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**KENYAN NATIONALS TO BE SENTENCED FOR ROLES IN
INTERNATIONAL MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FRAUD SCHEME**

United States Attorney Booth Goodwin To Hold Press Conference

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Three Kenyan nationals will be sentenced tomorrow for their roles in an international scheme that defrauded the State of West Virginia and several other states of more than \$3.3 million. The scheme used dummy companies whose names mimicked those of companies doing work for the state—for example, “Deloitte Consulting” instead of the legitimate Deloitte Consulting and “Unisyss Corporation” in place of Unisys Corporation. The fraudsters then deceived state financial officials into sending payments to the similarly named dummy corporations instead of the legitimate state vendors. After the money was diverted, much of it was quickly transferred offshore to bank accounts in the defendants’ native Kenya, beyond ready reach of authorities.

Copies of the defendants’ plea agreements, which describe the scheme in more detail, are attached.

WHO: United States Attorney R. Booth Goodwin II

WHAT: Press conference on the sentencing of the Kenyan fraud defendants

WHEN: **THURSDAY, August 19, 2010**
4:00 P.M.

WHERE: United States Attorney’s Office
Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse, Fourth Floor

Note: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver’s license) and valid media credentials. Media may begin arriving at 3:30 p.m. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Steven Ruby at 800-659-8726 or 304-345-2200.

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