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A Message from the U.S. Attorney

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

The Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit, held in Mt. Vernon during the last week of February, was a great success on several levels. The Summit provided excellent training on several timely topics, including "Managing and Winning Extreme Encounters," "Excited Delirium," and "Omaha Mall Massacre." With more than 250 in attendance, it also provided a great opportunity for networking with law enforcement professionals from across our District. I saw some old friends at the Summit and made some new ones. This afforded me a great opportunity to speak face to face with our law enforcement partners about issues and concerns.

The success of this project depends on the hard work and dedication of many people and I thank each of you who helped make this success possible. I want to highlight the special efforts of Summit Facilitator, Ron Shownes. Ron is the LECC Coordinator for our office and works tirelessly on many important projects throughout the year, including this project. He has been a tremendous asset to our office and a great help to me. More importantly, he is a great asset and help to law enforcement professionals in our District in many ways. Thanks, Ron.

While it is too late to attend this year's Summit, I encourage you to attend next year. It is one of the finest of its kind in the nation. It is not too late to attend some of the upcoming programs, including:

- **Project Safe Childhood/Safe Responder Training:** April 15 at Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights.
- **6th Annual Southern Illinois Meth and Other Drugs Conference:** April 21-22 at John A. Logan College in Carterville.
- **4th Annual Metro East Meth and Other Drugs Conference:** April 29-30 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

For details, please contact Ron. I plan to attend these events and hope to see you there. I firmly believe the more we communicate, the more success we will achieve. Thank you all for your service to your communities and to our District.

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March 25, 2009:

LEADERSHIP UNDER STRESS CONFERENCE

There are 50 spots still available. The IDEOA (Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers' Association) is conducting a one-day regional class at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Gateway Center is located next to the Holiday Inn and the Illinois State Police District #11 headquarters. Take I-55 and exit at IL RT 157turn on Eastport Plaza drive.

The guest speaker will be U.S. Army (Retired) Colonel (COL) Danny R. McKnight. COL McKnight was the Battalion Commander, 3rd Ranger Battalion, in the infamous "Black Hawk Down" battle in Mogadishu, Somalia. COL McKnight will cover "leadership under stress," speak about "Black Hawk Down," and will have everyone in attendance go through an emotional roller coaster from his phenomenal lecture. You definitely DO NOT want to miss this class!!!! COL McKnight is a well-sought after speaker within our nation as well as overseas, and this will be his first time speaking on behalf of the IDEOA. If you get an e-mail confirming your seat, please be there NO LATER than 8:45 a.m., and park where instructed. Also, a reminder that the IDEOA conference held in Peoria will be April 1 - 3 so if not already signed up to attend, please consider doing so. We have a power-packed list of instructors and you can view the itinerary at www.ideaa.org.



As you are probably anticipating, due to this particular speaker, this class **WILL BE BOOKED IN FULL VERY SOON**. The class is **FREE**, and we will break for lunch, on your own, around 12:00 p.m. **Reply ONLY** to Nate McVicker at Nathan.McVicker@isp.state.il.us or via IWIN at SPJ.MCVICKN@iwin.state.il.us. Once you have received approval to attend, Nate McVicker will send you a return e-mail confirming your reservation.

In 1999, *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War*, written by Mark Bowden, was published, chronicling the events surrounding the battle. The book was adapted into the 2001 film, *Black Hawk Down*. LECC Shownes suggests you see the movie before the class.

COL McKnight was born in Columbus, Georgia. In 1973, Danny R. McKnight graduated as a distinguished military graduate from Florida State University with a B.S. in management. In 1985, he earned his Master's Degree in Higher Education from the University of Florida. As a lieutenant colonel, he was the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and led the "Lost Convoy" during the Battle of Mogadishu on October 3, 1993. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor Device for his actions during the battle. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2002.



Upcoming LECC Activities, continued

April 15, 2009: Project Safe Childhood will conduct a First Responder Training at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Illinois, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The program is being hosted by the United States Attorney's Offices for the Southern District of Illinois and the Eastern District of Missouri and presented by Fox Valley Technical College. This is an on-line registration. Please see information below to register.

1. Go to the website:

<https://www.fvtc.edu/apps/mytraining/Public/Home.aspx>

2. If the student has already created an account, skip this step. If not, enter your social security number (or National ID #) and requested information. This will generate a student ID number that is necessary to register for all our classes going forward.

3. Log onto the "My Training" registration portal using the student ID number or SSN and your password.

4. Ensure that all your personal information is correct. It is imperative that we have both a phone number and an e-mail address. Without both, we cannot complete the registration process.

5. Click on "Register" on the left hand side of the screen.

6. Enter class number and hit "Submit." The class number for this program is: **35539**.

7. Click on the "Register All" button under the listing.

8. Fill out the form. In the Approving Authority section, be sure to enter the information for the student's supervisor or whoever is approving the student's attendance at this training from the student's agency.

