

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I have receive some money from the Restitution Receiver and Bankruptcy Trustee, John Kozyak, will I get more and where did this money come from?

The money you received in two checks was derived from the property forfeited by the government and the money recovered through the bankruptcy proceedings. As each defendant is sentenced on the charges of conviction in the criminal case, and the properties forfeited are sold, additional money becomes available to provide restitution. The same is true of the Bankruptcy proceeding, that is, as the Trustee prevails in the adversary proceedings more money becomes available. We cannot predict with certainty how much you will receive, but you will receive an additional amount.

The government seized and forfeited more than 40 cars and 40 houses in addition to helicopters, motorcycles and water vessels. Other money has been turned over to the government to place into the restitution fund. Much of the property has been sold and the government is awaiting final orders of forfeiture so that distribution of the proceeds of the sales can be made to you.

2. Now that the government has been successful in gathering a fund of money to pay restitution, how much can I expect to get back?

We cannot predict how much will be available to pay you back. The government has alleged, as stated in the indictment, that the money you paid to the various companies was used to purchase luxury items, pay sales commissions, and pay for personal expenses. Much of this money is not available to the government to seize because the funds already have ben spent or dissipated. Consequently, the government has no way to predict until the end of the case how much money the government will hold to pay victims for losses related to investments. Each day the government seeks to find additional assets and money which may be seized to add to this fund. When possible the government seizes assets for your benefit or notifies the Bankruptcy Trustee that additional property has been located so the Trustee may seek to take possession of this additional property for your benefit. Through the course of the trials of this case the government has located money, cars, and real estate which has either been forfeited or the government has notified the Trustee so he may pursue this additional property. Some of these items have included a Mercedes Benz, real estate in Florida, property in Puerto Rico, and a house in Tennessee.

3. Should I hire an attorney?

Whether you should hire an attorney to try to gain your investment money back from the companies and individuals you had contact with when investing in these viaticals is a matter of personal choice and the government cannot advise you on this issue.

4. Why can't I talk to one of the Assistant United States Attorneys or law enforcement agents involved in the prosecution?

There are close to 4000 people who invested money in this scheme. If the attorneys or agents spoke to even a small number of you they would be unable to spend the time necessary to investigate, prepare and be available to bring this case to conclusion. With each passing day, because of the time devoted to the case, we come closer to concluding the prosecution. All that remains is for sentencing as to Raphael Ray Levy, Ivan Burgos, Gary Pierce, Zane Balsam, Wanda Tirado, Alan Richard Lewis, Garland Hogan and Juan Arroyo to occur. At each sentencing hearing additional property is forfeited which is then converted to the restitution fund. The sentencing hearings are scheduled for these individuals beginning during October 2001. The government will update the web site as the sentencing dates become available.

As a victim of this case you have a right to make comments to the Court at the time sentence is imposed. You also have a right to attend sentencing hearings, which are always open to the public. The sentencing hearings are held at the Paul G. Rogers Federal Courthouse, 701 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, Florida. You may communicate the impact this fraud had on you by sending a letter to the United States Probation Office, 505 Flagler , West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. Please identify the case you are writing about.

5. Why did the government stop the payment of my monthly income checks?

The government had nothing to do with the decision to stop your monthly income check from being sent to you. At this time, however, there is no fund of money from which these checks can be distributed.

6. Is anybody else investigating or suing the people or companies who sold these investments or are involved in this case?

The Federal government has been made aware that several states are investigating what occurred in this investment scheme. These states include Missouri, Florida, Tennessee, and Texas, amongst others. Each of those states is pursuing the situation as their laws permit and may not be investigating exactly the same kinds of allegations as the Federal government is pursuing. If you have questions about what, if anything your state is pursuing, you should contact the following types of state agencies: Attorneys General, Insurance Commissioners, and Securities Commissioners.

In addition, as you have been told through other communications, the Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Florida has appointed a trustee to find assets and has declared Financial Federated Title & Trust Incorporated and American Benefits Services bankrupt. These cases have been filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale Division in Case Nos. 99-26543-BKC-RBR (American Benefits Services), and 99-26616-BKC-RBR (Financial Federated). The bankruptcies are proceeding and the Trustee has filed numerous adversary complaints in an effort to recoup moneys to pay back to the victims of this fraud. The United States Attorney's office has neither the power nor the ability to control the civil bankruptcy proceedings. The success of each

lawsuit filed by the Trustee brings more money into the estate to pay you, the victims of the fraud. Each day the Trustee seeks additional assets and money, for your benefit. Please see the Trustees web site at: <http://www.finfedinfo.com/>

The United States Attorney's Office hopes that the above list of questions and answers are helpful to you. We shall continue to keep you up to date about the status of the case and attempt to answer your questions.