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U.S. v. Munir Abdulkader

In this case, 22-year-old Munir Abdulkader, from West Chester, Ohio, was sentenced to 240 months in prison and lifetime supervised release for plotting to murder a military base employee and attack a Cincinnati-area police station in the name of ISIL. The plan was for Abdulkader to murder a specific employee of a military base at the employee's home. He planned to videotape the murder so that it could be used in an ISIL propaganda video to further ISIL's cause. Following the murder, Abdulkader would then launch a violent attack on a police station in the Cincinnati area. In preparation for the attacks, Abdulkader conducted surveillance of the police station, received a targeting package about the victim, went to a shooting range, learned how to operate certain firearms, and practiced shooting the firearms. He also bought an AK-47 assault rifle for the attack. After killing the employee, Abdulkader planned to execute a violent attack on a police station in the Southern District of Ohio using firearms and Molotov cocktails.

U.S. v. Jose Martin Aguilar-Rivera et al (MS-13)

Racketeering charges were filed against 23 members and associates of MS-13 in a series of February 2018 indictments and criminal complaints in a racketeering conspiracy, which includes five murders as well as attempted murder, extortion, money laundering, drug trafficking, assault, obstruction of justice, witness intimidation, weapons offenses and immigration-related violations. The defendants allegedly used violence and threats of violence to extort money and drug trafficking proceeds from others. They used the money to further their own criminal activities in El Salvador, Ohio and other places in the United States. Two men, including the lead defendant, agreed to plead guilty in July 2019 in the MS-13 racketeering case to multiple murders and serve life in prison for their roles in 5 murders. Two others have agreed to plead guilty and potentially serve 35-40 years in prison.

U.S. v. Laith Waleed Alebbini

A federal judge convicted the Jordanian national in December 2018 of one count of attempting to provide material support and resources to ISIS in the form of personnel, namely himself, and one count of conspiracy. He was arrested on April 26, 2017 at the Cincinnati/Kentucky International Airport. The evidence at trial showed that at the time of his arrest, Alebbini had a ticket and boarding passes in hand for a flight to Amman, Jordan, with a connection in Istanbul, Turkey. The evidence also showed that Alebbini intended to step off the plane once in Istanbul, forego the flight to Amman, and instead make his way from Turkey into Syria in order to join ISIS there. Alebbini moved to Dayton, Ohio on March 1, 2017. Two weeks later, Alebbini entered a Dayton-area mosque, grabbed anti-ISIS brochures from a table, threw them in the trash and challenged mosque leaders for distributing anti-ISIS brochures. Alebbini told relatives and others that he regularly watched ISIS-related videos on YouTube, and that Facebook had disabled his account due to his posting of ISIS material. In June 2019, Alebbini was sentenced to 15 years in prison and will be deported after he serves his prison term.

U.S. v Naser Almadaoji

Almadaoji, of Beavercreek, was arrested and charged by a criminal complaint in October 2018 with attempting to provide material support to ISIS-affiliated foreign terrorist organizations. The Iraqi-born U.S. citizen was arrested at John Glenn International Airport in Columbus as he prepared to travel from the U.S. to Kazakhstan and on to Afghanistan to receive training. An affidavit by investigators claims that he worked with online contacts to make the travel arrangements, that he translated ISIS propaganda from Arabic to English and that he recorded and sent a video of himself wearing a headscarf and pledging allegiance to the leader of ISIS in the months leading up to his travel.

U.S. v. Riyadh Altallaa and Muna Alnoubani

A nationwide sweep led by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in 36 federal districts led to charges against the owners of Columbus Home Health Care Services, LLC. In pleading guilty, the husband and wife admitted that they falsified company records including timesheets and training documents, defrauding Medicare out of more than \$1 million. In September 2017, Altallaa was sentenced to 48 months in prison. Alnoubani was sentenced to 36 months' probation. The couple was also ordered to forfeit their \$1 million home in Hilliard.

U.S. v. William M. and Connie Apostelos

William and Connie Apostelos received sentences of 180 months and 30 months respectively for defrauding nearly 500 victims in a \$70 million Ponzi scheme. This is believed to be the largest Ponzi scheme ever prosecuted in Dayton. The couple recruited investors from 37 states, and rather than investing the money, used it to pay for personal luxuries. The government seized two racehorses, vehicles, jewelry, artwork and cash totaling approximately \$650,000 from the couple.

