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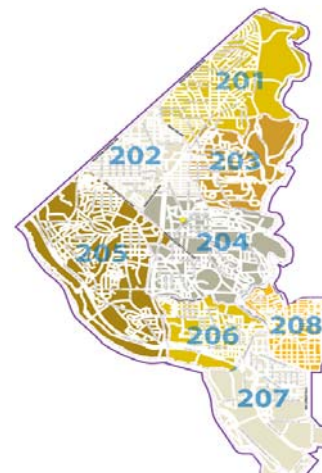
Summary of Recent Court Cases

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A detailed descriptions of these and other cases from the 2nd District are provided inside of this report.

The 2nd Police District



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2nd District Community Prosecution Update

Community Impact Statement

A Community Impact Statement is a description of how a crime or series of crimes have affected your community. This statement is submitted to the Court by prosecutors to provide information that can assist the Court in making sentencing decisions about offenders convicted of the crime(s). While the U.S. Attorney's Office can't guarantee what weight the court will give a community impact statement, information from the community has been helpful in the past in focusing the court on specific ways specific crimes impact particular neighborhoods. You are encouraged to submit a single community impact statement on behalf of the entire community – speaking with one voice vastly increases the likelihood that your concerns will be heard loud and clear at sentencing. Please contact the 2D Community Prosecution Office on (202) 514-2315, to schedule a meeting with you, your group or association as you develop your community impact statement.

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THE COURT REPORT

There are no press releases for the month of August.

DISTRICT COURT CASES

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FACTS: According to the government's evidence, on November 3, 2008, an individual later identified as the defendant, William McCouch, initiated contact with Metropolitan Police Department Detective Timothy Palchak, who was acting in an undercover capacity as part of a multi-jurisdictional FBI Task Force. Detective Palchak identified himself as a 38-year-old male pedophile who was sexually active with his girlfriend's 9-year-old daughter. The defendant identified himself as a 23-year-old male who resided in Arlington, Virginia, and had a sexual interest in children 10 years old and up.

Detective Palchak had several Yahoo private message conversations with the defendant that started on November 3, 2008, and ended on December 15, 2008. In the course of these communications, the defendant sent Detective Palchak, via computer, several images, to include three images of a prepubescent girl, estimated to be approximately 8 years old, being vaginally penetrated by an adult male, being ejaculated on, and posing naked while lying on her back with her legs spread open. As a result of these conversations, on December 15, the defendant met with Detective Palchak in the District of Columbia, expecting to have sex with a 9-year-old girl. The defendant was placed under arrest after a brief chase and struggle.

A subsequent search of the defendant's computers located at his home in Arlington, Virginia, revealed the images that the defendant had sent to Detective Palchak via computer. The defendant's computers also contained five videos as well as twenty-five additional images. Both the videos and the images contained pornographic images including the vaginal and anal penetration of prepubescent girls. This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood and the FBI/MPD Child Exploitation Task Force. In February 2006, the Attorney General created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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her earlier guilty plea to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A), Theft or Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, in connection with a scheme to steal money from the National Children's Alliance, a non-profit organization that assists victims of child abuse.

FACTS: According to information provided to the court, National Children's Alliance ("NCA"), is located at 516 C Street, NE, Washington, D.C. NCA is a nation-wide, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. The organization provides services to Children's Advocacy Centers, multi-disciplinary teams, and professionals across the country. NCA receives federal assistance to operate its programs. Since 1995, NCA has received approximately \$76 million dollars in federal grant money from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs.

From approximately August 22, 1994 until May 10, 2007, Martin was employed at NCA as the Finance/Senior Staff Director. As such, she was an agent of NCA, in that her duties included responsibility for finance and accounting functions. She was required to perform day-to-day accounting activities and was responsible for monitoring NCA's monthly costs and reflecting those costs within the annual budget framework. She also implemented accounting policies and procedures and interfaced with NCA's auditors and banks. She was responsible for reconciling the checking and savings accounts each month. She also worked closely with the NCA Grants Department to ensure timely processing of check requests and payments.

Martin illegally obtained NCA monies in the form of additional paychecks, above and beyond those to which she was entitled by reason of her salary, when she or a co-worker called in additional payroll for her to the company that handles payroll for NCA. As a result of this scheme, from approximately October 31, 2005 through May 9, 2007, Martin wrongfully received additional paychecks that totaled \$15,857.15. The investigation into this matter is on-going.

