to launder bribes paid to him by two Miami-based telecommunications companies.

Former Navy Seaman Convicted in Child Pornography Case (Criminal Division)

Former U.S. Navy Seaman James Driver was convicted today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on one count of possession of child pornography.

Former Alexandria, Virginia, Resident Pleads Guilty to Corruptly Endeavoring to Impede the Internal Revenue Service (Tax Division)

Donald R. Megginson pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to corruptly endeavoring to obstruct and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue laws.

Corporate Lawyer Pleads Guilty in New York to Money Laundering and Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York)

Martin Weisberg pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to one charge of money laundering and one charge of conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:30 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary will deliver remarks at the National Second Chance Act Conference.
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Rd., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary at the National Second Chance Act Conference (AG)

The Attorney General and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary delivered remarks at the National Second Chance Act Conference in Washington, D.C.

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Department Files Lawsuit against New Jersey IT Company for Retaliation (Civil Rights Division)

The department filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey today against Whiz International, an information technology staffing company in Jersey City, N.J., regarding allegations that the company violated the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act when it terminated an employee in retaliation for her opposition to Whiz's preference for foreign nationals with temporary work visas.

Massachusetts Man Sentenced to Serve 64 Months in Prison on Child Pornography Charges (Criminal Division)

Chris Allen Oake was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to serve 64 months in prison for transportation, receipt and possession of child pornography.

Former Pennsylvania Businessman Convicted of Filing False Returns (Tax Division)

Jonathon Felix was found guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania of willfully signing and filing false income tax returns.

Ohio Insurance Salesman Guilty of Tax Charges (Tax Division)

A jury in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio convicted William A. Herder yesterday on federal tax charges. Herder was charged with corruptly endeavoring to impair and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue laws, tax evasion and five counts of failure to file tax returns.

Mexican Businessman Indicted for Alleged Money Laundering and Bank Fraud (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas)

Fernando Alejandro Cano Martinez has been indicted in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas as a result of the efforts of a multi-agency Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force

investigation. The indictment stems from a long-term investigation targeting alleged money laundering activities inside the United States.

105 Charged in Connecticut Narcotics Trafficking and Firearm Offenses (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

A total of 105 defendants have been charged as a result of "Operation Bloodline," a joint law enforcement investigation headed by the DEA New Haven, Conn., Task Force, targeting narcotics trafficking and gang violence in the Dwight-Kensington and Fair Haven sections of New Haven.

Alleged Genovese Organized Crime Family Member and Associates among 14 Charged in Racketeering Conspiracy (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey)

Thirteen individuals, including one alleged member of the Genovese organized crime family and 12 members and associates of its LaScala Crew, were charged today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey in connection with an illegal, on-line gambling operation.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

- 8:30 a.m. EDT** Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary will deliver remarks at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Congressional Breakfast.
Cannon House Office Building
Cannon Caucus Room, Room 345
Washington, D.C.
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- 9:00 a.m. EDT** Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the annual meeting of the American Law Institute.
Mayflower Hotel
Grand Ballroom
1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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- 10:00 a.m. EDT** Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Melodee Hanes is scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts on child protection training.
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 224
Washington, D.C.
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- 2:00 p.m. EDT** Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary and Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Melodee Hanes will

deliver remarks at the National Missing Children's Day commemoration.
U.S. Department of Justice
Great Hall
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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3:30 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the Harvard Law School
Class Day event.
Harvard Law School
Holmes Field
1563 Massachusetts Ave.,
Cambridge, Mass.
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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Justice Department to Monitor Elections in Texas (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it will monitor the primary elections on May 29, 2012, in Fort Bend, Harris, and Jefferson Counties in Texas, to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other federal voting rights statutes.

Miami Man Convicted for Obstruction of Justice and False Statements for Certifying Ships Safe for Sea (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Alejandro Gonzalez, a Miami-based ship surveyor, was found guilty yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida for lying to the U.S. Coast Guard and for falsely certifying the safety of ships at sea. Gonzalez was convicted of three counts of making false statements to the U.S. Coast Guard and one count of obstruction of an agency proceeding.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, May 28, 2012

Federal Holiday

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

3:00 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will attend the Presidential Medal of Freedom reception at the White House.
The White House
The East Room
Washington, D.C.
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Justice Department Announces Agreement to Protect Rights of Military and Overseas Voters in California (Civil Rights Division)

The Justice Department announced today that it has reached an agreement with California state officials to help ensure that military servicemembers, their family members and U.S. citizens living overseas have the opportunity to participate fully in California's June 5, 2012, federal primary election. The agreement was filed on Saturday, May 26, 2012, in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, at the same time as a lawsuit brought under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The Justice Department filed suit in response to the state's failure to send absentee ballots to thousands of California's eligible military and overseas voters for the June 5, 2012, federal primary election at least 45 days prior to the election, as required by UOCAVA.

Romanian National Extradited To U.S. To Face Charges For Allegedly Participating In Multimillion Dollar Scheme To Hack Into And Steal Credit Card Data From U.S. Merchants (Criminal Division)

Adrian-Tiberiu Oprea, of Constanta, Romania, was extradited to the United States and appeared in U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire today, to face federal charges relating to his alleged participation in an international multimillion dollar scheme to remotely hack into and steal payment card data from hundreds of U.S. merchants' "point of sale" computer systems. Oprea was charged in a four-count indictment unsealed on Dec. 6, 2011, and he was extradited to the United States on May 25, 2012.

Former Head of Worldwide Sales at California Valve Company Pleads Guilty to Foreign Bribery Offense (Criminal Division)

Paul Cosgrove, the former Head of Worldwide Sales at Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.-based valve company Control Components Inc. (CCI) pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Cosgrove pleaded guilty to a one-count superseding information charging him with making a corrupt payment to a foreign government official in China in violation of the FCPA.

