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Atlantic City Businessman Sentenced to 12 Months in Prison
for Illegally Transporting U.S. Currency to the Dominican
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CAMDEN – An Atlantic City businessman was sentenced to 12 months in federal prison today for illegally transporting U.S. currency that he believed to be drug proceeds to the Dominican Republic, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Robert B. Kugler also ordered Revenor Beaufiles, 59, to pay \$33,400 in restitution and to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence.

Beaufiles pleaded guilty before Judge Kugler on April 7, 2008, to one count of failure to file a required currency report when he transported U.S. currency out of the United States. Judge Kugler continued the defendant's release on a \$10,000 bond pending his surrender to officials with the U.S. Bureau of Prison on a date to be determined by prison officials.

At his plea hearing, Beaufiles stated that during the time period relevant to the Indictment, 1997 through 1999, he operated a business named RBF Multiple Services in Atlantic City. RBF Multiple Services offered customers various services, which included making travel arrangements and wire-transferring money to various foreign countries.

Beaufiles admitted that in 1998 he began dealing with a customer who asked him to send U.S. currency to the Dominican Republic without asking any questions as to the source of the money. Beaufiles admitted he eventually suggested to the customer, who unbeknownst to him was an undercover law enforcement officer, that he would be willing to personally transport the U.S. currency to the Dominican Republic.

Based on what the undercover officer told Beaufiles regarding the source of the money, he believed the cash was the proceeds from illegal drug dealing, Beaufiles admitted. Furthermore, Beaufiles admitted that despite his belief as to the source of the money, he was willing to personally transport the customer's money to the Dominican Republic.

Beaufiles admitted that on Feb. 13, 1999, he received \$63,000 in U.S. currency from the customer with the agreement that he would personally transport \$60,000 of the money to the Dominican Republic and that \$3,000 of it represented his fee. Beaufiles admitted that on Feb. 26, 1999, he flew aboard a commercial airliner to the Dominican Republic with the \$60,000. Beaufiles admitted that before he left the United States, he was aware that he needed to file with U.S. Customs a form stating the fact that he was transporting more than \$10,000 in U.S. currency, and failed to do so. Beaufiles admitted he decided not to submit the form because he wanted to hide from authorities the fact that he was transporting the currency out of the United States.

Furthermore, Beaufiles admitted that in late 1998, he also personally transported \$70,000 of the customer's money to the Dominican Republic without filing the U.S. Customs form.

In early 2000, the undercover officer gave \$20,000 in U.S. currency to Beaufiles for the purpose of transporting it to the Dominican Republic, Beaufiles admitted. However, Beaufiles later falsely told the undercover officer that he lost the \$20,000.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Kugler consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge John P. Kellaghan in Philadelphia, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard Wiener of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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