



Department of Justice

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**SUMMARY OF ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
FOR MONDAY, SEP. 21, 1992 THROUGH FRIDAY, SEP. 25, 1992**

9/22/92 U.S. v. Empire Antiques Corporation and
Paul A. C. Burke, Jr.,
Criminal No.: 92-10273-Y (D. Mass.)

A one-count information was filed in U.S. District Court in Boston, Massachusetts, charging Empire Antiques Corporation (Empire) of Salem, Massachusetts and Paul A. C. Burke, Jr., owner and president of Empire, with collusive bidding, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, for the purchase of antiques at public auctions in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, beginning at least as early as May 1988 and continuing until at least July 1989.

9/22/92 U.S. v. Hospital Association of Greater Des Moines, Inc.;
Broadlawns Medical Center; Des Moines General Hospital
Company; Iowa Lutheran Hospital; Iowa Methodist Medical
Center; and Mercy Hospital Medical Center, Des Moines,
Iowa
Civil No.: 4-92-70648 (S.D. Iowa)

A civil complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in Des Moines, Iowa, charging the Hospital Association of Greater Des Moines and five of its member hospitals with entering into agreements, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, to restrict advertising of hospital services. The five hospitals operate general, acute-care facilities in Des Moines, Iowa. The parties also filed a proposed consent decree that, if accepted by the court, will settle the suit.

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9/24/92 U.S. v. 812 Broadway Enterprises, Inc.
and Maurice Margules
Criminal No.: 92CR807 (S.D.N.Y.)

A one-count information was filed in U.S. District Court in New York, New York, charging 812 Broadway Enterprises, Inc. of New York, New York and Maurice Margules, part owner and vice president of 812 Broadway Enterprises, Inc., with collusive bidding, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, for the purchase of antiques at a public auction that was conducted by Gustave J. S. White & Co. on September 30 and October 1, 1987 at Harbour Court, Newport, Rhode Island.

9/24/92 U.S. v. F. Lewis Steenken, III; Thomas W. Copelin; Jack
E. Stiffler; Frank W. Blew; Donald R. Phillips; and
Northwest Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional
Surveyors
Criminal No.: CR92-50031-(1-6) (W.D. Ark.)

A two-count indictment was filed in U.S. District Court in Fort Smith, Arkansas, charging five individual land surveyors and the Northwest Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors with one count of price fixing, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, involving the minimum price of lot and block surveys in the Arkansas counties of Benton, Washington, Madison, Carroll, Boone, Newton, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson and Pope. Count Two charged F. Lewis Steenken with mail fraud (18 U.S.C. §1341) in connection with a letter he sent to all area surveyors confirming their agreement to raise and fix prices for lot and block surveys.

Copies of legal filings are available from the Legal Procedure Unit, Antitrust Division, Room 3233, Telephone No.: 514-2481.