Mark D. Blunt, a Maryland man, has pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to defraud banks and mortgage lenders, Blunt, 44, of Glenarden, Maryland, entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton to the charge of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. Sentencing is scheduled for November 6, 2009. Blunt faces a possible sentence under the guidelines of 30 - 41 months of incarceration.

FACTS: According to the statement of offense signed by the defendant, from 2004 to 2007, Mark Blunt, with the assistance of others, defrauded banks and other mortgage lenders of money by churning properties through successive sales to unqualified buyers, with sales generating ill-gotten proceeds which Blunt or others took for themselves. For example, Blunt obtained the title to a dilapidated house in Washington, D.C. through a quit claim deed. One month later Blunt sold the property to someone whose income was overstated and payroll documents were fictitious; on the same day of the sale, the "buyer" transferred the property back to Blunt via quit claim deed. In March 2005, Blunt sold the property again, this time to a co-conspirator, who also

used false information in order to qualify for a mortgage loan. Later, the co-conspirator sold the still unrenovated property through the use of a false appraisal and other false statements to another buyer. With each sale, Blunt or the co-conspirator received tens of thousands of dollars in loan proceeds. The final buyer defaulted on the loan and the bank foreclosed the property, suffering a financial loss. Similarly, Mark Blunt churned four other properties in the District of Columbia, each time obtaining money for himself or his co-conspirator. Defendant Blunt also obtained title to a property in Maryland sometime before 2004 and moved into the property. In early 2004, the defendant sold the property to another for the sales price of \$1.5 million. Blunt continued to live in the property, but the mortgage fell into default.

Before final foreclosure, the property was sold to a close relative of Blunt's for \$1.8 million. This loan was obtained through a false loan application. Again, the loan fell into default, and again, before foreclosure, this Bowie property was resold to a former relative of Blunt's, this time for \$2.3 million. The loan to purchase the property this time was obtained through a financial institution with the application containing false statements. This loan also fell into arrears; currently the property is in the foreclosure process.

Edwina Bigesby, 28, of Washington, D.C., was convicted in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base, Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, and Simple Possession of Marijuana. These charges arose from the execution of a search warrant at Ms. Bigesby's residence last year.

FACTS: According to the government's evidence, on the morning of June 27, 2008, officers from the Metropolitan Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant at 1709 Trinidad Avenue, NW, #1. Inside, officers found Ms. Bigesby and her three young children, along with over 106 grams of cocaine base and 3.9 grams of marijuana. Approximately 18 grams of the cocaine base was found inside two of Ms. Bigesby's purses, along with her personal documents, including her driver's license, birth certificate, and health insurance card. Officers also found drug paraphernalia throughout the apartment, including small ziplock bags, a razor, and plates with cocaine residue. During the search of Ms. Bigesby's vehicle, officers found ten grams of heroin in the trunk of her car.

Courtney A. Stadd, 54, of Bethesda, Maryland, a former high-ranking National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") official, has been found guilty, by a jury, of three federal offenses in connection with actions he took in 2005 that resulted in over \$9.5 million of NASA funds being allocated to one of his consulting clients, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and Acting NASA Inspector General Thomas J. Howard announced today. The jury found Stadd guilty of one count of Acts Affecting a Personal Financial Interest, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 208, and two counts of False Statements, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The Honorable Rosemary M. Collyer, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, presided over the trial and will sentence Stadd on November 6, 2009.

FACTS: According to the facts presented at trial, Stadd, who previously served as NASA Chief of Staff and White House Liaison, returned to NASA in April of 2005 as a Special Government Employee in the Office of the Administrator. At the same time, Stadd was also the president of a private consulting business, Capitol Solutions. Stadd exerted his authority as a Special Government Employee to ensure that \$12 million of a \$15 million Congressional “earmark” for earth science applications was spent in Mississippi, where one of his clients, Mississippi State University, was located. Mississippi State University received \$9,603,428 of the “earmarked” funds from NASA. Stadd later sent an invoice to Mississippi State University for his actions on the “earmark” allocation and also cited those actions to support a request for a pay raise from Mississippi State University. As part of his scheme, Stadd made false statements to NASA ethics officials concerning his participation in NASA matters involving Mississippi State University.