U.S. v. Mark M. Beatty

This case is the first criminal enforcement of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in the Southern District of Ohio. Beatty, of Wellston, Ohio, purchased human remains of Native Americans from co-defendants David E. Skeens, Brian K. Skeens and Toby Lee Thacker, who dug up the remains at a rock shelter in Salt Creek Valley in Jackson County, Ohio. Sentences for the defendants included a fine and restitution to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to be used for re-burial of the Native American remains.

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U.S. v. Duke Energy Beckjord LLC

Representatives of Duke Energy agreed to plead guilty to negligent discharge of oil in violation of the Clean Water Act. The plea included a \$1 million fine in addition to restitution for the approximately 9,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from its Walter C. Beckjord generation station facility in New Richmond, Ohio to the Ohio River.

U.S. v. Crawford P. Bogle et al

A federal grand jury in Dayton indicted 19 individuals in September 2019 for allegedly distributing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin in the Greater Miami Valley region.

U.S. v. Bonsu et al

Eight central Ohio residents were indicted in March 2018 for using dating websites to defraud victims out of millions of dollars and launder the money through various online romance scams. The grand jury accused the defendants of establishing relationships online then requesting money for investment or need-based reasons and providing account information and directions for where the money should be sent. The defendants transferred the money to other accounts, used the money to buy salvaged vehicles online and shipped the vehicles overseas. Six of the eight have pleaded guilty as of June 2019.

U.S. v Terry J. Boutwell et al

Boutwell and Tiffany Strobl of Columbus, Ohio and Shalitha Schexnayder of Miami, Florida were charged in February 2019 with conspiring to launder proceeds of an online vehicle-sale scam that defrauded nearly 600 victims throughout the United States. The three posted ads on websites including cars.com and Craigslist claiming they had vehicles to sell and had to sell them quickly and below market value. They deceived the victims into wiring money into a fake eBay Buyer Protection Program account and promised to send the vehicles after the funds were received. Strobl pleaded guilty the day the charges were announced. The other two defendants pleaded guilty in July 2019. The plea agreement includes restitution of \$9.2 million to victims.

U.S. v. Donna S. Brown

Donna S. Brown was sentenced to 121 months in prison for defrauding investors of more than 800 investment accounts totaling more than \$31 million. Brown, who owned Budget Finance Company in New Martinsville, W. Va., was sentenced for charges of wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering.

U.S. v Darrell Bryant, Gifty Kusi and Bernard Oppong

A jury convicted Bryant and Kusi couple in December 2018 of conspiracy and health care fraud. They owned and operated Health and Wellness Pharmacy in Dublin. Evidence presented during the trial proved they and their co-conspirators marketed prescription creams in low-income neighborhoods, including out of a van, and mailed those creams to Medicaid customers and billed Medicaid \$3 million. They also prescribed and distributed suboxone without medical necessity, billed for counseling services that weren't provided, and billed for individual counseling sessions that actually occurred in a group setting. In May 2019, a jury convicted Dr. Oppong of similar charges. Another defendant, Dr. Jornell Rivera also owned and operated Health and Wellness Medical Center, a suboxone clinic, pleaded guilty in May 2018 to making false statements related to health care matters.

U.S. v. Dominique Bryant et al

Nineteen members and associates of the Trevitt and Atcheson Crips gang in Columbus were indicted in October 2018 with a racketeering conspiracy responsible for five murders, multiple attempted murders and other violent and drug-trafficking crimes. The alleged crimes date back to 2010. The murders occurred between 2012 and 2016. Bryant pleaded guilty to racketeering and was sentenced in August 2019 to 110 months.

U.S. v Lorin K. Buckner et al

An indictment charging eleven people in five states was unsealed March 6, 2019 accusing them of conspiring to commit mail and wire fraud in a scheme to defraud distressed homeowners by falsely representing that they could help the victims save their homes. This included more than 50 victims in the Southern District of Ohio. According to the 26-count indictment, from 2013 through 2018, the defendants took advantage of homeowners' desperation to save their homes and used money from homeowner victims to personally enrich themselves. They allegedly encouraged affiliates to aggressively recruit homeowners using databases and court records to identify vulnerable financially distressed homeowners who had received foreclosure notices.

