



# This Month at the WFO

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## Former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Manager Pleads Guilty to Bribery and Kickback Scheme

Kerry Khan, a former program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pled guilty May 17 to federal charges of bribery and conspiracy to commit money laundering in a scheme that allegedly involved more than \$30 million in bribes and kickback payments and the planned steering of a government contract potentially worth \$1 billion. Khan and his son, Lee Khan, who also pled guilty, were among four men arrested on Oct. 4, 2011, following an investigation into one of the most brazen corruption schemes in the history of federal contracting. All told, eight defendants have now pled guilty in the ongoing investigation and are awaiting sentencing.



Assets that have been forfeited as a result of the bribery and kickback scheme in which Khan and others participated include residences, vehicles and luxury items. In addition, more than \$7 million in bank account funds, cash and repayments have been seized for forfeiture or recovered.

## Former Campaign Officials Plead Guilty to Charges Stemming from Activities Involving the Mayoral Election

Thomas Gore, the former assistant treasurer for a D.C. mayoral candidate, and Howard Brooks, a former finance team member for that same candidate, pled guilty this month to illegal conduct during and after the 2010 D.C. mayoral campaign. In an effort to advance that candidacy, Gore secretly diverted funds from the campaign to another candidate's so that the other candidate would continue his verbal attacks on the then-mayor. Gore provided blank money orders to Brooks who was instructed to make payments to the other candidate. Brooks and other campaign workers filled in the names and addresses of real persons who had not contributed the funds. After the allegations became public, Gore shredded a spiral notebook in which he had kept a record of these payments because he knew it was unlawful and he did not want the FBI to discover the activity. Gore pled guilty to obstructing justice by destroying records and making a campaign contribution in the name of another person. Brooks pled guilty to making a false statement about his activity during the campaign. Gore and Brooks remain free pending sentencing.

## Twenty-eight Arrested for Smuggling Cocaine to Northern Virginia

Twenty-eight individuals were arrested May 10 for their alleged roles in a cocaine trafficking ring based in Northern Virginia that used couriers to regularly import large amounts of cocaine from Honduras hidden in shoes and decorative wooden frames. Members of the trafficking ring have allegedly wired more than \$1 million from the U.S. to cocaine suppliers in Honduras. Between 2006 and May 2012, a contingent of Honduran immigrants living in and around Fairfax County coordinated with suppliers in Honduras to pay couriers to fly cocaine from Honduras to the U.S. Leaders of the ring supplied wholesale quantities of the imported cocaine to co-conspirators who were street-level dealers.



The couriers' bags would contain clothing, food and Honduras-related trinkets that hid the cocaine in items like wooden frames.



## FBI Launches Campaign to Protect Against Corporate Spies

Foreign economic espionage against the U.S. is a significant and growing threat to our country's economic health and security, and so is the threat from corporate insiders willing to carry it out. This month, the FBI launched a national campaign to alert American industry and private sector businesses that they could be targets of foreign intelligence agencies, criminals and industry spies. [Read more](#) about warning signs that may indicate spying and/or stealing secrets from a company.

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