Theodore Holmes, 51, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, pleaded guilty to Mail Fraud. Mr. Holmes faces a likely Sentencing Guidelines range of between 21 to 27 months imprisonment when he is sentenced by the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy on November 13, 2009

FACTS: Holmes, who worked as a printing and reprographics specialist at the United States Senate, admitted during the plea proceeding that, on February 18, 1999, he filed a notice of an on-the-job knee injury. From February 16, 2000 to the present, the Senate provided the defendant with wage-loss compensation benefits for total disability as a result of his work-related condition. The Office of Workers’ Compensation repeatedly informed the defendant that he was required to report any outside work activities or income, volunteer work, self-employment, or involvement in a business enterprise. The defendant repeatedly certified his denial of any such activities or income on forms CA-1032s, including on June 1, 2000; December 1, 2002; January 2, 2004; May 30, 2005; July 26, 2006; December 1, 2007; January 27, 2008; and August 31, 2008. The defendant completed and signed the CA-1032 forms at his home in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and then mailed them through the United States Postal Service. Despite the certifications, the defendant owned and conducted the day-to-day operations of several car wash businesses from February 16, 2000 to the present. The defendant derived income from the car wash businesses. The defendant also devoted a substantial amount of time to coaching a traveling flag football team, which is a member team of the United States Flag & Touch Football League. As part of the plea proceedings, the defendant admitted that he wrongfully received \$259,645.11 in wage-loss compensation benefits for total disability from the United States government.

Sarosh Mir, a former employee of two technology firms which did business with the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), has pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud for his role in an alleged bribery and kickback scheme. Mir, 44, of Herndon, Virginia, pled guilty before the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. to a one-count information that charges him with Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud. Sentencing was set for November 6, 2009. Mir was previously employed by Advanced

Integrated Technology Corporation (AITC), a District of Columbia technology firm owned by Sushil Bansal, who has also been charged in the scheme. Mir admitted that he then incorporated a second company at Bansal's behest, Innovative IT Solutions, Inc. (IITSI), and was the nominal president, although it was actually Bansal's company. Both AITC and IITSI were awarded contracts with OCTO.

FACTS: During his guilty plea, Mir admitted to participating in a scheme between July 2008 and March 2009 to defraud the District of Columbia Government by submitting false and fraudulent time sheets and invoices that reflected inflated work hours for some employees, as well as submitting false and fraudulent time sheets and invoices for "ghost employees" – individuals who were not employed by AITC or IITSI and who did no work for those companies or for OCTO. Mir admitted that he supplied the name of a friend to be used in the ghost employee scheme. The monetary loss to the District of Columbia Government associated with Mir's involvement in the scheme was over \$124,000. The maximum penalty for conspiracy to commit wire fraud is 5 years of incarceration.

Kevin Noblette, 24, of Luray, Virginia, was sentenced on August 20, 2009, before the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to a period of 90 months of incarceration following his earlier guilty plea on March 19, 2009, to one count of Transportation of Child Pornography. Judge Kollar-Kotelly also ordered that Noblette be placed on supervised release for 600 months upon completion of his prison sentence. Noblette's supervision will include numerous limitations and requirements, including registration as a sex offender, and limitations on access to and contact with minors, computers, and the internet.

FACTS: According to the Statement of Offense filed with the court by the government, on December 13, 2006, a detective with the Metropolitan Police Department was working in an undercover capacity in the District of Columbia and posing as an adult pedophile. On that date, the detective monitored a known picture chat room, Free6, where pedophiles have been known to hang out, seek children for sex, and trade child pornography. An individual using the screen name "lzyprt" posted a message that stated "any parents from USA have a 5-12yo daughter I could have sex with in exchange for money?" That same day, the detective, using a covert screen name, responded to that posted message and stated that he has a 10-year-old that he has been active with and her mother is a cocaine user. The individual using the screen name "lzyprt" responded by stating "nice . . . do u think u could hook me up." The detective responded yes and provided his MSN contact information.

During the period December 13, 2006 through April 5, 2007, the detective had several on-line conversations with the individual who used the e-mail address "lzyprt21@hotmail.com" and the screen name "Bob." During these conversations, that individual and the detective discussed an interest in having sex with children and arrangements for "Bob" to engage in sex with a fictitious ten-year-old girl in exchange for money. During the initial conversation, "Bob," later identified as the defendant Kevin Noblette, stated that his name was "Kevin" and that he was 22 years old. In later conversations with the detective during this period, the defendant indicated that he was a college student.

