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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

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

PLEAS:

- Fletcher Peterson, 68, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Paul Cherry to the felony offense of theft of government property by stealing money from the Social Security Administration in excess of \$1000. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

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:

- Eldridge Bogan, 29, of Crete, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 84 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to distribute one kilo or more of heroin in the case *US v Powell et al*. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.
- Darrell Walton, 41, of Valparaiso, Indiana, 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 of a firearm as a convicted felon. Walton has a prior conviction for conspiracy to distribute narcotics in 1993 in the Northern District of Illinois. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

- Lawrence Williams, 27, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 120 months imprisonment, \$16,259.32 in restitution and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats of violence (robbery) in the case *US v Ross et al.* 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.
- Jerry Haymon, 65, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 41 months imprisonment, restitution of approximately \$257,000 and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of wire fraud and tax evasion. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.
- Eric Crosslin, 25, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 37 months imprisonment and 1 year of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession of a firearm as a convicted felon. According to the Sentencing Memorandum filed by the government in this case, Crosslin has prior felony convictions for the crime of violence of intimidation in 2005, and possession of cocaine in 2007. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.