9. Registrants need to select their Task Force authority as well. Please select your Task Force from the list.

10. Click "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions related to this class, please feel free to contact:

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April 21 and 22, 2009: The 6th Annual Southern Illinois Methamphetamine and Other Drugs Awareness Conference will be held at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois.



**Sixth Annual
Southern Illinois
Methamphetamine
and Other Drugs
Awareness Conference
April 21st & 22nd, 2009
John A. Logan College
Carterville, Illinois**

Event Sponsors:

John A. Logan College
Williamson County Coalition Against Meth Abuse
Southern Illinois Healthcare
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Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan
United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois
Herrin Hospital-Mission and Values Fund
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
Illinois Department of Human Services—
Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Comit Drug Task Force

Conference Hotels:

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1400 Halfway Road, Marion, Illinois (618) 993-3011
Holiday Inn Express, 400 Comfort Drive, Marion, Illinois (618) 998-1220
Seating is limited! Pre-registration required by April 13, 2009!
On-line registration at: www.jalc.edu/cbi

For more information, please call John A. Logan College at (618) 985-2828 ext. 8510
Or e-mail cbi@jalc.edu

Upcoming LECC Activities, continued

April 29 and 30, 2009: The 4th Annual Metro East Meth and Other Drugs Conference will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Save The Date!

APRIL 29 & 30, 2009

4th ANNUAL METRO EAST Meth + Other Drugs Conference

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CEU's will be available.

This conference is sponsored by MECAM+
(Metro East Coalition Against Meth + Other Drugs)

**Federal Homeland Security Grant Provides
Funds for Robot/X-ray Machine
to Aid Police in Addressing Explosives**

The members of the “Southern Illinois University Carbondale-Carbondale Police Department Bomb Squad” purchased a \$150,000 robot with funds from a federal Homeland Security grant administered through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System.

The bomb disposal robot is remote-controlled and carries several cameras and light attachments, lasers, and an extendable grabbing arm. The robot allows law enforcement officers to do some of the initial examinations of suspicious packages from a distance. The robot works with a state-of-the-art x-ray machine to further reduce the amount of time officers need to be near potential explosives and other dangerous devices.

The bomb unit includes two officers from the Department of Public Safety at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and two from the Police Department in Carbondale. The unit is one of 11 FBI-certified bomb squads in the state and the only local law enforcement-based squad in Illinois south of Champaign. Images of the interior of suspicious packages are forwarded to a database maintained by the FBI Bomb Data Center in Quantico, Virginia, which can help identify what type of devices they are and what should be done with them.



RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES

MORTGAGE FRAUD SCHEME

On February 18, 2009, [KEITH L. PITTMAN](#), age 53, of St. Louis, Missouri, entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in East St. Louis, Illinois, to making a false statement to a financial institution in conjunction with a mortgage fraud scheme. **PITTMAN** is currently scheduled to be sentenced on June 5, 2009, at which time he faces a potential penalty of up to 30 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1,000,000, and up to five years' supervised release to follow any term of imprisonment.

PITTMAN was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 19, 2008, as part of a nationwide crackdown on mortgage fraud. **PITTMAN** was one of more than 400 people who were charged nationwide in mortgage fraud cases which were identified as a result of a Department of Justice initiative known as "Operation Malicious Mortgage."

PITTMAN and others participated in a scheme to obtain residential real estate for himself by making a series of false statements in connection with a series of fraudulent transactions designed to enable him to obtain real property without making an actual down payment, while simultaneously exposing the lending institution to an undisclosed and increased risk of default.

The investigation supporting this prosecution was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys William E. Coonan and Steven D. Weinhoeft.

HEROIN

On February 18, 2009, [JUAN MANUEL CUEVAS-PEREZ](#), age 38, of Phoenix, Arizona, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute heroin. The violation is alleged to have taken place on February 9, 2009, in Clark County, Illinois, and the indictment alleges that more than one kilogram of heroin was involved.

The offense carries with it a minimum penalty of ten years' imprisonment and a maximum penalty up to life imprisonment, a fine of up to \$4,000,000, or both, and at least five years' supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

Information for the indictment was obtained in an investigation conducted by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On February 27, 2009, [CHARLES J. STAPLES](#), a/k/a "Unc," age 55, of Centralia, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 262 months' imprisonment and eight years' supervised release, and was fined \$875.

STAPLES had previously pled guilty to a one-count federal indictment which charged that from February 2004 until September 18, 2007, **STAPLES** and others knowingly and intentionally conspired to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin in violation of federal law. The amount of heroin involved in the conspiracy was

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more than 100 grams.

The investigation was conducted by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, the Illinois State Police, the Centralia Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Marion County State's Attorney's Office also assisted during the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys George A. Norwood and Michael C. Carr.

COCAINE

On February 18, 2009, [TYRONE W. JACKSON](#), age 38, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 20 years' imprisonment, ten years' supervised release, and a fine of \$10,000.

