



## Ex-FBI Agent, Wife Plead Not Guilty in U.S. District Court in Richmond on an Alleged Federal Fraud Case

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Canadian Business on October 13, 2011 released the following:

“By AP

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A former FBI agent and his wife pleaded not guilty on Thursday to charges related to a \$1.3 million investment-fraud scheme.

John Robert Graves and Sara Turberville Graves of Fredericksburg appeared in U.S. District Court in Richmond. The two are charged with conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud, and other fraud counts. John Graves also is charged with lying to federal investigators.

U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer set a three-day jury trial that will begin Feb. 7 for the couple, who declined to comment after the hearing.

John Graves, 52, founded the Brook Point Management investment and insurance

company in 2003. He and Sara Graves, 44, used Brook Point to sell insurance, perform estate- and tax-planning services, and recruit and advise investment clients, the indictment said.

“In many instances, during the initial meeting with potential clients, John Graves told them he was formerly with the FBI, which reassured the potential clients about investing with him,” prosecutors said in the indictment.

Prosecutors allege that roughly between June 2008 and this past July, the couple misrepresented to about 11 clients the safety of their investments, and how the money would be used. According to the indictment, they used investor funds to purchase real estate in Spotsylvania County, pay credit card bills and dues for their timeshare, along with repaying earlier investors who requested access to their money.

Graves, a former FBI special agent, left

the agency in 1999, prosecutors said. The two are free on personal recognizance bond.

The Virginia Financial Securities Fraud Task Force coordinated the investigation. The group is a partnership between criminal investigators and civil regulators to pursue complex financial fraud cases.”

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## Hubert Rottevee Indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in an Alleged Mortgage Fraud Scheme

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 13, 2011 released the following:

“Dixon Man Charged with Mortgage Fraud

SACRAMENTO, CA— United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment today charging Hubert Rotteveel, 49, of Dixon, with mail fraud for a mortgage fraud scheme.

According to the indictment, Rotteveel acted as a real estate salesperson for 13 properties in Dixon that were purchased by two people. Rotteveel inflated the values of the properties and worked with loan officers to provide false information to lenders about the income and liabilities of the purchasers in order to induce the

lenders to fund loans for the properties. For most of the transactions, when the sales closed, the escrow officer distributed funds to a bank account in the name of Windmill Properties, a company owned by Rotteveel, without disclosing to the lenders that these payments were made. A total of more than \$700,000 was distributed to Windmill Properties under this scheme, and the lenders lost more than \$3 million when all 13 properties underwent foreclosure.

This case is the product of an extensive joint investigation by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Jean M. Hobler is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Rotteveel faces a maximum statutory penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the

discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.”

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## FBI's Top Ten News Stories for the Week Ending October 14, 2011

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— Washington, D.C.

# 35 Alleged Members and Associates of SSB Bloods Gang Indicted on Federal Racketeering, Drug, and Gun Charges

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 13, 2011 released the following:

**"Coordinated RICO Investigation by Federal and State Authorities Targets Organized Gang Allegedly Wreaking Havoc from Western Maryland to the Lower Eastern Shore"**

BALTIMORE—A federal grand jury has indicted 35 defendants for conspiracy to participate in a racketeering enterprise known as the South Side Brims Bloods gang (SSB Bloods), conspiracy to distribute drugs and gun violations. The indictment was returned under seal on September 21, 2011, and unsealed today upon the arrests of nine defendants to date. Detainers have been filed against 11 defendants who are in custody on other charges. The other 12 defendants have been issued summonses to appear in federal court. The indictment alleges that from 2005 to the present, the SSB Bloods have operated from Western Maryland to the lower Eastern Shore, committing violent criminal acts including murders, shootings, home invasion robberies, drug trafficking and witness intimidation. This indictment was the culmination of a long-term joint investigation by federal, state, and local authorities throughout Maryland.

The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; Secretary Gary Maynard of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Special Agent in Charge Mark Chait of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives – Baltimore Field Division; Frederick County Sheriff Charles A. "Chuck" Jenkins; Colonel Kim C. Dine, Chief of the Frederick Police Department; Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III; Chief James W. Johnson of the Baltimore County Police Department; Chief William J. McMahon of the Howard County Police Department; Anne Arundel County Police Chief James Teare, Sr.; Annapolis Police Chief Michael A. Pristoop; Chief Bernadette DiPino of the Ocean City Police Department; Chief Michael Phillips of the

Fruitland Police Department; Garrett County Sheriff Robert E. Corley; Allegany County Bureau of Police Chief J. Robert Dick; Cumberland Police Chief Charles H. Hinnant; Washington County Sheriff Douglas Mullendore; Dorchester County Sheriff James W. Phillips; Queen Anne's County Sheriff R. Gary Hofmann III; Wicomico County Sheriff Michael A. Lewis; Worcester County Sheriff Reggie T. Mason, Sr.; Salisbury Police Chief Barbara Duncan; Chief Mark A. Magaw of the Prince George's County Police Department; Wicomico County State's Attorney Matthew Maciarello; Frederick County State's Attorney J. Charles Smith; Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg L. Bernstein; Washington County State's Attorney Charles P. Strong, Jr.; Garrett County State's Attorney Lisa Thayer Welch; Allegany County State's Attorney Michael O. Twigg; and Queen Anne's County State's Attorney Lance G. Richardson.