Mid-America Pipeline Company and Enterprise Products Operating to Pay \$1 Million for Spills in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska (Environment And Natural Resources Division)

Mid-America Pipeline Company LLC (MAPCO), and Enterprise Products Operating LLC, of Houston, have agreed to pay a civil penalty of more than \$1 million to the United States to settle violations of the federal Clean Water Act related to three natural gasoline pipeline spills in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The consent decree was filed today in U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Justice Department Settles Lawsuit Against New Jersey Information Technology Company For Retaliation (Civil Rights Division)

The Justice Department settled a lawsuit today in the District of New Jersey against Whiz International LLC, an information technology staffing company in Jersey City, N.J., regarding allegations that the company violated the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act when it terminated an employee in retaliation for expressing opposition to Whiz's alleged preference for foreign nationals with temporary work visas. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Self-Proclaimed "Governor" of Alabama Sentenced to Ten Years in Federal Prison for Tax Fraud (Tax Division)

Monty Ervin and Patricia Ervin, owners of Southern Realty in Dothan, Ala., were sentenced today in the Middle District of Alabama to federal prison for conspiring to defraud the United States and tax evasion. Monty Ervin was sentenced to 120 months in prison; Patricia Ervin was sentenced to five years of probation, with the condition that she spend 40 consecutive weekends in jail. Monty and Patricia Ervin were convicted by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy and three counts of tax evasion on Nov. 4, 2011.

Owner of Hawaii Car Dealerships and Chief Financial Officer Plead Guilty to Tax Crimes (Tax Division)

Charles Alan Pflueger, owner of Pflueger Inc., Randall Kurata, the company's chief financial officer, and Julie Kam, Pflueger's executive assistant, pleaded guilty to filing false federal income tax returns in U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii. Pflueger and Kam each pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false individual federal income tax return for tax year 2005. Kurata pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false corporate federal income tax return for Pflueger Inc. for tax year 2003.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver the keynote speech at the Congressional Black Caucus's Faith Leaders Summit in conjunction with the Conference of National Black Churches Annual Consultation.
Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. For security purposes, media check-in and equipment set up must be completed by 7:45 a.m. EDT for an 8:00 a.m. EDT security sweep. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Stephanie L. Young at 202-731-2621 or Stephanie.Young@mail.house.gov.

**4:00 p.m. EDT/
3:00 p.m. CDT** Attorney General Eric Holder and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Director Bernard K. Melekian will deliver remarks at the Major Cities Chiefs Summer 2012 Meeting.
Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center
1800 Texas 26
Grapevine, Texas

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Major Cities Chiefs Association Summer Meeting (AG)

The Attorney General and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Director Bernard K. Melekian delivered remarks at the Major Cities Chiefs Summer 2012 Meeting in Grapevine, Texas.

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Conference of National Black Churches Annual Consultation (AG)

The Attorney General delivered the keynote speech at the Congressional Black Caucus's Faith Leaders Summit in conjunction with the Conference of National Black Churches Annual Consultation in Washington, D.C.

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Department Settles Religious Discrimination Lawsuit against New York City Transit Authority (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it has reached a settlement with the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) to resolve allegations that the NYCTA is engaged in a pattern or practice of religious discrimination by selectively enforcing its uniform headwear policies against employees who are unable to comply for religious reasons. The department filed its complaint in September 2004 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

National Science Foundation Program Director Pleads Guilty in Connection with Scheme to Conceal Received Benefits (Criminal Division)

Dr. Shih Chi Liu, a former program director at the National Science Foundation (NSF), pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to engaging in a scheme to conceal gifts and fraudulent payments he received.

Singapore Ship Operator and Engineers Plead Guilty to Crimes Related to Pollution from Cargo Ship Traveling to Mobile, Alabama (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

Target Ship Management Pte. Ltd., Payongyut Vongvichinakul and Pakpoom Hanprap pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama for deliberately falsifying records to conceal pollution discharges from their ship, the M/V Gaurav Prem, directly into the sea. The company was sentenced to pay a \$1 million criminal fine along with a \$200,000 community service payment to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

South Florida Retired Businessman Pleads Guilty to Failing to Disclose Assets Held In Swiss Banks (Tax Division)

Wolfgang Roessel pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Florida to filing a false tax return for 2007. According to the court documents, Roessel, a U.S. citizen, maintained bank accounts at UBS AG in Switzerland, which he failed to report on his 2002 through 2007 personal income tax returns.

New York Businessman Pleads Guilty to Filing False Corporate Tax Return (Tax Division)

Sung Soo Shin pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to filing a false corporate income tax return, for the fiscal year 2009.

Connecticut Woman Sentenced to Serve More Than Three Years in Federal Prison for Role in Mortgage Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Isaura Guzman was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to serve 37 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for her participation in an eastern Connecticut mortgage fraud scheme.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

11:30 a.m. EDT Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart F. Delery,
Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division
Ignacia S. Moreno and
Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division Kathryn Keneally are scheduled
to testify before the
House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
House Rayburn Office Building
Room 2141
Washington, D.C.
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on John Edwards Trial (OPA)

Media is reporting on the outcome of jury deliberations in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina today in the trial of former presidential candidate John Edwards. The jury found Edwards not guilty on one of six counts and deadlocked on the other five counts, leading to a mistrial. The department declined to comment.

Media Reports on DOMA Ruling in First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (OPA)

Media is reporting on a unanimous ruling by the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston declaring the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional. The department provided background information noting that the decision reaffirms the department's stance on DOMA and DOMA defense.

Department Reaches \$21 Million Settlement to Resolve Allegations of Lending Discrimination by SunTrust Mortgage (Civil Rights Division)

SunTrust Mortgage Inc., the mortgage lending subsidiary of the nation's 11th-largest commercial bank, has agreed to pay \$21 million to resolve a lawsuit that it engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination that increased loan prices for many of the qualified African-American and Hispanic borrowers who obtained loans between 2005 and 2009 through SunTrust Mortgage's regional retail offices and national network of mortgage brokers. The department held a press conference call with Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia Neil H. MacBride.

ATF Releases U.S. Firearms Trace Data for 2011 (ATF)

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) today released firearms trace data for all individual U.S. states and territories for calendar year 2011. ATF's National Tracing Center traced more than 319,000 crime guns in calendar year 2011. A firearms trace is typically conducted when a law enforcement agency recovers a firearm at a crime scene and needs to know the origin of that firearm in order to develop investigative leads.

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Department Files Lawsuit against Las Vegas Casino for Unfair Documentary Practices (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada against Tuscany Hotel and Casino LLC in Las Vegas, alleging that the company engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination in the employment eligibility verification and re-verification process. The Immigration and Nationality Act requires employers to treat all authorized workers equally during the hiring, firing and employment eligibility verification process, regardless of their national origin or citizenship status.

Former Tuscaloosa Police Sergeant Charged with Civil Rights Violations (Civil Rights Division)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama today returned a five-count indictment charging former City of Tuscaloosa Police Sergeant Jason Glenn Thomas with federal civil rights offenses in connection with the aggravated sexual assault of a Tuscaloosa woman in 2011.