On November 1, 2007, the detective again was working in an undercover capacity in the District of Columbia and posing as an adult pedophile. The detective posted a message in the public access forum on a known child pornography site named Kido Network. The message stated that the detective was “active” and looking for anyone was also “active” and asked that anyone who wanted to chat to contact the covert screen name used by the detective on Yahoo! instant messaging. Based upon the detective’s experience in posing as a pedophile, he knew that “active” was understood to mean sexually active with children.

After posting the message, on the same day, the detective was contacted via instant messaging by an individual who utilized the e-mail address [“lzyprt1@yahoo.com”](mailto:lzyprt1@yahoo.com) and the screen name “Tim Snyder,” who initiated a conversation by instant messaging. During conversations between the detective and this individual, the individual described himself as a 23-year-old male college student who was attending Radford University in the Fall of 2007 and Spring of 2008, and graduated in May 2008. The individual, later identified as the defendant, said he was from South-West Virginia but his family lives close to Northern Virginia. He sent by photo share a photograph of himself wearing a Radford University shirt.

In on-line conversations between the detective and the defendant during the period November 1, 2007 through May 6, 2008, he forwarded to the detective in the District of Columbia, the following images of child pornography: (1) a prepubescent child lying on a bed nude with her legs spread open exposing her vagina; (2) a prepubescent child lying on a bed being digitally penetrated by an adult male finger; and (3) a prepubescent female nude on all fours exposing her anus and vagina next to an adult female in the same position wearing panties. In the on-line conversations during this same time period, the defendant acknowledged that he had chatted with the detective on-line previously using the screen name “Bob.” The defendant also stated that he has an extensive collection of child pornography in the form of movies and DVDs. Subsequent investigation determined that the defendant was living in Radford, Virginia.

On July 2, 2008, the defendant was arrested in Radford, Virginia, pursuant to a warrant for his arrest that was issued by U.S. District Magistrate Judge Deborah Robinson on June 30, 2008. On July 2, 2008, a U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke Division, issued a search warrant authorizing the search of the defendant’s residence. The warrant was executed by Metropolitan Police Department Detectives and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Among the items recovered during the search of the defendant’s home was one silver computer with no serial number containing two hard drives and 15 DVDs. A forensic analysis of that computer and the DVDs was conducted by a Criminal Investigator with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. On the computer and DVDs were approximately 2500 images and 770 videos/movies of child pornography, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 2256. Also on the computer were the three images of child pornography that the defendant had sent to the detective. The images located on the defendant’s computer were taken to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and have been compared with NCMEC’s Child Recognition & Identification System (CRIS).

Mansour Salahmand, a Virginia man, has pleaded guilty to forging doctors' names and using their government-issued identification numbers to write prescriptions to patients, primary children, for controlled substances. Salahmand, 54, most recently of Sterling, Virginia, entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly to the charge of Identity Theft. Sentencing is scheduled for December 10, 2009. Salahmand faces a possible sentence under the guidelines of 24 - 33 months of incarceration.

FACTS: According to the statement of offense signed by the defendant, a psychiatrist is a medical doctor who specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental illnesses. Certain drugs, which may be prescribed by psychiatrists, are deemed to be Schedule II controlled substances; the "Schedule II" distinction is given to the most regulated and controlled of the legal drugs. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is an agency of the United States which, among its other duties, regulates the dispensing of controlled substances. DEA registers medical doctors, giving them a "DEA registration number." If a medical doctor holds a current "DEA registration number," then the medical doctor may prescribe controlled substances. In order to write prescriptions for controlled substances in the District of Columbia, a medical doctor working in a clinic must also have permission from the District of Columbia's Controlled Substances Board.

The defendant, Mansour Salahmand, was not a licensed medical doctor. He did not hold a "DEA registration number," nor did he have a District of Columbia controlled substance license. Despite his lack of licensing and credentials, Salahmand sought and obtained employment as a psychiatrist at eight different clinics in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland. Salahmand worked at these clinics where other licensed psychiatrists were currently working or had worked in the past, including four doctors, identified in court as: Doctors M.P., D.H., T.M., and H.K.

From July 2004 to around October 2006, Salahmand worked at these eight clinics in the District of Columbia and Maryland, purporting to treat patients (primarily children) as a psychiatrist. As a result, the defendant caused these eight clinics to fraudulently charge health care benefit programs for services which purportedly were done by a licensed medical doctor, but were, in fact, performed by him.

During the course of his scheme, Salahmand wrote prescriptions for controlled substances for patients in the District of Columbia or Maryland; at least 164 of these prescriptions were filled at area pharmacies for controlled substances. On these 164 prescriptions, Salahmand forged the signatures for one of four doctors, Dr. D.H., Dr. M.P, Dr. T.M. or Dr. H.K. In addition, Salahmand used the DEA registration numbers of Doctors D.H., M.P., T.M., and H.K.

