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## **California Man Sentenced in Fraud and Money Laundering Scheme**

(Newport News, VA) - Kevin Ray Casey, age 47, of Sacramento, California, was sentenced today to 137 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$107,884 in restitution for his role in a fraud and money laundering scheme. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Cassandra M. Chandler, Special Agent in Charge, Norfolk Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced the sentencing by United States District Judge Walter D. Kelley, Jr. Casey pled guilty on September 7, 2006, to conspiring to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

According to court documents, Casey assisted in a nationwide scheme, masterminded by Alvin Johns of Hampton, Virginia, to defraud Western Union agents across the United States. The December 15, 2005, indictment alleged that from April 2003 until September 2005, Johns, Casey, and others attempted to cause the fraudulent transfer of Western Union wires from Western Union agents located throughout the United States and Canada. Johns and others called different Western Union agents and impersonated a Western Union operator, causing an employee to unknowingly send a fraudulent money order. Casey assisted in the scheme by recruiting runners in California to retrieve fraudulently sent Western Union wire transfers and sending the proceeds to Johns in Hampton, Virginia. Earlier Alvin Johns was sentenced to seventeen and a half years in prison for his role in the scheme. Investigators identified 37 victims who were defrauded of \$107,884 in the scheme.

The investigation was conducted by the Peninsula Resident Agency of the Norfolk Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Howard Zlotnick prosecuted the case for the United States.

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