JACKSON had been previously convicted following a jury trial of four separate counts. **JACKSON** was convicted of one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The offenses occurred between March 2005 and October 24, 2007, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

A co-defendant, also of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was also convicted following a jury trial of one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, one count of distribution of crack cocaine, and two counts of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The co-defendant's sentencing is currently scheduled for March 23, 2009, in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Jefferson County States Attorney's Office also assisted in the case.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On February 26, 2009, [MARCUS POWELL](#), a/k/a "Butter," a/k/a "Butterhead," age 28, of Pontoon Beach, Illinois, pled guilty to two counts of distribution of five grams or more of cocaine base in the form commonly known as "crack" cocaine.

The violations occurred on January 17 and 30, 2008, when **POWELL** sold in excess of five grams of cocaine base, in the form of "crack" cocaine, to a confidential informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. During both controlled buys, **POWELL** cooked the "crack" cocaine in front of the purchaser before selling.

Each count carries with it a penalty of a term of not less than five years' up to 40 years' imprisonment and at least four years' supervised release, and a fine of not more than \$2,000,000, or both. Sentencing is scheduled for May 29, 2009, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

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On February 3, 2009, [RAYMOND D. WOOLEY](#), a/k/a “Dub,” age 24, [BRYANT K. MAYBELL](#), a/k/a “B,” age 23, [RAYMOND E. BLYTHE](#), a/k/a “Bud,” and “Ray-Bud,” age 25, and [DAVON V. BELL](#), age 21, all of Carbondale, Illinois, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count superseding indictment charging them and others with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. The violation took place between August 2006 and August 2008, in Jackson and Williamson Counties in Illinois.

MAYBELL appeared in court on February 26, 2009, and was ordered held without bond. **WOOLEY** and **BLYTHE** were previously ordered held without bond pending a March 24, 2009, jury trial.

The offense carries a penalty of ten years’ to life imprisonment, five years’ supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Illinois State Police, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda R. Robertson.

On February 27, 2009, [DERRICK L. ABRAM](#), age 31, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced to 188 months’ imprisonment in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **ABRAM** previously pled guilty to a three-count indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine in Mount Vernon, Illinois, in violation of title 21, United States Code, section 841(a)(1). In each of the counts, **ABRAMS** was charged with having sold .4 grams of crack co-

caine to a confidential informant. The offenses occurred on January 16 and March 10, 2008.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood and Michael C. Carr.

On March 6, 2009, a federal jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, convicted [GARY STEVENSON](#), age 34, of St. Louis, Missouri, on one count of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, commonly referred to as “crack” cocaine and cocaine. The jury returned special verdicts indicating that the amount of cocaine involved was over five kilograms and the amount of “crack” cocaine was over 50 grams. **STEVENSON** faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of release and a fine of up to \$8,000,000. Sentencing is scheduled for June 5, 2009.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel T. Kapsak and Ranley R. Killian.

TAX CHARGE—FILING FALSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN

On February 19, 2009, [MORRIS J. NEAD](#),

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age 40, attorney-at-law for his own law firm, located in Albion, in Edwards County, Illinois, pled guilty before the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois, to the criminal tax charge of making and subscribing a false 2003 federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. **NEAD** admitted, as part of the plea, that he filed false income tax returns for 2003, 2004, and 2005. During those three years, **NEAD** failed to report income of approximately \$204,531.

NEAD faces a maximum term of three years' imprisonment, one year supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000, with restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. The sentencing is set for May 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m., before the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman R. Smith and William E. Coonan.

POSSESSION OF WEAPON IN PRISON

On February 18, 2009, [ALIREZA HENDIJANI](#), age 30, an inmate at FCI-Greenville, in Bond County, Illinois, pled guilty to possession of contraband by a federal inmate.

The violation occurred on September 15, 2008, when correctional officers at FCI-Greenville located an ice pick type weapon inside of a recreation bag in **HENDIJANI'S** secured locker inside his cell. **HENDIJANI**, as a federal inmate, was prohibited from possessing this ice pick-type weapon.

The offense charged carries with it a penalty of a term of not more than five years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of super-

vised release of not more than three years. Sentencing is scheduled for May 29, 2009, in East St. Louis, Illinois. Under the law, **HENDIJANI'S** new sentence, when imposed, must run consecutively to the sentence he is currently serving.

The investigation was conducted by the Special Investigative Services at FCI-Greenville and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

On February 26, 2009, [CHRISTOPHER BENSON](#), age 32, an inmate at FCI-Greenville, in Bond County, Illinois, pled guilty to possession of contraband by a federal inmate and was immediately sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment and three years' supervised release. Under the law, **BENSON'S** new sentence must run consecutive to the sentence he is currently serving.

The violation occurred on November 11, 2008, when correctional officers at FCI-Greenville discovered an ice pick-type weapon in **BENSON'S** cell underneath his locker. **BENSON** admitted possession of the weapon. **BENSON**, as a federal inmate, was prohibited from possessing this ice pick-type weapon.