Peter J. Brandel, Sr., a 71-year-old Ohio man, has pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Obstruction of Justice and Perjury in connection with his role in a plot to fool a federal judge into awarding a \$3 million default judgment against the victim of his co-defendant's

earlier sex crime. Brandel, of Mansfield, Ohio, entered his guilty plea before the Honorable Richard J. Leon, U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia. Brandel faces a statutory sentence of up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for November 16, 2009. Under the terms of the plea agreement, the government and the defendant have agreed that an appropriate sentence for Brandel would be 24 to 30 months in prison. A second defendant was arrested and charged last month as the alleged co-conspirator in the scheme, in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury that charged him with the identical offense, Conspiracy to Commit Obstruction of Justice and Perjury.

FACTS: According to the Statement of the Offense filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office with the Court, Brandel's co-conspirator was convicted in Ohio in 2000 of Gross Sexual Imposition of two 14-year-old students at the private school where he was an instructor. After serving three years in an Ohio prison for the offense, the co-conspirator was paroled to his hometown, the District of Columbia, and ordered not to have any contact with the victims of his earlier crime.

However, while on parole, in June 2007, the co-conspirator decided to file a \$3 million defamation suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against one of the two victims of his crime, an individual identified in the Statement of the Offense only as "J.C." The lawsuit was assigned to U.S. District Judge Ellen S. Huvelle.

But rather than serve J.C. with a copy of the lawsuit, the co-conspirator recruited Brandel to sign a false affidavit with Judge Huvelle claiming Brandel served the civil action on J.C. Without J.C.'s knowledge, for more than a month, the co-conspirator filed numerous pleadings for both himself, as plaintiff, and for J.C., as defendant. To obtain Brandel's signature for the pleadings they filed in his name, the co-conspirator convinced Brandel to file a bogus state court lawsuit in Ohio against J.C., but Brandel then agreed to dismiss the action if J.C. would sign an agreement to dismiss the Ohio lawsuit. The two co-conspirators then used that signature on all the court documents they filed for J.C. without his knowledge.

After receiving a document purportedly from J.C. in July 2007 admitting the allegations in the lawsuit and consenting to the default judgment against him, on August 8, 2007, Judge Huvelle awarded a \$3 million default judgment against J.C. to the co-conspirator, unaware that the co-conspirator had gone to prison in Ohio for the very acts that were the supposed subject of the defamation lawsuit. When the Ashland County prosecutor in Ohio alerted Judge Huvelle that the co-conspirator was on parole for having molested J.C. when he was a minor, the judge immediately vacated the default judgment and set a hearing on the matter for August 16, 2007.

According to the Statement of the Offense, at the hearing Brandel testified falsely under oath that he had served a copy of the co-conspirator lawsuit on J.C., when in fact he later admitted he did not do so, and it was the object of the conspiracy to fool the Court into thinking that J.C. had been served with the lawsuit and consented to the judgment against him.

Kayla M. Smith, a 25-year-old former investigative specialist at U.S. Investigations Services, Inc. (“USIS”), Kayla M. Smith, who conducted credit checks in connection with background investigations on behalf of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (“OPM”), has pled guilty to one count of fraud in the second degree. Smith, of Parker, Pennsylvania, entered her guilty plea in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Magistrate Judge Alan Kay. Smith is scheduled to be sentenced on December 9, 2009, and could face up to 180 days in prison under the relevant statute as a result of the guilty plea.

FACTS: According to the factual proffer agreed to by Smith, Smith was employed by USIS as an investigative specialist under contract to conduct credit checks in connection with background investigations on behalf of OPM. OPM’s Federal Investigative Services Division (“FISD”), formerly known as the Center for Federal Investigative Services, is responsible for conducting background investigations for numerous federal agencies and their contractors. OPM-FISD has an investigator workforce comprised of federal agents employed by OPM-FISD and investigators, investigative specialists, and record searchers employed by various companies, such as USIS, under contract with OPM-FISD to conduct background investigations. OPM-FISD conducts background investigations of individuals who are either employed by or seeking employment with federal agencies or government contractors. The purpose of the background investigations is to determine individuals’ suitability for positions having access to classified information, for positions impacting national security, and for receiving or retaining security clearances.

