

October 3, 2000

UPDATE

United States v. Brandau et al.,

Case No. 99-8125-CR-HURLEY(s)(s)

On May 25, 2000, the government superseded the indictment. For details of the new charges please go the web pages entitled "Press Release" and "Second Superseding Indictment."

On May 26, 2000, Financial Federated Title & Trust Inc., and Asset Security Corporation entered pleas of guilty to the indictment. On August 18, 2000, both corporations were sentenced to 5 years probation and to pay restitution to the victims of the crimes alleged.

On July 10, 2000, trial of Frederick C. Brandau and Mary Ann Billinghamurst commence. The trial concluded on August 29, 2000, when the jury returned verdicts of guilty as to Brandau on 43 of 44 charged counts. The jury acquitted Mary Ann Billinghamurst of the charges in the indictment.

On August 31, 2000, Mary Ann Billinghamurst pled guilty to the offense of failing to appear when ordered for court. At that hearing Billinghamurst was sentenced to the time she had been incarcerated while awaiting trial on the main case. Custody of Ms. Billinghamurst has been turned over to the INS.

On December 5, 2000, vehicles seized as a result of this prosecution will be auctioned. Please see the details regarding the sale of the vehicles in Florida on the page entitled "VEHICLE SALES." Information relating to real property may be viewed by going to the Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton webpage.

The court has issued an order scheduling the sentencing hearing for Frederick C. Brandau. Sentencing will be imposed on December 8, 2000, at 2:00 pm, at 701 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, in Judge Hurley's courtroom.

The trial of the remaining defendants is currently scheduled for April 2, 2001, at the Courthouse in West Palm Beach, Florida.