



## Guilty Plea Expected in Amish Case

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The New York Times on March 13, 2012 released the following:

“By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — An Ohio man has agreed to plead guilty to defrauding fellow Amish in 29 states out of nearly \$17 million, the government said Tuesday.

The lawyer for Monroe L. Beachy, 77, owner of A&M Investments in Sugarcreek, Ohio, filed a recent notice informing the federal court of Mr. Beachy’s “intention to plead guilty as charged,” and a spokesman with the United States attorney’s office, Mike Tobin, confirmed the pending guilty plea.

Judge Benita Y. Pearson of Federal District Court in Youngstown, Ohio, has changed Thursday’s pretrial hearing to a change of plea hearing.

Mr. Beachy declined to comment when asked Tuesday whether he had struck a plea bargain or why he was changing his plea. His lawyer did not return a message seeking comment.

Mr. Tobin said the United States attorney’s office had no immediate comment on the guilty plea. Prosecutors typically avoid any comment that might disrupt a defendant’s pending agreement

to plead guilty.

The indictment charging Mr. Beachy with one count of mail fraud says he promised investors safe securities but moved money to riskier investments. Mail fraud is punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

According to the indictment, nearly 2,700 people and entities, including an Amish community loan fund, lost about \$16.8 million since 2006.

Mr. Beachy’s firm has filed for bankruptcy protection.

The investments directed by Mr. Beachy “were not the ‘safe’ investments as reported to his clients or investors,” the indictment said.

In announcing the indictment last fall, Steven M. Dettelbach, a United States attorney in Ohio, said the case highlighted the risks of affinity fraud involving trust in investors from a group with similar ethnic, religious or personal backgrounds.

Mr. Dettelbach stopped short of saying whether Mr. Beachy had personally profited or just made bad investments, but he said that Mr. Beachy had made a living for years offering investor services to the Amish.

A&M Investments filed for bankruptcy protection in June 2010, listing about \$33 million in liabilities and nearly \$18 million in assets.

In a court appearance in October, Mr. Beachy tried to plead no contest on religious grounds. He did not elaborate on the religious grounds, and his lawyer advised against the move.”

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## FBI arrests 20 people in alleged \$3M heroin bust on Long Island

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The New York Post on March 13, 2012 released the following:

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The FBI staged raids on homes across Long Island this morning in a major operation aimed at taking down a heroin trafficking ring, and among those charged are a former Suffolk County police officer and the spouse of a NYPD cop, officials said.

Agents took 20 people into custody — a group that allegedly had drugs estimated to have a street value of at least \$2.75 million.

Among those being charged are a retired Suffolk County police officer and his daughter, authorities said.

The spouse of an NYPD officer was also rounded up in the bust.

Authorities say the ringleader is Jose Perez, 26, who oversaw a heroin distribution scheme that focused on suburban customers living on Long Island.

The FBI, aided by Nassau County police and other law enforcement agencies, were making arrests in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, as well as in Brooklyn and Queens in New York City, officials said.

Those arrested will be arraigned later today before judges in Central Islip federal court.”

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