Minnesota-Based St. Jude Medical Pays U.S. \$3.65 Million to Settle Claims That It Overcharged For Implantable Cardiac Devices (Civil Division)

St. Jude Medical Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$3.65 million to resolve civil allegations under the False Claims Act that the company inflated the cost of replacement pacemakers and defibrillators purchased by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. St. Paul, Minn.-based St. Jude Medical develops, manufactures and distributes cardiovascular and implantable neurostimulation medical devices.

Former National Guard Recruiter Pleads Guilty For Leading Role in Bribery and Fraud Scheme to Illegally Obtain Military Recruiting Bonuses (Criminal Division)

Former Sergeant Rafael L. Acosta Jr. pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas for his lead role in a bribery and fraud conspiracy that caused more than \$90,000 in losses to the National Guard Bureau.

Plastics Producer SABIC Agrees to Reduce Harmful Air Pollution from Leaking Equipment to Resolve Clean Air Act Violations in Indiana and Alabama (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

SABIC Innovative Plastics US LLC, and its subsidiary, SABIC Innovative Plastics Mt. Vernon LLC, have agreed to pay an approximately \$1 million civil penalty and improve leak detection and repair practices to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at chemical manufacturing facilities in Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Burkville, Ala.

Woman Convicted of Tax Fraud Conspiracy in South Florida Sentenced to Serve 51 Months in Prison (Tax Division)

Nasheba Necia Hunte was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to serve 51 months in prison for her role in a conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and for filing false tax returns.

Congressional Campaign Finance Director Charged with Conspiring to Conceal Origin of Contributions (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Robert Braddock Jr., the finance director of a Connecticut congressional campaign, has been charged in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut with conspiracy to conceal the source of contributions to the campaign of a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Colombo Family "Street Boss" Pleads Guilty to Racketeering and Firearms Charges (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts)

Ralph F. DeLeo agreed to plead guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to conspiring to violate the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute and possessing firearms and ammunition.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Events TBD

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Media Reports on Letter to Florida Regarding Voter List Maintenance (Civil Rights Division)

Media is reporting on the letter sent from Civil Rights Division Voting Section Chief Chris Herren to the Florida Secretary of State regarding reports that Florida has begun implementation of a program to remove voters from its voter rolls. The department informed Florida that its reported list maintenance program would be in violation of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act. The department requested a response from the state by June 6, 2012.

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Virginia-Based Defense Contractor Calnet to Pay \$18.1 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Lawsuit (Civil Division)

Calnet Inc., an intelligence analysis, information technology and language services company, has agreed to pay the United States \$18.1 million to resolve allegations that the company submitted false claims to the Department of Defense. The settlement was filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Doctors, Therapist and Recruiters from Miami-Area Mental Health Care Corporation Convicted for Participating in \$205 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Dr. Mark Willner, Dr. Alberto Ayala and therapist Vanja Abreu (Ph.D.) were each found guilty today by a federal jury in the Southern District of Florida of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Willner was acquitted of five other counts of health care fraud and Ayala was acquitted of two other counts of health care fraud. Hilario Morris and Curtis Gates were each found guilty of one count of health care kickbacks and were each acquitted of one count of conspiracy.

New England Organized Crime Associate Sentenced to Serve 7 Years in Federal Prison (Criminal Division)

Richard Bonafiglia, an admitted associate of the New England La Cosa Nostra, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island today to serve 84 months in federal prison for his participation in a racketeering conspiracy to shakedown several Rhode Island adult entertainment businesses for protection money.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Indicted in Miami for Civil Rights and Abusive Sexual Contact Offenses (Civil Rights Division)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Paulo Morales was arrested today after having been indicted yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida on charges of deprivation of civil rights and abusive sexual contact.

Department Settles Lawsuit with Pierce County, Washington, Alleging Employment Discrimination (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today it has entered into a consent decree with Pierce County, Wash., that, if approved by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, will resolve allegations that the county discriminated against a female employee by retaliating against her in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII is a federal statute which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin or religion and protects employees who file complaints under any of those bases.

Fourteen Defendants Plead Guilty for Their Roles in Scheme to Fraudulently Control Home Owners Associations in Las Vegas (Criminal Division)

Fourteen individuals pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada for their roles in the scheme to fraudulently take control of various home owners' associations in the Las Vegas area. The conspirators operated the scheme to direct construction defect litigation and repairs at condominium complexes to a particular law firm and construction company.

Maryland Business Owner Sentenced for Failing to Pay Employment Taxes (Tax Division)

Richard Stewart was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland to serve 24 months in prison and ordered to pay \$5,414,647 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for failing to pay over employment taxes in connection with his ownership of Montgomery Mechanical Services.

Five Sentenced for Their Roles in Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Scheme (Tax Division)

Fahim Suleiman and Muuad Salem were sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio to serve 64 months and 27 months in prison, respectively, in connection with their roles as co-conspirators in a scheme to defraud the United States by obtaining false and fraudulent U.S. Treasury tax refund checks. Three co-conspirators had been previously sentenced.

CEO and Head Trader of Bankrupt Sentinel Management Indicted in Chicago in Alleged \$500 Million Fraud Scheme Prior to Firm's 2007 Collapse (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois)

Eric A. Bloom and Charles K. Mosley were indicted today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on federal fraud charges for allegedly defrauding more than 70 customers of more than \$500 million before the firm collapsed in August 2007.

Leader of MS-13 Gang Sentenced to Serve 50 Years in Prison for Sex Trafficking Multiple Teens (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia)

Rances Ulises Amaya was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to serve 50 years in prison for recruiting girls as young as 14 from middle schools, high schools and homeless shelters in Northern Virginia and forcing them to engage commercial sex acts on behalf of MS-13.

Former Department of Homeland Security Official Sentenced to Two Years in Federal Prison in Fraud and Obstruction of Justice Case (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California)

Frank Johnston, a former assistant special agent in charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was sentenced this morning in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to serve 24 months in federal prison on charges of obstruction of justice, giving false information to a federal prosecutor and a federal judge in Florida and devising a scheme to have his wife paid nearly \$600,000 – even though she performed very little work for the federal agency.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, June 4, 2012

9:30 a.m. EDT

The Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees Clifford J. White will convene a public meeting to take testimony from attendees to comment on the U.S. Trustee Program's proposed new guidelines for attorneys' fees in Chapter 11 cases with more than \$50 million in combined assets and liabilities.

