

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Suite 1250 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476 (215) 861-8200

For Immediate Release

August 15, 2008

NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the unsealing of an indictment¹ charging Christina Hellmann and Jason Lee Edwards with seven counts of wire fraud relating to their theft of proprietary technology and information from Integrated Graphics, Inc. d/b/a ICD Global, an advertising and marketing firm based in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

According to the indictment, from at least August through December 2007, Hellmann was employed as a sales representative by a competitor of ICD Global, while Edwards was employed as a computer programmer by ICD Global. In July 2007, ICD terminated Hellmann's employment, and a competitor of ICD ("Competitor #1") hired her as a sales representative shortly thereafter. According to the indictment, Edwards obtained proprietary technology and information from ICD computers and transmitted those items via interstate electronic mail communications to Hellmann for use, among other things, in facilitating Hellmann's efforts to convince one or more clients of ICD to transfer their marketing accounts from ICD to Competitor #1.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|
| Christina Hellmann | West Chester, PA | 29 |
| Jason Lee Edwards | West Chester, PA | 36 |

If convicted of all charges, each defendant faces a maximum sentence of 140 years imprisonment; a \$3,750,000 fine; 3 years of supervised release; and \$700 in special assessments.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Miller.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Contact: PATTY HARTMAN EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street 215-861-8525
Philadelphia, PA 19106

 $COPIES\ OF\ NEWS\ MEMOS\ AND\ RELATED\ DOCUMENTS\ CAN\ ALSO\ BE\ FOUND\ AT \\ \underline{www.usdoj.gov/usao/pae}$

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.