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MAIL FRAUD DEFENDANT SENTENCED

Highland, New York Man Convicted of Fraudulent Lien and Judgment Scheme Sentenced to Six Months Imprisonment

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Clifford C. Holly, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division, announced that JEFFREY CHARLES BURFEINDT, age 48, of Highland, New York, was sentenced on August 9, 2011, by the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy in Federal District Court in Albany following his guilty plea to one count of mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341. BURFEINDT was sentenced to six months of imprisonment. Following his term of imprisonment, BURFEINDT will be placed on home detention for six months and also will be on supervised release for a term of three years. BURFEINDT was also ordered to pay \$8,079.21 in restitution and to refrain from filing any future liens or encumbrances without first obtaining permission from the Court.

Between September 2009 and November 2009, BURFEINDT mailed and filed multiple fraudulent judgments and liens, totaling billions of dollars, against a variety of Town of Lloyd police officers, municipal employees and Ulster County officials. These judgments and liens were mailed and filed with the intent to defraud the aforementioned government officials, and with the intent to force the municipalities to expend resources defending against the baseless claims. On January 13, 2011, BURFEINDT pled guilty to one count of mail fraud based upon his role in this scheme.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rick Belliss.

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