U.S. Department of Justice
7th Floor Conference Room
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Department to Monitor Elections in California, New Mexico, South Dakota and Wisconsin (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it will monitor elections on June 5, 2012, in the following jurisdictions to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other federal voting rights statutes: Alameda, Fresno and Riverside Counties, Calif.; Cibola and Sandoval Counties, N.M.; Shannon County, S.D.; and the city of Milwaukee.

Media Reports on Meeting of the U.S. Trustees on Chapter 11 Attorneys Fees (OPA)

Media may report on a public meeting today at the department soliciting comment on the U.S. Trustee Program's proposed new guidelines for attorneys' fees in Chapter 11 cases with more than \$50 million in combined assets and liabilities.

Former Arizona State Representative Sentenced to Serve 27 Months in Prison for Wire Fraud and Tax Evasion Related to the Misuse of More Than \$140,000 in Charity Funds (Criminal Division)

Former Arizona State Representative Richard David Miranda was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona to serve 27 months in prison for defrauding a charity of more than \$140,000 and evading income tax related to those unlawfully obtained funds.

Former American Samoan Department of Education Employee Sentenced to Serve XX Months in Prison (Criminal Division)

Gustav Nauer, a former official with the American Samoan Department of Education, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii to serve XX months in prison for his role in a bribery scheme.

Arecibo, Puerto Rico, to Upgrade Sewer System to Resolve Clean Water Act Violations (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The department announced today a settlement between the United States and the municipality of Arecibo, Puerto Rico that will resolve violations of the Clean Water Act and specifically violations of its Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit. This is the first judicial action addressing violations of this type of permit.

TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Events TBD

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012**

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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Media Reports on Letter from the Deputy Attorney General on Fast and Furious Investigation (OPA)

Media is reporting on letters sent today by the House Oversight and Government Reform majority and minority members and from the Deputy Attorney General regarding Operation Fast and Furious. The letters concern information from sealed court documents regarding wiretap applications from the department. The department provided a statement and the letter from the Deputy Attorney General to the press.

Investigation of Leaks Related to "Stuxnet" Virus and Iran (National Security Division)

Several national media outlets called for comment on whether the FBI or the department had launched or would launch an investigation into apparent leaks of classified information relating to the "Stuxnet" virus and U.S. cyber attacks against Iran's nuclear program, as reported by *The New York Times* last week. The department declined comment. Several Republican and Democratic Senators today called for leak investigations into this matter.

Office on Violence Against Women Announces Agreements to Cross-Designate Tribal Prosecutors in Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota (OVW)

The department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announced today that four tribes in Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota will be awarded cooperative agreements to cross-designate tribal prosecutors to pursue violence against women cases in both tribal and federal courts.

Texas Resident Sentenced to Serve 15 Months in Prison for Scheme to Defraud the U.S. Export-Import Bank (Criminal Division)

Hector Cuevas was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas to serve 15 months in prison for his role in a scheme to defraud the Export-Import Bank of the United States of more than \$690,624.

Former Employee of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC Pleads Guilty to Tax Fraud and Making False Statements (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

Craig Kugel, a former employee of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to a five-count superseding information charging him with one count of conspiracy, as well as substantive counts of making false statements in relation to documents required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and subscribing to false individual income tax returns.

Former President of Transportation Company Sentenced to Serve 24 Months for Embezzlement of Funds from Employee Pension Plan (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas)

Leander J. Muncy III was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas to serve 24 months imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, for theft and embezzlement from an employee pension benefit plan.

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

10:00 a.m. EDT Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on, "Ensuring that Federal Prosecutors Meet Discovery Obligations."
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 226
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

11:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the Justice Department's LGBT Pride Month celebration.
U.S. Department of Justice
Great Hall
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DAILY NEWS WRAP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012**

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the Department's LGBT Pride Month Celebration (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks today at the department's celebration of LGBT Pride Month.

Testimony of the Deputy Attorney General before the Senate Judiciary Committee (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General testified today before the Senate Judiciary Committee on, "Ensuring that Federal Prosecutors Meet Discovery Obligations." Media is reporting on questions during the hearing regarding the department's internal review of the prosecution of former Sen. Ted Stevens, the department's position on legislation proposed by Sen. Lisa Murkowski regarding discovery in criminal cases and questions from Sen. John Cornyn on appointing a special prosecutor to look into leaks of classified intelligence information.

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and U.S. Attorney Michael W. Cotter Announce Pilot Initiative to Address Sexual Assault on Montana Reservations (ASG)

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West joined U.S. Attorney Michael W. Cotter and Vice-Chairman of the Crow Nation Calvin Coolidge Jefferson at a press conference in Montana to announce a multi-agency collaboration with tribal governments to establish Sexual Assault Response Teams in the six Montana reservations under federal jurisdiction.

Media Expected to Report on Florida's Response to DOJ Letter Regarding Voter List Maintenance (Civil Rights Division)

Media is expected to report on a response received from the Florida Secretary of State to the department related to an initial letter sent last week from the department concerning voting list maintenance. Last week, Civil Rights Division Voting Section Chief Chris Herren sent a letter to the Florida Secretary of State regarding reports that Florida has begun implementation of a program to remove voters from its voter rolls. The department informed Florida that its reported list maintenance program would be in violation of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act.

Nevada Lobbyist Harvey Whittemore Indicted for Making Unlawful Campaign Contributions and Lying to Investigators (Criminal Division)

Nevada lobbyist and lawyer Harvey Whittemore was indicted today in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada on charges that he made unlawful campaign contributions to an elected member of Congress, caused false statements to be made to the Federal Election Commission and lied to the FBI.

Home Health Agency Owner Pleads Guilty in Connection with Detroit Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Muhammad Ahmad pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan today for his role in organizing a more than \$13 million home health care fraud and money laundering scheme.

Autoliv Inc. and a Yazaki Corp. Executive Agree to Plead Guilty to Price Fixing on Automobile Parts Installed In U.S. Cars (Antitrust Division)

Stockholm-based Autoliv Inc. has agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for its role in a conspiracy to fix prices of seatbelts, airbags and steering wheels installed in U.S. cars to one automobile manufacturer and a separate conspiracy to fix prices of seatbelts to another. An executive of Japan-based Yazaki Corporation has also agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for his role in a separate conspiracy to fix prices of automotive wire harnesses and related products installed in U.S. cars.