U.S. v Michael Busch et al

A jury convicted a husband and wife and their Findlay Market vendor in June 2019 of Food Stamp fraud. A federal grand jury charged Busch's Country Corner, Inc. and officials with charges related to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) fraud in an indictment returned here in June 2018. According to court documents and trial testimony, from April 2010 until May 2018, Busch's Country Corner co-owner Michael Busch, his wife,

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Amanda Jo Busch, and his brother, Randall S. Busch, illegally exchanged cash for SNAP benefits. The defendants caused more than 195,000 individual SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) transactions to be completed by Busch's Country Corner, totaling more than \$5.4 million. According to witness testimony at trial, approximately 64 percent, or \$3.4 million, of those SNAP transactions were fraudulent.

Village of Byesville, Ohio ADA Settlement

The United States reached a settlement agreement with the Village of Byesville, Ohio in Guernsey County after initiating a compliance review under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The settlement agreement sets out general and specific remedies, which include making facilities readily accessible to individuals with disabilities, by making modifications to sidewalks, curb ramps, entry and internal doors, signage, door knobs, counters, maneuvering clearance, restrooms and the parking lot at Village Hall, among other things.

U.S. v Courtney Byrd et al

An indictment in February 2019 charged nine southern Ohio men with committing eleven pharmacy robberies in central and southwestern Ohio between April and October of 2018. The suspects presented notes to pharmacists demanding specific drugs including oxycodone.

U.S. v. Hernan Emilio Caldas-Estupinan et al

Four defendants arrested after a high-speed boat chase near the Galapagos Islands have been sentenced for drug trafficking conspiracy. U.S. Coast Guard and DEA agents seized approximately 720 kilograms of cocaine worth approximately \$25 million then they arrested the defendants – three Ecuadoran nationals and one Mexican national – in August 2017. The defendants were seen tossing packages overboard from a boat with no flag flying, no registration number or name on the hull of the vessel. A Coast Guard helicopter fired disabling shots at the speedboat after the boat ignored warning shots.

U.S. v. Edward I. Campbell

Edward I. Campbell, of Reynoldsburg, defrauded 44 clients of his Rosewood Consulting LLC in Baltimore, Ohio out of more than \$1.4 million claiming he was investing their money in historical bonds issued by China and the exchange of Bougainville Kina – an illegal currency from the autonomous region of Bougainville, New Guinea. Campbell also claimed to be a former Navy Seal and an international investment advisor. He was sentenced to 60 months in prison on July 10, 2018 for money laundering and wire fraud.

U.S. v. Joshua D. Chapman-Sexton

This defendant was convicted at trial in February 2017. Chapman-Sexton committed new crimes related to child pornography while on supervised release from similar federal charges in 2010. A thumb drive in the defendant's Playstation device contained more than 700 images of child pornography that had been downloaded continuously from July 2014 until February 2016. He was sentenced in August 2017 to 24 years in prison.

U.S. v. Diego Ernesto Castaneda-Garcia et al

Eighteen individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury in Columbus in September 2019 with charges relating to conspiracies to distribute kilogram quantities of heroin, launder money back to Mexico and run a fake immigration identification business.

U.S. v. Jose Chavez-Meraz et al

Twelve people in southwestern Ohio and 40 more in San Diego were charged in March 2018 with conspiracy and laundering money for selling fentanyl from Mexico and sending the proceeds back to the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico. The joint investigation by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies also led to charges against people in Columbus, eastern Kentucky and eastern Washington. Investigators witnessed multiple bulk-cash pickups in Ohio and seized multiple kilograms of narcotics including at least three kilograms of fentanyl in one traffic stop.

U.S. v. Eric D. Chavis

“Rapper” Eric Chavis was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 15 years in prison for directing and distributing music videos depicting child pornography. At the time of his plea, Chavis admitted that he recorded sexually explicit video footage of three minor females and that he later edited that footage into music videos.

U.S. v. Christopher Lee Cornell

Christopher Lee Cornell, a 22-year-old Green Township man, was sentenced to 30 years in prison and lifetime supervised release for plotting, planning and attempting an attack on government officials during the State of the Union Address in 2015 in the name of ISIL. Cornell plotted, planned and attempted to travel to Washington, D.C., in order to attack the U.S. Capitol during the State of the Union Address on January 20, 2015. He conducted

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online research of weapons, the construction of bombs, the U.S. Capitol and other potential targets in the Washington, D.C., area. He intended to kill officers and employees of the United States, and possessed two semi-automatic rifles and approximately 600 rounds of ammunition.