The investigation was conducted by the Special Investigative Services at FCI-Greenville and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

MARIJUANA

On February 20, 2009, [STEVEN EARL ERWIN](#), age 29, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St.

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Louis, Illinois, to 151 months' imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

ERWIN and 13 co-defendants were indicted on January 25, 2008, for conspiracy to distribute in excess of 1000 kilograms (2200 pounds) of marijuana. **ERWIN** had pled guilty to the marijuana conspiracy charge on November 3, 2008.

According to evidence presented at **ERWIN'S** change-of-plea hearing in November, **ERWIN** and his co-defendants transported approximately 12,000 pounds of marijuana from Arizona to St. Louis, Missouri; East St. Louis, Illinois; Atlanta, Georgia; and cities in Ohio between 2001 and 2007.

The investigation which resulted in **ERWIN'S** conviction was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert L. Garrison and J. Christopher Moore.

COCAINE AND MARIJUANA

On February 20, 2009, [JOHN E. HAWKINS](#), age 65, of Frostproof, Florida, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, following his guilty plea on November 6, 2008, to an indictment which charged him with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and marijuana. The conspiracy took place in Madison and Jersey Counties, in the Southern District of Illinois, and elsewhere. **HAWKINS** was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and five years' supervised release, a \$500 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to court documents, from 1984 through September 1990, **HAWKINS** was a member of a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana in the Southern District of Illinois. **HAWKINS**, who was living in Florida during the time frame of the conspiracy, was one of several suppliers of cocaine and marijuana to members of the conspiracy. In April 1991, an arrest warrant was issued for **HAWKINS**, who remained a fugitive until his arrest in Florida by the United States Marshals Service on July 3, 2008.

Information for the indictment was obtained in an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Illinois State Police.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kit R. Morrissey and Michael J. Quinley.

FRAUD SCHEME

On February 20, 2009, [MICHAEL EDWARD DOTSON](#), age 44, of Las Vegas, Nevada, was sentenced based upon his plea of guilty to an 11-count indictment charging him with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and ten counts of wire fraud. The violations took place between January 1, 2003, and January 2008, in the Southern District of Illinois and elsewhere.

DOTSON was indicted for causing money transfers to be made from victims in the Southern District of Illinois and elsewhere. Victims were told that **DOTSON** needed money in order to recover gold and that they would receive a return on their investment.

DOTSON was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment and three years' supervised release

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on each count, with the sentences to run concurrently. **DOTSON** was also ordered to forfeit \$1,400,000 and to pay in excess of \$4,600,000 in restitution to victims of his fraudulent scheme.

Information for the indictment was obtained in an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jennifer Hudson and Bruce E. Reppert.

METHAMPHETAMINE

On February 20, 2009, in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, [THOMAS E. WILKERSON](#), age 47, of Shobonier, Illinois, and [DAVID M. MURRAY](#), age 55, [DONALD R. SCHULTZ](#), age 53, [BILLY D. YORK](#), age 49, and [WESLEY DEAN CONNER](#), age 44, all of Vandalia, Illinois, were sentenced following previously entered guilty pleas to a superseding indictment charging each of them with conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. **WILKERSON** was additionally sentenced on Count 2 of the superseding indictment which charged him with possession of products with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. That offense occurred on November 5, 2006, in Fayette County, Illinois.

WILKERSON was sentenced to 254 months' imprisonment and ten years' supervised release on the conspiracy count, and 240 months' imprisonment and three years' supervised release on Count 2 with the sentences to run concurrently. **MURRAY** was sentenced to 124 months' imprisonment and five years' supervised release and a \$750 fine. **SCHULTZ** was sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment and five

years' supervised release and a \$750 fine. **YORK** was sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment and five years' supervised release and a \$750 fine. **CONNER** was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment and four years' supervised release and a \$375 fine. Each defendant was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment for each felony count.

The differences in penalties are largely the result of the amount of methamphetamine attributable to a particular defendant and his criminal history.

Five others have previously been sentenced for their roles in the conspiracy.

According to the superseding indictment and to other court documents, the conspiracy operated in and around Fayette, Clinton, and Madison Counties, and elsewhere in the Southern District of Illinois, from approximately May 2004 through November 2006.

This investigation into methamphetamine manufacturing activity was primarily conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, and was conducted in cooperation with the Fayette County State's Attorney, Stephen Friedel. The investigation was conducted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods DRAGUN Team Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kit R. Morrissey.

INTERSTATE TRANSACTIONS FRAUD AND SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

On February 23, 2009, [CARL E. ROYSE](#), of Fairfield, Illinois, and his daughter [JEANETTE RILEY](#), of Olney, Illinois, were sentenced for their participation in a conspiracy to engage in fraudu-

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lent interstate transactions and in the sale of unregistered securities. **ROYSE** was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and three years' supervised release. **RILEY** was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and three years' supervised release. Both defendants were ordered to pay restitution totaling \$4,261,211.23.