Perth Amboy, New Jersey, to Upgrade Sewer System to Resolve Clean Water Act Violations (Environment and Natural Resources Division)

The city of Perth Amboy, N.J., has agreed to make major improvements in its combined sewer system to protect people's health and water quality under a legal agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Under the agreement, which was lodged today in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the city will reduce the amount of sewage and other pollutants that flow out of 16 combined sewer points into the Raritan River and Arthur Kill.

Former Community Action Senior Auditor Pleads Guilty to Bribery in Payments of Federal Stimulus Funds (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island)

Saul Lemoi, a former senior energy auditor with the Comprehensive Community Action Program, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island today to charges of bribery and to lying to federal agents. Lemoi pleaded guilty to accepting kickbacks of federal stimulus weatherization funds earmarked to make the homes of eligible low-income families more energy efficient, which were funneled to him through a company in which he had a financial interest.

Forty-Five Individuals Indicted in Puerto Rico for Drug Trafficking (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico)

Two indictments charging two criminal organizations with large-scale narcotics trafficking at Puerto Rico's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport were unsealed today. On May 31, 2012, a federal grand jury indicted 25 individuals as a result of an investigation led by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Puerto Rico Police Department and the Puerto Rico Department of Justice, with the collaboration of the San Juan Municipal Police. The defendants are charged in a 16 count indictment with violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

THURSDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

9:30 a.m. EDT

Attorney General Eric Holder will testify before the House Judiciary Committee on oversight of the Department of Justice.

Rayburn House Office Building

Room 2141

Washington, D.C.

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10:30 a.m. EDT

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will deliver keynote remarks at the National Disability Rights Network annual national conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Help America Vote Act.

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
700 Aliceanna St.
Baltimore

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12:45 p.m. EDT

Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart F. Delery will deliver keynote remarks at the American Bar Association's Ninth National Institute on the Civil False Claims Act and Qui Tam Enforcement.

The Ritz-Carlton Georgetown
3100 South St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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3:30 p.m. EDT

Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Joseph Wayland will participate in a panel entitled, "The Effectiveness of Antitrust Enforcement in the Financial Sector" at the American Bar Association Antitrust Section's Financial Services & Competition Symposium at Columbia Law School.

Columbia Law School
Jerome Greene Hall, Rooms 104/106
435 W. 116th St.
New York

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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Testimony by the Attorney General before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee (AG)

The Attorney General testified before the House Judiciary Committee on oversight of the department.

Remarks by Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart F. Delery at the American Bar Association's Ninth National Institute on the Civil False Claims Act and Qui Tam Enforcement (Civil Division)

Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division Stuart F. Delery delivered keynote remarks at the American Bar Association's Ninth National Institute on the Civil False Claims Act and Qui Tam Enforcement in Washington, D.C.

Remarks by Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez at the National Disability Rights Network 2012 P&A/Cap Annual Conference (Civil Rights Division)

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez delivered keynote remarks at the National Disability Rights Network annual national conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Help America Vote Act in Baltimore.

Comments from Rep. Mike Rogers on Leak Investigations and the National Security Division (National Security Division)

Today at a press conference by leaders of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees on the need to investigate classified leaks to the media, Rep. Mike Rogers stated: "The DOJ's National Security Division (NSD) has recused itself from at least one element of the investigation, suggesting some of these leaks could have come from sources within the DOJ." *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *CNN*, *Reuters* and other media outlets called the department for comment. The department provided background information disputing the notion that a recusal suggests wrongdoing on the part of DOJ officials and noting the scenarios (including the recent leak investigation involving former CIA official John Kiriakou) in which NSD leadership might recuse itself from an investigation to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. Rep. Rogers later issued a statement to the media clarifying his remarks, noting that he did not intend to imply any wrongdoing on the part of NSD.

Media Reports on an Investigation into Former Red Sox Curt Schilling's Video Game Company (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island)

Media is reporting on an investigation into former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling's video game company, 38 Studios. The studio recently filed for bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, where the company is incorporated as a limited liability corporation. The company owes \$150.7 million and listed its assets at \$21.7 million, according to court filings. The firm lists its biggest liability as \$115.9 million in debt from bonds backed by the state, interest on the bonds and fees to Rhode Island.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Rhode Island declined to comment, but has confirmed that the office has been in contact with the FBI and the Rhode Island state police.

Media Reports on Barnes & Noble's Comments in Response to the Department's Proposed Settlement with Publishers Over E-Book Pricing (Antitrust Division)

Various media outlets are reporting on Barnes & Noble's objections to the department's proposed settlement with Simon & Schuster, Hachette and HarperCollins over price-fixing in the e-books industry, which were sent to the department as part of the public comment period for the proposed settlement. In its objections, Barnes & Noble wrote that the settlement would cause consumers to "experience higher overall...prices and less choice" and claimed that the department was becoming "a regulator of a nascent technology industry that it little understands." The department did not respond to Barnes & Noble's comments directly, as it will do so at the end of the comment period, but instead referred back to our original position that the settlement "will restore competition to this important industry and benefit consumers."

Texas-Based Medical Device Manufacturer Pays U.S. \$34 Million to Settle False Claims Act Allegations (Civil Division)

Orthofix Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$34,234,263 to settle allegations under the civil False Claims Act relating to the company's sale of bone growth stimulator devices. The company has also agreed to plead guilty to a felony of obstruction of a federal audit, and to pay a \$7,765,737 criminal fine. The agreement was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Co-Owner of Detroit-Area Therapy Company Sentenced to Serve 30 Months for Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Victor Jayasundera was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to serve 30 months in prison for his leading role in a more than \$1.9 million Medicare fraud scheme.

Four More Defendants Plead Guilty in Indiana to Participating in International Child Pornography Distribution Ring (Criminal Division)

Four men have pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana for their participation in an international child pornography distribution ring. The guilty pleas were entered yesterday and are the result of "Operation Bulldog," a multi-jurisdictional effort to dismantle and prosecute the members of the international child pornography distribution ring. A total of nine defendants have been prosecuted for their participation in the group.

Two Northern California Real Estate Investors Agree to Plead Guilty to Bid Rigging at Public Foreclosure Auctions (Antitrust Division)

Douglas Ditmer and Keith Slipper, two Northern California real estate investors, have agreed to plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California for their roles in conspiracies to rig bids and commit mail fraud at public real estate foreclosure auctions in Northern California.