In conducting these background investigations, contract investigators conduct interviews of individuals who have information about the person who is the subject of the background investigation. In addition, contract investigators and record searchers seek out, obtain, and review documentary evidence, such as employment records, to verify and corroborate information provided by either the subject of the background investigation or by persons interviewed during the investigation. Furthermore, contract investigative specialists contact creditors and collection agencies to verify delinquent accounts which appear on the subject’s credit report or are admitted by the subject. After conducting interviews, record reviews, and credit checks, respectively, contract investigators, record searchers, and investigative specialists prepare a Report of Investigation (“ROI”), containing the results of the interviews, record reviews, and credit checks, and electronically submit the ROI to OPM in Washington, D.C. OPM then provides a copy of the investigative file to the requesting agency and maintains a copy in its records system.

The ROI containing the results of the interviews, record reviews, and credit checks conducted during a background investigation is utilized and relied upon by the agency requesting the background investigation to determine whether the subject of the investigation is suitable for a position having access to classified information, for a position impacting national security, or for receiving or retaining security clearance.

On or about July 23, 2008, in a ROI of a background investigation of R.C., Smith represented that she had received no response to her multiple requests to four separate creditors for credit checks on R.C., when, in truth and in fact, Smith had received credit information relating to R.C. from all of these entities. On the same date, Smith electronically submitted to OPM in Washington, D.C., her ROI on the background investigation of R.C., which Smith knew contained the above-mentioned false representations. These false representations were material, as they influenced the government's decisions and activities with respect to R.C.

Between in or about March 2007 and August 2008, in approximately one out of every three credit checks in her ROI's on background investigations, Smith represented that she had received no response to her multiple requests to creditors and collection agencies for credit checks when, in truth and in fact, Smith had received credit information relating to the subjects from these entities. Smith electronically submitted to OPM in Washington, D.C., these ROI's, knowing that they contained false representations. These false representations were material, as they influenced the government's decisions and activities with respect to the subjects of those background investigations. Smith engaged in this scheme and systematic course of conduct with intent to defraud and to obtain property of USIS, that is, a portion of her salary, through her false representations in her ROI's.

Smith's false representations in her ROI's on background investigations have required USIS, under the supervision of OPM-FISD, to reopen numerous background investigations and redo numerous credit checks that were assigned to Smith during the time period of her falsifications, at a cost to date of \$95,275.37 to USIS and \$4,262.26 to OPM-FISD.

Kirk Washington, a 46-year-old employee of the Department of Homeland Security, has pled guilty to a charge of theft of government property and agreed to voluntarily resign from his government job, in connection with his theft of \$3000 worth of retail gift cards from a government building under his jurisdiction. Washington, currently residing in the 2900 block of Lloyd Court, Temple Hills, MD, entered his guilty plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. When Washington is sentenced on December 15, 2009, he faces up to one year of imprisonment. As part of his plea agreement, Washington agreed to make restitution in the amount of \$3000, and to resign from the Department of Homeland Security.

FACTS: According to the government's evidence, Washington was employed by the Department of Homeland Security as a Branch Chief of Building Services, responsible for logistical support for maintenance and security, at various U.S. Customs and Border Protection locations at six federal buildings, including 1400 L Street, NW. In December 2008, Washington went to an office inside 1400 L Street where he knew a supply of retail gift cards was locked in a cabinet, obtained the key from a supervisor's desk, and stole \$3000 worth of the cards. He used

most of the cards for personal use, while also giving some to family and co-workers. When the theft was discovered in March 2009, Washington told law enforcement personnel he had some knowledge of the matter, and eventually admitted his involvement.

Renee Anding, 22, of Hil Mar Drive, District Heights, MD, was sentenced for uttering a forged security of an organization. U.S. District Judge James Robertson sentenced Anding to five years of probation, a \$3,000 fine, and 100 hours of community service.

FACTS: Anding admitted during a prior plea hearing that on or about November 1, 2007, she presented a check to a cashier at a Wachovia Bank branch in Washington, D.C. The check was drawn on the account of Venable, LLP, a law firm with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., and offices in other states. The check, dated October 30, 2007, was payable to Sprint in the amount of \$17,538.02. The check had been altered by the addition of the name Renee Anding as part of the payee information without the permission of Venable, LLP. Anding had been asked to utter the check by others. Anding endorsed the check, but she knew there was something wrong with the request for her to utter the check.