The convictions are the result of the defendants' conduct and participation in a business called **HUGHES ENERGY, INC.**, that from approximately July 2003, and continuing until June 2007, fraudulently offered and sold oil and gas investments in the form of undivided fractional working interests in well projects to the general public nationwide, which offerings were facilitated by an internet website and a limited number of sales representatives.

The defendants represented via the internet website, printed offering documents and oral presentations to investors that they employed new techniques of secondary oil and gas recovery, to produce oil and gas from proven properties and to enhance secondary recovery operations from producing properties the defendants already owned. The defendants claimed to investors and prospective investors that these new methods rendered secondary recovery "a very low risk endeavor." Information presented to investors further misrepresented defendant **ROYSE's** background, his business experience, his past and present industry success, and the return on investment that could be expected from the investments.

Fractional interests were sold to investors and the investor funds were often not used for drilling the particular promised well projects that the funds were received for. Although the defendants represented that the investors' funds were being used to develop oil properties, the defen-

dants operated a Ponzi scheme, using new investor funds to pay off old investors. New investor funds were used to make payoffs to complaining investors and were used to make what was represented to oil investors to be oil production payments.

ROYSE and **RILEY** failed to disclose that they and companies they have operated have a history of being the subject of regulatory actions including the present operation by the Securities and Exchange Commission and several states in connection with the fraudulent offering of unregistered securities and that **ROYSE** and **RILEY** had been permanently enjoined by a federal court in an action filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the fraudulent unregistered offering of gas and oil investments.

HUGHES ENERGY, INC., is under the control of a special master appointed by the court. The corporation has previously pled guilty to the conspiracy and is awaiting sentencing.

The successful prosecutions are the result of an investigation conducted by the Postal Inspection Service and the Illinois Securities Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman R. Smith and Steven D. Weinhoft.

MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS

On February 20, 2009, [RAYFORD A. RODGERS](#), age 32, of Sparta, Illinois, and [ANTHONY S. MORGAN](#), age 25, of East St. Louis, Illinois, were charged by criminal complaint in the Southern District of Illinois. **RODGERS** and **MORGAN** were charged with possession with the intent to distribute approximately one pound of marijuana.

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Additionally, **RODGERS** was charged with possession of two firearms as a convicted felon. The complaint alleges that **RODGERS** was previously convicted of second degree murder on November 16, 1994, and of second degree murder on July 26, 2005.

On February 23, 2009, **RODGERS** was ordered detained pending trial following a hearing before a United States Magistrate Judge in East St. Louis; **MORGAN** was released on bond.

The investigation is being conducted by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen B. Clark.

MAIL FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

JOHN ROBERT HOOLE, of Marion, Illinois, pled guilty to mail fraud and engaging in a monetary transaction over \$10,000 in criminally derived property. The offenses carry a combined total statutory penalty of up to 30 years' imprisonment and three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000 (or twice the loss caused by the offenses) and mandatory restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for May 28, 2009.

As part of the plea, the defendant admitted that from approximately July 11, 2003, and continuing until approximately April 2008, he engaged in a fraudulent investment scheme by willfully making misrepresentations to victims in order to solicit their investments. **HOOLE** routinely told his investors that the investments were low risk and guaranteed. When in truth and fact, **HOOLE** knew that he was going to use the investor's money to pay back other investors or to pay for his personal expenses. **HOOLE** promised in-

vestors he would provide them with the documentation for their investments, but instead gave them little or no documentation. The documentation that he did give investors was fraudulent. **HOOLE** promised investors a high return per month on their investment. In truth, **HOOLE** knew that the victims' money would not be invested, and that the only alleged return some investors would receive would be other victim's funds. **HOOLE** admitted as part of the plea that his scheme resulted in a net loss of at least \$753,422.

The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Illinois Securities Department, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Postal Inspection Service, and the Internal Revenue Service/Criminal Investigations, with the assistance of the Marion, Illinois Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.

FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

On February 26, 2009, **DORIAN J. LOTT**, age 36, of East St. Louis, Illinois, pled guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon, in violation of title 18, United States Code, section 922(g)(1).

The violation occurred on October 25, 2007, when law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at **LOTT'S** residence after three controlled buys of crack cocaine were made from the basement window of the residence. In the basement, officers recovered three firearms hidden in the ceiling next to the defendant's bedroom. One of the firearms was stolen. **LOTT** admitted possession of the three firearms in a videotaped interview. **LOTT** also admitted know-

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ing that he could not have the firearms because he was a convicted felon.

The offense charged carries with it a penalty of not more than ten years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a fine of not more than \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for May 28, 2009, in Benton, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the East St. Louis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in cooperation with the St. Clair County States Attorney's Office, as part of those agencies' participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

BANKRUPTCY FRAUD CONSPIRACY

On March 9, 2009, [MARGARET DIEKEMPER](#), of Carlyle, Illinois, was sentenced by a federal judge sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois, for committing conspiracy to commit bankruptcy fraud.

