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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

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

PLEAS:

- Gordon Rainey, 49, of Merrillville, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offenses of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud. Sentencing has been set for 4/6/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.
- Keshawn Collins, 28, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before to the felony offense of possessing a firearm as a felon. On September 1, 2011, the Gary Police Department arrested Collins shortly after midnight after they observed him tossing a loaded semi-automatic pistol in an alley in Gary. Collins has a prior felony conviction for attempted burglary and three prior misdemeanor convictions for domestic violence. Collins has been in custody since September 1, 2011, and he will remain detained pending his sentencing hearing on January 27, 2012 before Judge Lozano. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.
- Timothy James, 43, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 2/1/12. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

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:

- Edward Daniels, 51, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 120 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a narcotics offense and possession with the intent to distribute heroin. 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 David Nozick.
- Rachel Castillo, 37, of Grant Park, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 41 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute hydrocodone/Vicodin in the case *US v Wiley et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Food and 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.
- Clinton Shoemaker, 31, of Crown Point, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to 12 months and 1 day of 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 Nicholas Padilla.