U.S. Attorney's Office Website

The United States Attorney's Office maintains a website with additional information concerning Office personnel and activities. The website is www.DCcommunityprosecution.gov.

**The Following Report, Titled "Papered Arrests"
Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed Against
Defendants in the Second District.**

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PAPERED COMMUNITY PROSECUTION
PAPERED ARRESTS**

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201	08/06/2009 21:00	09111648	THEFT SECOND DEGREE MARK ROMLEY	LORIMER, CHARLES E	2009CMD017163	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5252 WISCONSIN AVE NW
201	08/25/2009 07:45	09034153	THEFT FIRST DEGREE KATHERINE A. WORTHINGTON	KNIERIEM, KATHERINE	2009CF2018437	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 3921 Military Road, NW
202	08/11/2009 13:50	09114021	SHOPLIFTING ROBERT STAPLETON	GOODMAN, RONNIE N	2009CMD017480	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5100 WISC AVE NW 20016
202	08/20/2009 14:00	09118730	SHOPLIFTING	WALKER, GLENN D	2009CMD018133	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5300 WISC AVE NW
203	08/18/2009 21:00		SIMPLE ASSAULT MARK ROMLEY	TIGRAN, AKOPIAN	2009CMD017943	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3308 VANNESS STREET NW
204	08/06/2009 21:50	09111674	UNLAWFUL ENTRY JONATHAN P. HOOKS	FRANCIS, MATTHEW A	2009CF3017189	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2325 42nd St NW #305
204	08/17/2009 00:45	09116952	CREDIT CARD FRAUD-FEL EMILY C. SCRUGGS	FITZGERALD, JANET L	2009CF2017839	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2660 Woodley Rd, NW, Room 5020

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204	08/28/2009 19:03		SIMPLE ASSAULT	EVERETT, DANIELLE	2009CMD018704	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2311 WISC AVE NW
206	08/04/2009 10:00	09110290	SIMPLE ASSAULT HAROLD BABCOCK-ELLIS	LIPSCOMB, TIMOTHY	2009CMD016897	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3200 BLK OF N STREET NW
206	08/05/2009 20:50	09111176	THREATS TO DO BODILY HARM -MISD AMY S. TRYON	BEY, ALI M	2009CMD017118	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3120 M ST NW
206	08/06/2009 16:59		UNLAWFUL ENTRY	BELLE, BARRY L	2009CMD018494	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT Car Barn 35 & PROSPECT STREET NW
206	08/07/2009 18:10	09112099	POSS OF A CONTROL SUBSTANCE -MISD	BROWN, JABARI K	2009CMD018501	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2800 block of P ST NW
206	08/08/2009 01:45	09112312	UNLAWFUL ENTRY	BEASLEY, TREVOR F	2009CMD018406	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3022 DUNBARTON ST NW
206	08/09/2009 07:28	09112970	UNLAWFUL ENTRY LYNDA L. RANDOLPH	GRIFFIN, DAVID	2009CMD018514	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1237 POTOMAC STREET N.W.

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206	08/24/2009 19:31		THEFT SECOND DEGREE AMY S. TRYON	WATTS, DERRICK K	2009CMD018417	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2012 P St., NW Washington, DC
206	08/26/2009 18:00	09122021	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	HAFEEZ, ALY	2009CMD018626	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3222 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20007
207	08/01/2009 13:20	09108803	UNLAWFUL ENTRY JIN Y. PARK	SCHATH, JOSEPH N	2009CMD016745	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1957 E ST NW
207	08/04/2009 01:20	09110180	SIMPLE ASSAULT WILLIAM R. TORRUELLAS	GREEN, DARRYL	2009CMD017958	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 900 23RD ST NW
207	08/11/2009 16:30	09113827	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY-MISD JUSTIN E. DILLON	REID, MOHAMMADIN	2009CMD017427	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 900 23RD ST NW
207	08/12/2009 08:45	09115453	UNLAWFUL ENTRY	MOORE, TYRONE	2009CMD018368	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 514 19TH ST NW
207	08/16/2009 20:53	09116849	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	SWEIEINGA, AARON	2009CMD018802	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2100 PA AVE NW