MARGARET DIEKEMPER was sentenced to two years probation, a \$500 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the United States Department of Agriculture conducted the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Jennifer Hudson and Kevin F. Burke.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY/ BANK FRAUD

On March 9, 2009, following a five day trial, [CARL COURTRIGHT III](#), age 37, of Granite City, Illinois, was convicted of all counts by a jury in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **COURTRIGHT** was convicted of production of child pornography, receipt of child pornography, two counts of possession of child pornography, and a single count of bank fraud.

Sentencing has been scheduled for June 12, 2009, at which time **COURTRIGHT** faces a possible sentence of life imprisonment.

Evidence presented at trial revealed that the investigation of **COURTRIGHT** began when Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan required the social networking site MySpace.com provide information regarding all registered sex offenders in her state who were maintaining profiles on the site. **COURTRIGHT** was identified as someone who had a MySpace profile, and further investigation prompted investigators to seek a search warrant for his residence.

Evidence at trial showed that when the warrant was executed, law enforcement agents discovered evidence that **COURTRIGHT** had produced child pornography using a local victim, downloaded and possessed child pornography on two computers, and engaged in bank fraud. The bank fraud scheme involved **COURTRIGHT**'s production of counterfeit checks, which were "donations" to an online ministry he maintains. **COURTRIGHT** deposited the counterfeit checks into an account which he controlled.

United States Attorney A. Courtney Cox restated the commitment of the United States Attorney's Office to devote the manpower and resources necessary to effectively combat the

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exploitation of children. "Those who prey on the most vulnerable in our communities will be identified and prosecuted to the fullest extent the law allows. The horrible victimization which results from the commission of child pornography crimes will not be tolerated by this Office."

"Mr. **COURTRIGHT**'s conviction sends a clear message to all sex offenders that you cannot hide," said Illinois Attorney General Madigan. "If you are exploiting our children, we will find you and you will be brought to justice."

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Evidence supporting this conviction was obtained in an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office, the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Granite City Police Department, the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Alton Police Department, the Bethalto Police Department, the FBI Metro East Cyber Crime Task Force, and CEOS's High Tech Investigative Unit.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicole E. Gorovsky of the Southern District of Illinois and Trial Attorney James Silver of CEOS.

MAIL FRAUD BY SECRETARY/ TREASURER OF UNION

On March 17, 2009, [DON C. PADGETT](#), age 39, of Granite City, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a two-count indictment charging him with mail fraud by secretary/treasurer of a union and a count of criminal forfeiture. The violation is alleged to have taken place between November 20, 2001, and May 23, 2008, in Bond County, Illinois. The charge carries a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment and three years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000, and mandatory restitution.

The indictment charges that **PADGETT**, as the secretary/treasurer and chief financial officer of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1304, issued unauthorized checks to himself, made unauthorized purchases on the union's credit card, and falsified information in the union's financial reports and falsified reports filed with the Department of Labor. AFGE Local 1304's members consist of correctional officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville, Illinois.

The investigation of the case was conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.

If you suspect any union official is misappropriating funds or is involved in any other illegal activity involving a misuse of his/her position, you may contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards at (314) 539-2667.

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MISAPPLICATION OF PROPERTY BY FORMER MAYOR'S ASSISTANT AND FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN

On March 17, 2009, [LINDA CONNOR](#), age 54, of Belleville, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a two-count indictment charging her with filing a false federal income tax return and misapplication of property under the care, custody and control of Washington Park, a local government that receives federal funds. The charges carry a maximum statutory penalty of up to 13 years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$500,000, and mandatory restitution.

The indictment charges that **CONNOR**, as the mayor's assistant for the village of Washington Park, intentionally misapplied property and that she filed a false 2006 federal income tax return which understated her taxable income by approximately \$190,000.

The investigation of the case was handled by the Internal Revenue Service/Criminal Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.

If you come across evidence of public corruption activities, please contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation at (877) 884-7633 (U-TIP-OFF).

March 1-31 United States: Siege at Branch Davidian Compound, Waco, Texas. The Waco Siege took place on February 28, 1993, when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms attempted to execute a search warrant at the Branch Davidian ranch, Waco, Texas. An exchange of gunfire resulted in the deaths of four agents and six Davidians. A subsequent 51-day siege by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ended on April 19 when fire destroyed the compound. Seventy-six people died along with Davidian leader Vernon Wayne Howell, better known as David Koresh. (1993)

March 1 Pakistan: Khalid Shaykh Muhammad arrested; planned September 11 attacks in U.S. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was a member of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization, although he lived in Kuwait rather than Afghanistan, heading al-Qaeda's propaganda operations from sometime around 1999. According to the 9/11 Commission Report he was "the principal architect of the 9/11 attacks." He is also thought to have had, or has confessed, to a role in many of the most significant terrorist plots over the last twenty years, including the World Trade Center 1993 bombings, the Operation Bojinka plot, an aborted 2002 attack on Los Angeles' U.S. Bank Tower, the Bali nightclub bombings, the failed bombing of American Airlines Flight 63, the Millennium Plot, and the murder of Daniel Pearl. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was captured in Rawalpindi by the Pakistani ISI and has been in U.S. custody since that time. (2003)

