

As part of his guilty plea, Wolf pled guilty to count one of the fourteen-count indictment and admitted that he knowingly and willfully defrauded Medicare of approximately \$66,347 from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006. Wolf has paid that amount in restitution to the Medicare program prior to today's sentencing.

United States Attorney Hewitt also announced that the United States filed a civil lawsuit today in U.S. District Court in San Diego against Wolf and his business, Wolf Podiatry Corporation, alleging violations of the False Claims Act. The False Claims Act provides that anyone who submits a false claim is liable for three times the monetary amount the government has been damaged and for penalties of \$5,500 to \$11,000 for each false claim submitted to the government. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph P. Price, Jr. is handling the government's civil lawsuit against Wolf and Wolf Podiatry Corporation, Case Number 09cv1875JLS RBB.

The criminal case resulted from a cooperative investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 08-CR-1542-WQH

Clifford J. Wolf

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Count One - Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347 - Health Care Fraud

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General