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**PRESIDENT OF ORANGE COUNTY GOODS EXPORTER PLEADS GUILTY
TO \$1.3 MILLION FRAUD**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ROBERT ANTES, 58, the president of Trade Trans Corporation, a Chester, Orange County, New York, company that exports goods, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS in the White Plains federal courthouse to a fraud by which ANTES obtained \$1,345,858 in proceeds.

According to the Information, and information adduced at ANTES' plea allocution:

Trade Trans Corporation is a company in Chester, New York, that exports goods to countries around the world. From August 2004 through March 2009, ANTES, while he was president of Trade Trans Corporation, caused forged signatures to be made on purported Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") documents, in connection with approximately 574 exported shipments of goods. The forged documents were included with exports of Trade Trans as part of a scheme to obtain money by falsely representing that the FDA had issued the documents. The defendant obtained \$1,345,858 from the scheme.

The defendant pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. ANTES also admitted to a forfeiture allegation under which he will forfeit \$1,345,858, constituting the proceeds obtained as a result of the scheme. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge KARAS on September 23, 2011.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorneys Benjamin Allee and JEFFREY ALBERTS are in charge of the prosecution.

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