Department Seeks to Intervene in Lawsuit Alleging Sex Discrimination against Summit County, Ohio, and Summit County Sheriff (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it has moved to intervene in *Hawkins, et al. v. Summit County, Ohio, et al.*, a private lawsuit alleging sex discrimination by Summit County, Ohio and the Summit County Sheriff, as well as other defendants. The United States' complaint in intervention alleges that

the county and sheriff discriminated against twenty female deputy sheriffs who filed charges of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other similarly-situated female deputies because of their sex and engaged in a pattern or practice of sex discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Department Files Complaint against Forsyth County, North Carolina, Sheriff for Violating the Employment Rights of Army National Guard Soldier (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today the filing of a complaint in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina against Forsyth County, N.C., and the county sheriff, William T. Schatzman, for violating the employment rights of North Carolina Army National Guard soldier Michael Russell under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

Two California Business Owners Indicted for Defrauding Hundreds of Homeowners and Other Customers Seeking Debt Relief and Credit Repair (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California)

Sharanjit Kaur and Baljit Singh were charged in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California with conspiracy, mail and wire fraud and international money laundering after a federal grand jury returned a 46-count indictment on May 31, 2012.

Former Fund Manager Pleads Guilty in California in Investment Fraud and Obstruction Case (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California)

John Farahi pleaded guilty this morning in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to federal fraud charges, admitting among other things that he bilked investors out of millions of dollars by falsely promising to purchase corporate bonds backed by the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Standing Rock Tribal Council Member Convicted by Federal Jury in South Dakota of Domestic Assault by Habitual Offender (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota)

A federal jury in U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota yesterday found Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council Member Kerby St. John guilty of domestic assault by a habitual offender. The jury's guilty verdict is believed to be one of the first in the nation involving a new federal statute that punishes acts of domestic violence where an accused person has two prior convictions of domestic violence in federal, state or tribal court.

Connecticut Contractor Sentenced to Federal Prison for Role in Mortgage Fraud Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut)

Brian Guimond was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut to serve 27 months in prison, followed by one year of supervised release, for his participation in an eastern Connecticut mortgage fraud scheme.

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EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Statement of the Attorney General on the Assignment of U.S. Attorneys to Lead Investigations of Possible Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information (AG)

The Attorney General issued the a statement today on the assignment of U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Ronald C. Machen Jr. and U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein to lead criminal investigations into recent instances of possible unauthorized disclosures of classified information.

Media Reports on NIOSH Proposed Ruling on Illnesses Eligible for Coverage Under the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (OPA)

Media is expected to report on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) proposed ruling issued today on additional illnesses that may be eligible for coverage under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. The department provided the following statement from the Fund's Special Master, Sheila Birnbaum, in response to media inquiries:

- "NIOSH has issued a proposed rule that would add certain cancers to the list of covered conditions for the World Trade Center Health Program. As I have previously said, the Fund will follow the medical analyses conducted by the doctors and scientists at NIOSH who run the Health Program. If the Health Program issues a final rule adding certain cancers, the Fund will implement procedures to add those cancers to the list of covered conditions. All claimants who have a covered condition must meet the Fund's other eligibility criteria, such as proving presence at the World Trade Center site between September 11, 2001 and May 30, 2002, that their physical harm is a direct result of the terrorist-related crashes or the debris removal, and that their physical injury was treated by a medical professional within a reasonable time from the date the injury was discovered."

Chicago Man Sentenced to Serve 7½ Years in Prison for Attempting to Provide Funds to Support Al-Qaeda in Pakistan (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois)

Raja Lahrasib Khan, a Chicago man who personally provided hundreds of dollars to an alleged terrorist leader with whom he had met in his native Pakistan, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to serve 7½ years in federal prison for attempting to provide additional funds to the same individual after learning he was working with al-Qaeda.

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Department Settles Lawsuit with United Airlines to Enforce Employment Rights of Air National Guardsman (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it has reached a settlement with United Airlines Inc., resolving Ten Eyck LaTourrette's allegation that the airline violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by under compensating his retirement plan during his military service. LaTourrette is currently a major serving in the Colorado Air National Guard and a first officer for United Airlines.

American Samoa Department of Education Official Sentenced to Serve 35 Months for Witness Tampering and Obstruction of Justice (Criminal Division)

Paul Solofa, the former chief financial officer for the Department of Education for the government of the U.S. Territory of American Samoa was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to serve 35 months following his conviction earlier this year for his efforts to obstruct a federal grand jury and law enforcement investigation into a bribery scheme.

Former Alabama Resident Sentenced to Serve 53 Months in Prison for Tax Evasion (Tax Division)

William Paul was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama to serve 53 months in federal prison for tax evasion. Paul was convicted on Dec. 1, 2011, after a four-day jury trial, of four counts of evasion of his wife's 2004 through 2007 individual income taxes and of one count of failing to file a tax return.

Former Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown Pleads Guilty to Bank Fraud and Campaign Finance Violation (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia)

Kwame R. Brown, the former Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a federal charge of bank fraud and a second criminal charge involving a violation of the District of Columbia's campaign finance laws.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Saturday, June 9, 2012

9:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the SEED School of Washington, D.C., commencement ceremony.
The SEED School of Washington, D.C.
4300 C St., S.E.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

Monday, June 11, 2012

11:00 a.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the League of Women Voters National Convention.
Hilton Hotel
International Ballroom
1919 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

1:30 p.m. EDT Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez will deliver the keynote remarks at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) event entitled, "*Plyler v. Doe* at 30 Years: Keeping Public Schools Open to All of America's Children."
ACLU
8th Floor Conference Center
915 15th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS

4:30 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks as part of a White House briefing to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.
LIVESTREAM: www.whitehouse.gov/live

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TUESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Attorney General at the League of Women Voters Convention (AG)

The Attorney General delivered remarks on voting at the League of Women Voters Convention in Washington, D.C.

Media Reports on Letter to Florida Secretary of State on Voter Protection (Civil Rights Division)

Media is expected to report on a response letter from Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez to Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner regarding the department's efforts to ensure voter protection in Florida. In the letter, Assistant Attorney General Perez states that he has authorized the initiation of a lawsuit against Florida in federal court because Florida's new voter list maintenance program is in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the National Voter Registration Act. The department provided the letter to the press.

