



Robert Levinson Becomes One of Longest Held Americans in History

On November 26, 2013, Robert Levinson became one of the longest held Americans in history, passing the 2,454 days Terry Anderson spent in captivity before being freed in 1991. Mr. Levinson, 65, is a retired U.S. government employee with 28 years of service to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration. On March 8, 2007, Mr. Levinson traveled to Kish Island, Iran, as a private investigator; he went missing the following day. The FBI is responsible for investigating crimes committed against U.S. citizens abroad and has been conducting an investigation to locate Mr. Levinson since 2007. In March 2011, the U.S. government announced it had received indications that Mr. Levinson was being held somewhere in southwest Asia. In a statement, FBI Director James B. Comey shared, "Exhaustive efforts have not yet been successful in locating Bob or establishing a dialogue with those who are holding him, but the FBI remains wholly committed to bringing him home safely to his loved ones. We will continue to follow every lead into his disappearance, and we ask anyone with information regarding his disappearance to contact the FBI." In March 2012, on the fifth anniversary of his disappearance, the FBI announced a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading directly to the safe location and return of Mr. Levinson; that reward still remains unclaimed.



WFO Participates in Full Honors Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

Current and former members of the FBI and the WFO came together this month at Arlington National Cemetery for an Army Full Honor Wreath Ceremony. WFO Assistant Director in Charge Valerie Parlave and Major General Jeffrey Buchanan, Commanding General Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Participation in full honor ceremonies is usually bestowed upon military personnel and visiting foreign dignitaries. WFO was invited to participate as an extension of the ongoing partnership between the

FBI and the Military District of Washington in our nation's capital.

FBI Seeks Information on Wanted Subject Rosita Vilchez

This month, WFO announced that wanted fugitive Rosita Vilchez, formerly of Manassas, Va., is believed to be in Peru. Vilchez and [four others](#) have been charged in a twenty-five count superseding indictment with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud affecting a financial institution and operating a continuing financial crimes enterprise. According to the indictment, between 2005 and 2007, the conspiracy generated nearly \$7.4 million in fraudulent proceeds. Vilchez and her co-conspirators allegedly submitted fraudulent information to financial institutions in support of



residential real estate mortgage applications, making it possible for the borrowers to qualify for loans they could not afford to repay. They allegedly targeted unsophisticated borrowers who could not read the English-language loan documents they were asked to sign, which contained false statements about the borrowers' income and assets. Most of these borrowers lost their homes to foreclosure. Although Vilchez is a U.S. citizen, it is believed that she moved her family permanently to Peru in 2010. As recently as 2013, while in Peru, Vilchez has continued to offer real estate services to residents of Northern Virginia. Listen to an [FBI podcast](#) interview about Vilchez, or view her [wanted poster](#).

Former Employee Pleads Guilty to Embezzling More Than \$5.1 Million From Non-Profit

This month, Ephonia Green of Upper Marlboro, Md., pled guilty to charges stemming from her embezzlement of more than \$5 million from her former employer, the Association of American Medical Colleges. Green, who worked as an administrative assistant for the non-profit corporation, processed invoices from the association's vendors. Separately, Green owned a bridal shop in Upper Marlboro, Md., that conducted business under the name Fabulous Concepts Inc. (FCI). From 2005 through 2013, Green created and submitted false invoices to the Association of American Medical Colleges in the name of three entities, including FCI. In doing so, she was seeking payment for services that were never provided and without the association's knowledge that Green would be the actual recipient of the payments. Through this fraudulent scheme, Green embezzled approximately \$5.1 million from her employer. Although the association received federal program funds each calendar year, none of the money that was embezzled came from federal program funds.