United Kingdom: 21 groups banned under new terrorism law; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) office first to be closed. (2001)

March 2 El Salvador: A right-wing terrorist group, reportedly headed by former Salvadoran Army Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, assassinated Archbishop Oscar Adolfo Romero. This provoked an international outcry for reform in El Salvador. (1980)

March 3 Philippines: Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) explodes bomb hidden in backpack in a crowded airport terminal, killing 21 and injuring 146 others. The MILF is a Muslim separatist rebel group located in Southern Philippines. (2003)

Pakistan: Unknown group bombs Shia Muslim parade in Quetta, killing 47 and wounding 120. (2004)

West Bank: Sniper kills seven Israeli soldiers and three others. (2002)

Algeria: al-Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) bombs convoy carrying Russian workers, killing seven and wounding five. (2007)

March 4 Turkey: Suspected Kurdistan Workers Party suicide bomber kills three in Batman. (1999)

March 5 Israel: HAMMAS suicide bomber explodes bomb aboard bus, killing 15, including a U.S. citizen, and injuring 40 others. (2003)

Sri Lanka: Bus bomb kills 37 and wounds more than 250; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam blamed. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, commonly known as the Tamil Tigers, are a militant Tamil nationalist organization that has engaged in a secessionist campaign since the 1970s in order to create a separate Tamil state in the north and east of Sri Lanka. This campaign has developed into the Sri Lankan Civil War. The Tamil Tigers are currently proscribed as a terrorist organization by 32 countries. The Tamil Tigers are headed by their founder, Velupillai Prabhakaran. (1998)

Jerusalem: Bomb explodes inside Arab schoolyard, injuring eight; Avengers of the Infants claims responsibility. (2002)

March 6 Venezuela: Bodies of three U.S. peace activists found; Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia responsible. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia), also known by the acronym FARC, is a self-proclaimed Marxist-Leninist revolutionary guerrilla organization. FARC is considered a terrorist group by the Colombian government, the U.S. Department of State, Canada, and the European Union. (1999)

Israel: Eight students killed in attack on Yeshiva in Jerusalem; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2008)

Iraq: Suicide bombers detonate themselves in a crowd of Shia pilgrims in Al Hillah, killing 120 and injuring 190. (2007)

March 7 Bangladesh: Two bombs kill ten and wound 75 at political meeting; Harakat-ul-Jihad backed by Bin Ladin suspected. (1999)

March 8 Pakistan: Gunmen kill two U.S. diplomats and wound one in Karachi. (1995)

Worldwide: International Women's Day

March 9 United States: Birthday of George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party. (1919)

United States: A group of 12 armed men, all African American converts to Islam who called themselves Hanafi Muslims, brought havoc to the central area of Washington, D.C. Divided in three groups, the men stormed into the city's Islamic Center, City Council chambers, and the headquarters of B'nai B'rith, America's oldest Jewish organization. Wielding rifles, shotguns, and machetes, the men took about 184 people hostage. They were led by Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, an African American convert who had served as secretary to Malcolm X. After seizing the buildings, Khaalis issued a series of demands. First, he wanted

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authorities to hand over to him the five Nation of Islam members who had been arrested for brutally murdering several members of his family, including some infants, four years earlier. Then he demanded that authorities ban the showing of the movie "Mohammad, Messenger of God," which he deemed offensive to Islam. This second request was granted and theaters nationwide stopped showing the controversial movie. The siege ended two days later, after extensive negotiations led by the Egyptian, Pakistani, and Iranian ambassadors to the U.S., who read the men passages from the Quran about compassion and mercy. A security guard and a journalist were killed during the siege, and several others, including Washington mayor-to-be Marion Barry, were injured. (1977)

Sri Lanka: Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam conducts suicide motorcade ambush; 29 killed, 70 wounded. (2000)

Turkey: Two suicide bombers in Istanbul kill two and wound six; Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigade claims responsibility. (2004)

Israel: Suicide bomb kills 11 and injures 25 inside a crowded Jerusalem café; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)

Islamic: Mawlid al-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) observed by Sunnis on this date.

March 10 Sri Lanka: LTTE conducts suicide motorcade ambush; 29 killed, 70 wounded. (2000)

March 11 Spain: Ten Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) hidden in backpacks detonated on four trains along a commuter train line in Madrid, where 191 people were killed and 1400 were injured. The attack was attributed to several groups: Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, al-Qaeda, and Tafkir wal-Hijra. (2004)

March 12 Colombia: FARC leader Vladimir Gonzales Obregon killed by the Colombian Army. (1999)

India: Bomb attacks leave 250 dead, 700 wounded; Pakistan denies responsibility. (1993)

March 13 Turkey: Bombing at shopping center kills three and wounds six; Revenge Falcons of Apo claims responsibility. (1999)

March 14 Greece: Police located and detonated a bomb outside a Citibank branch in Athens that was claimed by the Revolutionary Struggle. (2004)

Islamic: Mawlid al-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) observed by Shia on this date.