"This case reflects an unprecedented level of coordination among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies employing the federal RICO statute to dismantle criminal gangs," said United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. "The covert investigation known as 'Cardinal Sin' started in 2009, based on allegations that the South Side Brims Bloods gang was establishing cells and wreaking havoc throughout Maryland. When criminals join together and threaten public safety, law enforcement agencies must work together to put them out of business. You cannot stop a group of criminals by pursuing individual members for isolated crimes."

More than 100 law enforcement officers deployed this morning to arrest defendants charged in the indictment, which alleges that SSB Bloods gang members belong to a nationwide racketeering enterprise. Last March, hundreds of law enforcement officers assisted in the execution of 42 search warrants relating to the investigation at various locations throughout Maryland. The 71 page indictment and 135 page search warrant affidavit have been unsealed.

The affidavit alleges that in December 2009, Frederick Police discovered a roster of members both at large and incarcerated. Versions of the roster later were found in other locations, along with gang handbook. During the federal investigation, gang members allegedly were recorded on wiretaps discussing the

gang's hierarchy and rules, letters discussing gang business were intercepted, and Internet pages containing gang messages, photographs, and videos were found. Authorities also developed confidential informants who provided details about the gang's criminal activities.

The 26-count indictment alleges that the defendants were members and associates of the SSB Bloods, a violent gang with members operating throughout Maryland, including the cities of Frederick, Cumberland, Salisbury, and Baltimore; and Queen Anne's, Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Talbot, Howard, and Anne Arundel counties. The indictment alleges that SSB gang members also operated in and around New York City, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, and California. The SSB Bloods originated from a street gang known as "the Bloods" that was formed in Los Angeles, California in the early 1970s. As time passed, the Bloods spread to other locations and broke into individual "sets." One such Bloods set based in Compton, California was called Piru Bloods, which emerged into a subset known as the "Fruit Town Brims." The name derived from a group of streets in Compton named after fruit trees. The Fruit Town Brims became established on the East Coast, including Maryland.

The indictment alleges that Andre Roach was granted permission to start the South Side Brims on June 17, 2005, and that Roach sent letters through Monique Hagler, alleged to be the "first lady," or secretary, for the set. According to the indictment, Hagler also sent communications to gang members demanding payment of dues used to support member of the SSB enterprise and their activities, including criminal defense lawyers, firearms, bail, and to assist gang members recently released from prison to help them get on their feet. The indictment sets out in detail numerous acts taken by the defendants in furtherance of their racketeering scheme, including the distribution of powder and crack cocaine, ecstasy, and other drugs, robberies, and home invasion robberies and the use of guns in furtherance of these crimes.

The indictment alleges that the SSB initiation process involved being "jumped in" through a beating by other gang members. SSB members were required to commit acts of violence to maintain

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membership and advance in the gang leadership. Specific acts of violence alleged in the indictment include a murder, several attempted murders, home invasion robberies, witness intimidation, violence against gang members who violated gang rules and other alleged acts of violence.

The following defendants are charged in the indictment:

- Andre Ricardo Roach, age 34;
- Monique Marie Hagler; age 27, of Suitland, Md;
- Theodore Clifton Matthews, age 29, of Baltimore;
- Richard Demoan Hall, Jr., age 27, of Cumberland;
- Matthew Owen Collins, age 27, of Cumberland;
- Brandon Isiah Fossett, age 27, of Frederick;
- Durell Jarric Clayter, age 26, of Frederick;
- Altonia Manley, III, age 22, of Frederick;
- Marcel Anthony Williams, age 20, of Frederick;
- Dominic Antonio Grey, age 27, of Frederick;
- Jimarr Tyrell King, age 23, of Frederick, Md;
- Derell Len Prue, age 20, of Frederick;
- Gerald Lee Dorsey, Jr., age 24, Frederick;
- Kennea Keith Diggs, Jr., age 32, Frederick;
- Paul Travis Cox, age 20, of Frederick;
- Van Johnson Weedon, age 19, of Frederick;
- Morris Jermaine Goodwin, age 19, of Frederick;
- Courtney Alan Gates, age 28, of Frederick;
- Fitzgerald Donald Reid, age 21, of Frederick;
- Kylynn Charmonix Williams, age 19, of Frederick;
- Richard Lee Thompson, age 22, of Frederick;

- William Michael Black, age 22, of Stevensville, Md;
- Dontell Lamont Guy, age 24;
- Yancy Lamont White, age 23, of Salisbury, Md;
- Antonio Jovan Dennis, age 29, of Stevensville;
- Kyle Alexander Carey, age 20, of Salisbury;
- Justin Rashaad Harris, age 19, of Eden, Md;
- Antonio Javier Landers, age 24, of Howard County;
- Aurelio Manuel Barahona, age 24, of Howard County;
- Donnell Antonio Lewis, age 30, of Annapolis, Md
- Donnell Moses Stewart, age 24, of Severn, Md;
- Renard Mitchell, age 25, of Baltimore;
- Darryl Rashad Smith, age 29, of Howard County;
- Joseph Aaron Artis, age 22, of Howard County;
- Alex Antonio Mendoza, age 23, of Howard County.