Media Reports on Release of Uniform Crime Report 2011 Information (FBI)

Media is expected to report on the preliminary Uniform Crime Report 2011 figures issued today by the FBI. The figures indicated that violent crime decreased by four percent and property crimes decreased by 0.8 percent in 2011 when compared with data from 2010. The report is based on information the FBI gathered from 14,009 law enforcement agencies that submitted six to 12 comparable months of data for 2010 and 2011. All of the final figures will be published this fall in *Crime in the United States 2011*.

Department to Monitor Elections in South Carolina (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced today that it will monitor primary elections on June 12, 2012, in Fairfield and Williamsburg Counties in South Carolina to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Voting Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the election process on the basis of race, color or membership in a minority language group.

Remarks by Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez at the American Civil Liberties Union's *Plyler v. Doe* 30th Anniversary Event (Civil Rights Division)

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez delivered the keynote remarks at the American Civil Liberties Union event entitled, "*Plyler v. Doe* at 30 Years: Keeping Public Schools Open to All of America's Children."

Miami-Area Resident Sentenced to Serve 46 Months in Prison for Participating in Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Leyanes Placeres, a Miami-area resident who helped pay illegal kickbacks and transported ineligible patients to a fraudulent mental health company, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to serve 46 months in prison for her role in a scheme to falsely bill Medicare.

Minnesota Business Owner Pleads Guilty to Federal Excise Tax Crimes and Tax Fraud (Tax Division)

Jason W. Leas pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota to one count of failing to pay federal excise taxes, one count of failing to file a federal excise tax return and one count of filing a false individual federal income tax return for tax year 2007.

Ukrainian Citizen Convicted in Child Pornography Investigation Resulting in 560 Convictions (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey)

Maksym Shynkarenko, a Ukrainian citizen who founded and operated a hardcore child pornography website, will appear in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey today to face child exploitation charges following his extradition from Thailand over the weekend. The 32-count indictment unsealed this morning charges Shynkarenko with numerous child exploitation charges arising out of an investigation which has led to the convictions of more than 560 American consumers, in 47 states, on child pornography charges.

Dutch Citizen Arrested and Extradited From Romania for Computer Hacking Conspiracy That Victimized Thousands of Credit Card Customers (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington)

David Benjamin Schrooten will make his first court appearance today in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington on a 14 count indictment charging him with conspiracy, access device fraud, bank fraud, intentional damage to a computer and aggravated identity theft.

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| 8:50 a.m. EDT/
9:50 a.m. CDT | Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will deliver remarks at the Federal Trade Commission Midwest Region Common Ground Conference.
Metcalf Federal Building
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago
OPEN PRESS |
| 10:00 a.m. EDT | Attorney General Eric Holder will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on oversight of the Department of Justice.
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 226
Washington, D.C.
OPEN PRESS |
| 2:15 p.m. EDT/
1:15 p.m. CDT | Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks at the Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium.
Skirvin Hilton Hotel
One Park Ave.
Oklahoma City
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WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Testimony by the Attorney General before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee (AG)

The Attorney General testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on oversight of the department.

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General at the 2012 Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium (DAG)

The Deputy Attorney General delivered remarks today on the department's efforts to bolster public safety and criminal justice in Indian country, as well as to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States and federally-recognized Indian tribes, at the annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City.

Department Files Lawsuit against Florida Alleging Violations of the National Voter Registration Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the state of Florida and the Florida Secretary of State in his official capacity alleging that the state has violated its obligations under Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). The complaint, filed today in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, alleges that Florida has violated the NVRA by conducting a systematic program to purge voters from its voter registration rolls within the 90-day quiet period before an election for federal office established by the law.

Catherine Greig Sentenced to Serve Eight Years in Federal Prison for Harboring "Whitey" Bulger (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts)

Catherine E. Greig was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts to serve eight years in prison for her role in harboring and concealing one of the FBI's 10 most wanted fugitives, James J. "Whitey" Bulger.

ING Bank N.V. Agrees to Forfeit \$619 Million for Illegal Transactions with Cuban and Iranian Entities (National Security Division)

ING Bank N.V. has agreed to forfeit \$619 million to the department and the New York County District Attorney's Office for conspiring to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Trading with the Enemy Act and for violating New York state laws by illegally moving billions of dollars through the U.S. financial system on behalf of sanctioned Cuban and Iranian entities.

Haji Bagcho Sentenced to Serve Life in Prison on Drug Trafficking and Narco-Terrorism Charges (Criminal Division)

Haji Bagcho, an Afghan national with ties to the Taliban, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to serve life in prison today for conspiring to distribute heroin in the United States and for using drug proceeds to fund, arm and supply the Taliban.

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Former Fort Deposit, Alabama, Police Officer Arrested for Stealing Money from Motorists and Obstructing Justice (Civil Rights Division)

Former Fort Deposit, Ala., Police Officer Carlos Tyson Bennett was arrested today and charged in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama on charges of stealing money from motorists on Interstate 65 in central Alabama and subsequently trying to conceal his criminal activity.

New York Certified Public Accountant Who Failed to Pay Employment Taxes Sentenced to Serve Two Years in Prison (Tax Division)

Silford Warren was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York to serve 24 months in prison for failure to pay over employment taxes in connection with his ownership of Silford Warren, CPA PC.

Cocaine Trafficking Charges Filed Against 72 People in Ohio (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio)

Seventy-two people were indicted in federal court in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio for their roles in a conspiracy to bring powder and crack cocaine in from Georgia and Kentucky and sell it throughout Greater Cleveland. An additional 14 people were indicted in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Common Pleas Court on state drug charges.

Federal Grand Jury in Texas Indicts Los Zetas Leader in Money Laundering Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas)

A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas has returned an indictment charging 14 defendants including Los Zetas leader Miguel Angel Trevino Morales and his brothers, Oscar Omar Trevino Morales and Jose Trevino-Morales, in connection with a conspiracy to launder Los Zetas drug distribution proceeds by purchasing, training, breeding and racing American quarter horses in the United States.