March 15 Turkey: Russian plane hijacked; 45 of 174 hostages freed or escaped. Two hostages and one hijacker were killed; remaining hostages released. (2001)

March 16 Iraq: Iraqi forces attack Halabja residents with chemical weapons. (1988)

Lebanon: U.S. journalist Terry Anderson kidnapped. (1985)

Lebanon: U.S. official William Buckley seized, later killed by Hizballah. (1984)

March 17 Pakistan: An unidentified man ran down the aisle of the Protestant International Church in Islamabad throwing grenades at worshipers that killed two Americans and three others and injured approximately 42 people. (2002)

Argentina: Car bomb destroys Israeli Embassy, killing 28 and wounding 220; Lebanese Hizballah claims responsibility. (1992)

St. Patrick's Day colloquially St. Paddy's Day or Paddy's Day, is an annual feast day that celebrates Saint Patrick (circa 385–461 AD), one of the patron saints of Ireland.

March 18 Philippines: The Moro National Liberation Front was founded. The Moro National Liberation Front is a political organization in the Philippines. It is accredited by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which allows it to represent Moros with an observer status. Currently, the group is the ruling party of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. (1968)

March 19 United States: The commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (2003)

Afghanistan: Suicide bomber attacks U.S. embassy convoy, wounding two officials and one Afghan child; Taliban claims responsibility. (2007)

March 20 Japan: Sarin nerve-gas attack on a subway in Tokyo by the AUM Shinrikyo, 12 killed and 5,000 injured. (1995)

Israel: Suicide bomb detonates on bus, killing seven and injuring 30; Islamic Jihad responsible. (2002)

Mawlid an-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) (Islamic)

Tunisia: Independence Day

March 21 Palestinian: Solidarity Day - Arab Solidarity Day with the Palestinian people against Israel. (1949)

United States: Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claimed responsibility for vandalizing vehicles at the Naval Recruiting

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Station in Montgomery, Alabama. A cargo truck was set on fire and five other vehicles were spray-painted with anti-war messages, including "ELF." (2003)

Iran/Afghanistan: Nawruz (Persian New Year)

Israel: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade suicide bomber detonates bomb in crowd of shoppers in Jerusalem; three killed, 86 injured. (2002)

March 22 Israel: Israeli Defense Forces killed Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas. (2004)

Iraq: A car bomb that exploded near a U.S. Air Force Base north of Baghdad killed two Iraqis and injured 25 others. (2004)

March 23 Pakistan: Pakistan Day

Algeria: Seven Armed Islamic Group extremists sentenced to death for assassinating Archbishop of Oran. (1998)

March 24 India: Armed militants dressed in military uniforms kill 24. (2003)

March 25 United States: Animal activists vandalized the Rancho Veal Plant, a slaughterhouse in Petaluma, California. Graffiti on the building read "Stop the Killing." Estimated damages were \$10,000. (2003)

March 26 Egypt: Israel ratifies Camp David accords. (1978)

Bangladesh: Independence Day

March 27 Algeria: Abdelmajid Dahoumane is wanted by the FBI in connection with the 2000 Millennium Plot to blow up Los Angeles International Airport. A Salafist member, he is considered a close associate of Ahmed Ressam, the two of them having spent three weeks together in a Canadian hotel room prior to Ressam's arrest. At his trial, Ressam testified in 2001 that Dahoumane had helped to build the explosives at that time, but that he had not told Dahoumane the intended target. On March 25, 2001, the Algerian government announced they had Dahoumane in custody, but would not extradite him to stand trial in the U.S.; instead they preferred to try him in their own courts as an example to their population who have been plagued by Fundamentalist violence. (2001)

Iraq: Two truck bombs target Shia areas of Tal Afar, killing 152 and injuring 347. (2007)

Israel: 29 people killed and 140 injured by suicide bomb detonated at hotel during Passover Seder; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)

March 28 United States: The Three Mile Island accident was a partial core meltdown in Unit 2 (a pressurized water reactor) of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg. It was the most significant accident in the history of the American commercial nuclear power generating industry. (1979)

March 29 West Bank: HAMAS mater bomber Muhi al-Din Sharif killed in Ramallah. (1998)

March 30 Israel: Suicide bombing kills one and injures 30 in Tel Aviv; al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claims responsibility. (2002)

Palestinian: Land Day (Yawm al-Ard; commemoration of six people killed during protest of Israeli seizure of land in 1976).

March 31 Israel: Suicide bomber strikes restaurant, killing 15 people and injuring more than 40; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)