Each of the 31 defendants charged in count two with the drug trafficking conspiracy faces a maximum sentence of life in prison; and each of the 27 defendants charged in count one with the RICO conspiracy faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Matthews, Hall, Collins, Fossett, Manley, Marcel Williams, King, Diggs, Cox, Weedon, Guy, Carey, and Harris also face from five to 25 years in prison, consecutive to any other sentence, for each count of possessing, using and/or carrying a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime or crime of violence. Dennis and Fossett face an additional five years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal

proceedings.

United States Attorney Rosenstein commended the more than 100 federal and state law enforcement officers who worked together to execute the arrest warrants today. Mr. Rosenstein praised the FBI; Maryland State Police; ATF; Delaware State Police; Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Cumberland, Frederick, Howard County, Prince George's County, Salisbury, Fruitland, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and Ocean City Police Departments; Allegany County Bureau of Police; Allegany County Criminal Investigations; the Frederick, Washington, Queen Anne's, Dorchester, Wicomico, and Worcester County Sheriffs Offices; and the State's Attorney's Offices of Baltimore City, Frederick, Wicomico, Washington, Allegany, Garrett, and Queen Anne's Counties for their investigation of this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case. Mr. Rosenstein also recognized the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Drug Enforcement Administration for their assistance in the investigation.

Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrea Smith and A. David Copperthite, who are prosecuting this case."

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## Viktor Bout Federal Criminal Trial Discussion

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The trial of Viktor Bout, a former Soviet army officer, accused of being the world's biggest arms trafficker, has begun in New York. Bout was arrested in a covert operation by US agents in Thailand in 2008 and brought to the US after a protracted extradition battle that raised US-Russian tensions. Bout is accused of attempting to sell to undercover US agents surface-to-air missiles and other weapons

for use by Colombia's FARC rebels against US anti-narcotics personnel. He has pleaded not guilty.

Douglas McNabb, a senior principal of McNabb Associates and an expert in federal criminal defense and international extradition, and Jeff Abramson, a coordinator of Control Arms Secretariat are guest commentators for the Voice of Russia.

[Federal Trial of Viktor Bout started in New York](#)

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# ICE HSI takes down an alleged fraudulent telemarketing network in Jamaica

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The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on October 13, 2011 released the following:

"U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents combat crime across the globe. With offices in 47 countries, the agency is committed to bringing down international criminal networks that threaten the national security of U.S. citizens.

Last month, ICE HSI special agents and representatives from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service supported "Operation Due North," a series of search warrants led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Jamaica Customs Department, targeting criminal networks that

## Attorney General Holder Hosts Summit Focused on Prevention, Deterrence and Interdiction of Child Sexual Exploitation

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Attorney General Eric Holder today convened a panel of experts from Facebook, Microsoft and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to discuss concrete ways to prevent and deter child sexual exploitation at a national summit entitled, "A Call to Action: Protecting Children from Sexual Exploitation."

## Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the National Summit on Protecting Children from Sexual Exploitation

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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"To more effectively prevent and combat child exploitation and abuse, we need greater engagement – and not just from our traditional law enforcement, advocacy and government partners," said Attorney General Holder.

specialized in telemarketing/lottery fraud in and around Montego Bay, Jamaica. Elderly U.S. citizens were often their victims.

"Working with our local law enforcement counterparts, we assisted in devising a disruption strategy to reduce telemarketing fraud activity in country," said Christopher Merendino, assistant attaché for ICE HSI in Jamaica. "HSI utilized proven operational concepts such as actionable intelligence driven enforcement as well as funding, training, and new technologies to build the capacity of Jamaican investigators to identify and pursue the most prolific fraudsters."

Jamaican law enforcement officers searched a total of 12 locations and arrested 14 individuals. They also collected significant amounts of evidence indicating telemarketing fraud, including

## Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Conference

(USDOJ: Justice News)

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"That's why, today, I am proud to announce a series of grants to organizations that offer mentoring programs specifically targeting children with a parent in the military," said Attorney General Holder.

## United States and European Union Antitrust Agencies Issue Revised Best Practices for Coordinating Merger Reviews

(USDOJ: Justice News)

Submitted at 9:16 AM October 14, 2011

The Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the European Commission today issued an updated set of "best practices" that they use to coordinate their merger reviews.

computer equipment, lead lists of prospective victims, bank account documents and large amounts of cash.

Whenever possible, money seized through this operation will be returned to individuals who were victims of telemarketing fraud."

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## U.S. v. Eric Larsen

*(Antitrust Division: Upcoming Public Hearings)*

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Change of plea has been scheduled for November 30, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific