



This Month at the WFO

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Jesse Jackson, Jr. Sentenced to Prison for Defrauding Campaign

As we told you in our February 2013 newsletter, former Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, mail fraud and false statements. This month, Jackson, Jr., was sentenced to 30 months in prison for conspiring to defraud his re-election campaigns of about \$750,000 in funds that were used to pay for personal items and expenses, including high-end appliances and electronics, and then filing misleading reports to conceal seven years of the illegal activities. Jackson’s wife, Sandra Stevens Jackson, was sentenced to one year for filing false tax returns as part of the scheme. The judge permitted Mrs. Jackson to serve her sentence following her husband’s release from incarceration. Jackson, Jr., and his wife carried out the fraud scheme from Aug. 2005 until Apr. 2012. Rather than using funds donated to the campaign as they were intended, they used a substantial portion for personal expenditures. Jackson, Jr., who has residences in Chicago and Washington, D.C., admitted taking steps to conceal seven years of illegal activities, including the filing of false and misleading reports with the Federal Election Commission and the House of Representatives.



WFO Dubs Serial Bank Robber as the “Beacon Hill Bandit”

WFO is seeking information on a subject who may be responsible for robbing a bank four times between March 2010 and July 2013. All four robberies occurred at the TD Bank located at 6615 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Va., across the street from the Beacon Hill Shopping Center. WFO is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to this subject’s identification, arrest and conviction. The Beacon Hill Bandit has

demonstrated the same modus operandi on all four occasions. Each time he entered the bank, he appeared to be preoccupied on his cell phone. He would then approach a victim teller, verbally demand money or pass a note demanding money and provide a plastic grocery bag to the teller. On three occasions, the subject implied that he had a weapon. After receiving the money, the subject fled the bank on foot in the direction of Chili’s restaurant on Richmond Highway. [View surveillance pictures of the Beacon Hill Bandit.](#)

FBI Seeks Information on Suspects in Bulgarian Bus Bombing

The FBI investigates crimes committed against U.S. persons or interests overseas and provides assistance to foreign law enforcement partners to investigate leads in the U.S. This month, WFO announced it is assisting the Republic of Bulgaria’s Ministry of Interior in its investigation of a bus bombing that occurred outside the Sarafovo Airport in Burgas, Bulgaria. The bombing, which occurred on July 18, 2012, killed seven, including the bomber, and injured 32. The FBI is seeking information on two suspects, Hassan El Hajj Hassan and Meliad Farah, who are wanted for questioning in connection with the bombing. A Michigan driver’s license bearing the name Jacque Felipe Martin was found at the scene and is thought to be associated with the bomber who carried out this attack. In the days following the bombing, another Michigan driver’s license and U.S. Social Security card, both bearing the name Ralph William Rico, were located and later determined to have been used by Hajj Hassan. Farah reportedly used a Michigan driver’s license bearing the name Brian Jeremiah Jameson, though a driver’s license bearing that name was not located. The U.S. identification used by the suspects was fraudulent; however, the FBI is investigating the creation and procurement of the driver’s licenses and Social Security card. [Read more.](#)

High School Students Learn Investigative Skills in FBI Training Course

High school students became Special Agents for a week this month when they participated in WFO’s [Future Agents in Training \(FAIT\)](#) program. More than forty students learned about the FBI’s investigative and intelligence mission and the types of criminal violations the FBI investigates through our Criminal, Counterterrorism, Intelligence and Counterintelligence divisions. At the end of the week, students participated in a mock bank robbery and explosive device scenario at the FBI Academy. They worked together to interview witnesses, collect evidence and make arrests. Applications for next year’s program will be available on the [WFO’s community outreach website](#) in January 2014.



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