CEO OF CARLSTADT-BASED BULK MAIL COMPANY PLEADS GUILTY TO DIRECTING $4.5 MILLION WIRE FRAUD CONSPIRACY

NEWARK, N.J. – Arthur Marino, 61, of Englewood, New Jersey pleaded guilty yesterday to directing a long-running, large-scale wire fraud conspiracy through New Tech Direct, Inc. ("New Tech"), a bulk mail company that he founded and owned, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in Newark federal court:

New Tech, based in Carlstadt, New Jersey, at one time employed over 50 people. New Tech contracted with clients to handle large mailings. Clients sent their mail jobs to New Tech for folding, envelope stuffing, labeling, and delivery to the post office. New Tech charged a fee based on the amount of postage necessary to mail the job, as well as a fee for the services it provided in preparing the mail for shipment.

Marino was the founder and sole owner of New Tech. Under Marino's direction, New Tech dumped mail and created bogus postal forms to make it appear as if New Tech had performed its contracted-for services. As part of the fraud, a New Tech employee stole a postal stamp, which Marino and others used to make it appear as if the mail had been actually sent to, and approved by, the post office. The fraud, which began in 2003 and lasted through 2010, caused over $4.5 million in losses to New Tech's customers.

Marino faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in jail and a fine of $250,000.

Fishman credited Inspectors with the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of David L. Collins, Inspector in Charge, with the investigation leading to yesterday's guilty plea. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zach Intrater of the U.S. Attorney's Office Economic Crimes Unit.

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