Minnesota Jury Convicts Three Individuals in Connection to Multi-Million Dollar Ponzi Scheme (U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota)

Today a jury found three individuals guilty today in U.S. District for the District of Minnesota in connection to a multi-million-dollar Ponzi scheme. The scheme, orchestrated by Minnesota resident Trevor Cook, defrauded more than 900 individuals out of a collective total of \$158 million. In August 2010, Cook was sentenced to 25 years in prison for his role in the scheme

WEDNESDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

9:00 a.m. EDT Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver keynote remarks to the Women Mayors Meeting on human trafficking at the U.S. Conference of Mayors 80th Annual Meeting.
Loews Royal Pacific Hotel
Java Sea Room
6300 Hollywood Way
Orlando, Fla.
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2:15 p.m. EDT Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the White House Fatherhood Champions of Change & Convening on Engaging Men and Boys event.
LIVESTREAM: www.whitehouse.gov/live

2:30 p.m. EDT Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole will deliver remarks entitled, "Preventing and Responding to Crime in Cities" at the U.S. Conference of Mayors 80th Annual Meeting.
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FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS STORIES:

Remarks by the Deputy Attorney General and the Acting Associate Attorney General at the White House World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event (DAG/ASG)

The Deputy Attorney General and Acting Associate Attorney General spoke today at the White House World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event on responses to financial exploitation and the department's work to combat elder abuse.

Allen Stanford Sentenced to Serve 110 Years in Prison for Orchestrating \$7 Billion Investment Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

R. Allen Stanford, the former board of directors chairman of Stanford International Bank (SIB), was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to serve a total of 110 years in prison for orchestrating a 20-year investment fraud scheme in which he misappropriated \$7 billion from SIB to finance his personal businesses.

North Carolina Resident Found Guilty of Terrorism Violations (National Security Division)

Today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, a jury found Anes Subasic guilty of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and conspiring to murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons abroad. According to the superseding indictment, from roughly November 2006 through at least July 2009, Subasic and the other defendants conspired to provide material support and resources to terrorists, including currency, training, transportation and personnel.

Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Sentenced to Serve 41 Months in Prison for Bribery Related to Contracting in Support of Iraq War (Criminal Division)

Derrick L. Shoemake, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to serve 41 months in prison for engaging in bribery related to his work as a contracting officer's representative in Kuwait from 2004 to 2006.

Owner and Operator of Halfway House Company Pleads Guilty for Role in Medicare Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Hassan Collins, the owner and operator of a Florida corporation that operated several halfway houses, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to a criminal charge related to a \$205 million Medicare fraud scheme involving fraudulent claims for purported partial hospitalization program services.

Pennsylvania Man Arrested on Computer Hacking Charges (Criminal Division)

Charges were unsealed this morning against Andrew James Miller alleging that he hacked into computer networks in Massachusetts and around the country and then sold unauthorized access to those networks.

Miller was arrested this morning on charges contained in a four-count indictment filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Two Members of the U.S. Army Plead Guilty to Bribery Charges Related to Fuel Theft in Afghanistan (Criminal Division)

Sergeant Ronald Dixon and Specialist Larry Emmons have each pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii to a bribery charge for their roles in a scheme to steal jet fuel at Forward Operating Base Fenty near Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Check Cashers in Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Charged for Alleged Violations of Anti-Money Laundering Laws (Criminal Division)

Seven individuals and four check cashing businesses were charged today in U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of New York and the Central District of California for their alleged roles in separate schemes to violate the Bank Secrecy Act. The defendants allegedly failed to follow reporting and anti-money laundering requirements for transactions totaling more than \$50 million.

Department Reaches Agreement with Grayson County, Virginia, On Bailout from the Voting Rights Act (Civil Rights Division)

The department announced that it has reached an agreement with Grayson County, Va., that will allow for the county and its four political subdivisions, the Grayson County School District and the towns of Independence, Fries and Troutdale, to bail out from their status as "covered jurisdictions" under the special provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and thereby exempt these jurisdictions from the preclearance requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

FRIDAY'S EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Attorney General Eric Holder will participate in the Quintet meeting of Attorneys General in Ottawa. These meetings are closed to the press.

3:30 a.m. EDT/ 9:30 a.m. CEST	Special Advisor, International, for the Antitrust Division Rachel Brandenburger will deliver remarks at the International Bar Association Antitrust Committee's Mid-Year Conference. Hesperia Madrid Paseo de la Castellana 57 Madrid OPEN PRESS
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Former Chief Financial Officer of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Sentenced to Serve 60 Months in Prison for Fraud Scheme (Criminal Division)

Delton de Armas, a former chief financial officer of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. (TBW), was sentenced today in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to serve 60 months in prison for his role in a more than \$2.9 billion fraud scheme that contributed to the failure of TBW.

Former Corporate Chairman of Consulting Firm and Board Director Rajat Gupta Found Guilty of Insider Trading (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York)

Rajat K. Gupta, former corporate chairman of an international consulting firm and a member of the boards of directors of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and the Procter & Gamble Company, was found guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York of conspiracy and securities fraud crimes stemming from his involvement in an insider trading scheme.

Alleged International Credit Card Trafficker "BadB" Extradited From France to the United States (Criminal Division)

Vladislav Anatolievich Horohorin, aka "BadB", an alleged international credit card trafficker thought to be one of the most prolific sellers of stolen credit card data, has been extradited from France to the United States to face criminal charges filed in both the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Former Vice President at California Valve Company Pleads Guilty to Foreign Bribery Offense (Criminal Division)

David Edmonds, the former vice president of worldwide customer service valve company Control Components Inc., pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to making a corrupt payment to a foreign government official in Greece in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Three Tax Return Preparers Charged with Helping Clients Evade Taxes by Hiding Millions in Secret Accounts at Two Israeli Banks (Tax Division)

David Kalai, Nadav Kalai and David Almog were indicted in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California yesterday and charged with conspiring to defraud the United States. The superseding indictment alleges that the co-conspirators prepared false individual income tax returns which did not disclose their clients' foreign financial accounts nor report the income earned from those accounts.

Remarks by Special Advisor, International for the Antitrust Division Rachel Brandenburger at the International Bar Association's Mid-Year Conference (Antitrust Division)

Special Advisor, International for the Antitrust Division Rachel Brandenburger delivered remarks today at the International Bar Association Antitrust Committee's Mid-Year Conference in Madrid on the topic, "The Many Facets of International Cooperation at the Antitrust Division."

Attorney Charged with Tax and Bank Secrecy Act Crimes (U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York)

Today, a grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York returned an indictment charging attorney Stanley L. Cohen with tax and Bank Secrecy Act violations.

EXPECTED NEWS/RELEASES:

Monday, June 18, 2012

8:30 a.m. EDT Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West and Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Mary Lou Leary will deliver opening remarks at the National Institute of Justice conference.
Crystal Gateway Marriott
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Va.
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