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207	08/23/2009 19:00		UNLAWFUL ENTRY JUSTIN E. DILLON	ELLERBE, SHUNITA D	2009CMD018309	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 616 23RD STREET NW
208	08/01/2009 00:20	09108523	SIMPLE ASSAULT ROBERT E. KELLY	GOLDBERG, MARC P	2009CMD017610	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1219 18TH STREET NW
208	08/03/2009 17:25	09109817	ASSAULT ON A POLICER OFFICER-DANG WEAPON KATHLEEN CONNOLLY	CRAWFORD, SETH	2009CMD016865	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3000 BLK WISC AVE NW
208	08/03/2009 19:42	09109939	SIMPLE ASSAULT ROBERT STAPLETON	DERVIN, CRYSTAL S	2009CMD017956	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2121 P STREET NW
208	08/04/2009 18:33	09110503	THEFT SECOND DEGREE NADIA ZARINKIA	ROBINSON, MICHAEL	2009CMD017019	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 6 DUPONT CIRCLE NW
208	08/05/2009 18:40		SHOPLIFTING WILLIE THOMAS	EVANS, BLANCHE N	2009CMD017088	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 4800 ALABAMA AVE SE
208	08/05/2009 19:00		DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200 TREVOR N. MCFADDEN	DURHAM, DIONNE M	2009CMD017040	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1144 19TH STREET NW

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208	08/06/2009 20:00	09111596	CARRY PISTOL W/O LIC - OUTSIDE HOME/BUSINESS TERRY EATON	KOZAK, DONALD O	2009CF2017166	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 17th and I Streets, NW
208	08/08/2009 20:00	09112698	POSS W/I TO DIST A CONTROL SUBSTANCE TERRY EATON	HAWKINS, JOSEPH W	2009CF2017320	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 1500 Block of U St., NW
208	08/09/2009 02:15	09112900	Assault (Felony) EMILY C. SCRUGGS	BENSON, WILLIAM	2009CF2018414	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2401 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
208	08/11/2009 10:46	09113534	ROBBERY JONATHAN P. HOOKS	STEVENS, HOSEA M	2009CF3017391	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1600 block of 4th St NW, 1712 16th St NW, and 1730 16th St NW
208	08/11/2009 10:55	09113534	ROBBERY JONATHAN P. HOOKS	WARE, NIGEL A	2009CF3017392	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION
208	08/12/2009 12:20	09114490	THEFT SECOND DEGREE JIN Y. PARK	DOBSON, GEORGE	2009CMD017529	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1133 CONN AVE N.W.
208	08/13/2009 16:14	09115193	THEFT SECOND DEGREE ROBERT STAPLETON	WARD, BENJAMIN A	2009CMD017622	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1701 Corcoran St NW

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208	08/14/2009 06:45	09115509	SIMPLE ASSAULT JUSTIN E. DILLON	SPROWLS, LAWRENCE S	2009CMD017663	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1600 CORCORAN ST NW
208	08/15/2009 01:50	09115985	THEFT SECOND DEGREE WILLIAM R. TORRUELLAS	CAMBELL, PATRICIA	2009CMD017769	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1825 I ST NW
208	08/16/2009 02:45	09116548	SIMPLE ASSAULT JIN Y. PARK	MATTOCKS, ANDREW T	2009CMD017794	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1207 19th St. NW [Porter's Bar]
208	08/19/2009 16:40		Assault with Significant Bodily Injury NICHOLAS P. COLEMAN	WASHINGTON, TEKYSHA F	2009CF2018118	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION, VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT 1808 I Street, NW/1700 block of I Street, NW
208	08/21/2009 16:30	09119363	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE EMILY C. SCRUGGS	SMITH, JIMMY	2009CF2018271	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1650 L St., NE
208	08/21/2009 16:30	09119363	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE EMILY C. SCRUGGS	QUINSON, WILLIS P	2009CF2018270	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION
208	08/23/2009 13:00	09117345	THEFT SECOND DEGREE TREVOR N. MCFADDEN	TOWNS, ERIC D	2009CMD018310	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1601 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington DC 20009

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208	08/24/2009 21:21	09120970	THEFT SECOND DEGREE WILLIE THOMAS	CASTRO CLANDE, FLUJENCIO	2009CMD018435	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1701 CORCORAN STREET NW
208	08/28/2009 08:15	09122795	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	MCCOMMONS, KEVIN L	2009CMD018727	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1731 New Hampshire Ave, NW
208	08/30/2009 01:05	09123875	ASSAULT ON A POLICER OFFICER-DANG WEAPON	BULUX, ALEJANDRO A	2009CMD018883	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 20TH & P ST NW
208	08/31/2009 22:16	09124765	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	THOMASSON, SYLVESTER J	2009CMD018924	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1700 BLK N ST NW