



This Month at the WFO

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FBI Top Ten Fugitive Caught and Returns to Washington, D.C., to Face Charges

This month the FBI announced that a Ten Most Wanted Fugitive, Eric Justin Toth, was arrested in Esteli, Nicaragua. He returned to Washington, D.C., where he made his initial appearance on April 23. Toth, a former private school teacher and camp counselor, had been sought for his alleged production and possession of child pornography. The investigation into Toth began in June 2008 after pornographic images were found on a school camera that had been in his possession. On June 27, 2008, an arrest warrant was issued for Toth out of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for possession of child pornography and, on December 1, 2008, he was indicted in U.S.



District Court for the District of Maryland for production of child pornography. Toth had been a fugitive since his alleged criminal activity was discovered, and he was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list on April 10, 2012. A recent tip led law enforcement to Nicaragua, where Toth was living under an alias. His arrest was the result of an exhaustive and well-coordinated investigation by WFO, the FBI Legal Attaché, and special agents of the Diplomatic Security Service assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua.

Oakton Dentist Sentenced for Narcotics Distribution, Health Care Fraud & Identity Fraud

Hamada Makarita, of Oakton, Va., was sentenced to 25 months in prison this month for using his position as a dentist to illegally distribute prescription medication and for using the identity of another dentist to fraudulently bill an insurance company for more than \$160,000 in claims. According to court records and evidence at trial last fall, Makarita owns and operates a dental practice in Oakton, Va. From 2007 to 2012, Makarita illegally distributed and dispensed prescription medicine (Fentanyl, Vicodin, and Valium) to patients, employees, and at least one girlfriend, all without a legitimate dental purpose and beyond the bounds of a dental practice.

Makarita was also found guilty of providing more than \$160,000 in services to his family members and billed them to an insurance provider in violation of the provider's contract. He billed the services under the name of another dentist who did not practice in Makarita's office at that time. Makarita received more than \$91,000 in reimbursement from the provider for these fraudulent claims.

Former Jewelry Store Owner and Loan Officer Charged in \$20 Million Mortgage Fraud Scheme

Robert Mikail and Ging-Hwang "Felicia" Tsoa, both of Ashburn, Va., were charged this month with conspiracy and bank fraud charges for their alleged roles in a \$20 million mortgage fraud scheme. Mikail owned a retail jewelry store in Ashburn, Va., known as Opus Jewelry, and Tsoa worked as a loan officer at First Empire Mortgage, in Fairfax, Va., and Lifetime Financial Services, in Herndon, Va. From 2005 to 2007, Mikail allegedly recruited individuals, known as "straw buyers," to serve as nominal purchasers of real estate as part of a scheme to profit from fraudulently obtained mortgage loans and the purchase of residential real estate in Northern Virginia. In order to get the straw buyers' loan applications approved, Mikail, working with Tsoa and other loan officers, allegedly falsified the straw buyers' loan applications. All of the fraudulent loan applications falsely designated Opus Jewelry as the borrowers' employer, which Mikail would then falsely verify to the lenders as part of the loan approval process. In total, Mikail allegedly engineered the purchase of 36 homes in Ashburn, Va., and obtained \$19,866,150 from lenders in loan proceeds. While Mikail and Tsoa profited when these homes were purchased, all of the loans ultimately defaulted, resulting in significant losses to the lenders.

Maryland Man Sentenced to 45 Years in Prison for Conspiring to Distribute Cocaine

Last November we told you about three men who were found guilty of acting as wholesale distributors of cocaine and crack cocaine in the Washington, D.C., area. This month, the leader of that distribution ring, William M. Bowman, formerly of Bowie, Md., was sentenced to 45 years in prison for conspiring to distribute large quantities of cocaine. The three defendants were among 14 people indicted in 2011, following one of the largest recent seizures of cocaine in the area. Evidence at trial included nearly 30 kg of cocaine found in a storage locker that was searched by the FBI and MPD with an estimated street value of more than \$3 million.

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