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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

PLEAS:

- Brian Crissinger, 20, of Goodland, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Crissinger has a prior felony conviction for criminal mischief in 2010. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.
- Darrell Walton, 41, of Valparaiso, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Walton has a prior felony conviction for conspiracy to distribute narcotics in 1993. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.
- Titus Finnell, 31, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to the felony offenses of conspiracy to commit robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm in the case *US v Lovel Peterson et al.* Sentencing has been set for 4/11/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.
- Elias Gaytan, 36, of San Antonio, Texas, pled guilty before Senior Judge James T. Moody to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Glenn Weaver, 34, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to 78 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.
- Adolph Yaniz, 51, of Merrillville, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 60 months imprisonment, restitution of \$71,577.27 for false claims for health care benefits, and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of dispensing Hydrocodone and Alprazolam to patients without legitimate medical purpose. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Drug Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Diane Berkowitz.
- Susan Yamashita, 38, of Center Township, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to 5 years of probation after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to distribute heroin in the case *US v Christopher Osborne*. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Porter County Drug Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.
- Steffen Dines, 32, of Merrillville, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to 37 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.
- Kanasha Commodore, 27, of Markham, Illinois, was sentenced to 3 years of probation to include 8 months of home detention, and Antoine Hawkins, 27, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release by Senior Judge James T. Moody after pleading guilty to the felony offense of bank fraud in the case *US v Kimble et al.* Both were ordered to pay \$106,055 in restitution. Commodore and Hawkins admitted that between June 2008, through June, 2009 they participated in a scheme to defraud First Financial Bank in Schererville, Indiana. Commodore obtained bank customer account information from Ahmena Kimble, an employee of the bank, and provided the information to Hawkins. They used the information to obtain customer money and/or create access devices without authority, in customer's names, which were then used to obtain United States Currency and other things of value. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

- Sarah Harris, 31, of Schererville, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 1 day imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of making false statements on a loan application and identity theft. Harris was ordered to pay \$21,053 in restitution to Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

- Ryan Ross, 24, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to a total of 180 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of stealing a firearm from Jack's Loan Office in Gary, Indiana, a licensed dealer, and use of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. Ross was ordered to pay restitution of \$12,750 to the owners of Jack's Loan Office, and \$3,509.32 to Atlantic Casualty Insurance. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.