U.S. v. Aaron T. Daniels

In November 2016, a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment alleging that Daniels provided and attempted to provide material support to ISIL. Count one alleges that Daniels sent \$250 to an ISIL operative in January 2016, and count two alleges that the defendant attempted to provide himself as personnel to ISIL. Daniels was arrested on November 7, 2016, as he attempted to leave Columbus to fly to Libya. Daniels pleaded guilty in June 2017 and was sentenced in July 2018 to 80 months in prison.

U.S. v. Dougherty et al

Jeralyn R. Dougherty of Dublin and her son, Clint J. Green of Orient, owned Tritan EMS, a medical transportation company and Medicare and Medicaid provider. In February 2019, they pleaded guilty to health care fraud and filing false tax returns, admitting that for five years, they billed the programs for non-reimbursable claims, netting \$3.6 million. In August 2019, Dougherty was sentenced to 42 months in prison, ordered to pay more than \$3.6 million in restitution, including \$873,716 to the IRS and to forfeit numerous financial accounts. Green was sentenced to 42 months in prison, pay \$649,671 to the IRS.

U.S. v. Delcol et al

Jason J. Delcol, a former Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper, was sentenced on October 12, 2018 to 24 months in prison for his involvement with a drug trafficking ring centered in Delaware County, Ohio. The conspirators were involved in illegally distributing drugs including testosterone, anabolic steroids, human growth hormone, hydrocodone, oxycodone and Xanax. The trooper would acquire the drugs from one of the other co-conspirators and sell them at another defendant's house near a school in Delaware. Delcol pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a public school, witness tampering and possession of an unregistered machine gun and an unregistered silencer.

U.S. v. Sylvain Desjardins and David Ayotte

Desjardins and Ayotte received sentences of 96 and 63 months in prison respectively for trafficking cocaine. The pair intended to fly more than 290 pounds of cocaine from the Bahamas to Canada – Desjardins was the pilot and Ayotte was his passenger – when the two discovered the plane was having mechanical issues and landed at Gordon K. Bush Airport at Ohio University in March 2017.

U.S. v. Keysean Dearis Dickey et al

A federal grand jury charged sixteen individuals with crimes related to a fentanyl ring. The indictment alleges that the drug trafficking organization distributed more than 400 grams of fentanyl from September 2016 until agents executed search and arrest warrants on June 26, 2017.

U.S. v. William P. Elschlager

Elschlager, a former trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, was sentenced in October 2018 to 24 months in prison. Between November 2015 and January 2016, he harassed and intimidated his victim in several ways including calling and texting her repeatedly, placing a GPS device on her car and following her electronically, and conducting a traffic stop on her to discuss their personal issues. He pleaded guilty in June 2018 to cyberstalking. Elschlager had served as post commander of the highway patrol's Marietta post.

U.S. v. Ikechi W. Emeaghara

Ikechi Emeaghara, dubbed as the "Buckeye Bandit," was sentenced in June 2017 to serve 240 months in prison for eight counts of armed bank robbery. Emeaghara committed the robberies from October 2013 through October 2016 and was on law enforcement's most wanted list.

U.S. v. Evans Landscaping, Inc.

A District Court jury convicted Doug Evans, the owner of Cincinnati-based Evans Landscaping, Inc. and company vice president Jim Bailey of defrauding the City of Cincinnati and other public entities through fraudulent small business and minority business contracts. Evans and Bailey established Ergon Landscaping in 2008 and used it to apply for landscaping contracts through federal and state small business enterprise programs. From 2011 through 2014, Ergon bid on and received more than 100 residential demolition contracts with the City of Cincinnati, totaling approximately \$1.9 million, by leveraging Ergon's fraudulent Small Business Enterprise status. Evans Landscaping also bid on state demolition and construction projects – particularly public school, university and municipal projects – by claiming Ergon would provide a percentage of the services and receive part of the funds to be paid. The jury convicted them in December 2018 on charges of conspiracy and wire fraud.

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U.S. v. David Fairchild, Jesse Szuba, Mike Allen

Documents were unsealed in October 2018 charging the three Ohio men with crimes related to child pornography. Charging documents say Fairchild sexually abused a two-year old victim and recorded the acts, sharing the videos with Szuba. During their online communications, they allegedly exchanged child pornography files and discussed plans to engage in various sex acts with each other and the victims. Allen was also accused of being part of the conspiracy. All three defendants have pleaded guilty to child pornography charges. Allen was sentenced on February 14, 2019 to 68 months in prison.

U.S. v. Karen Finley

Karen Finley, a former CEO of a red light camera company, was sentenced to 14 months in prison for her role in a multi-year bribery and fraud scheme. Finley participated in a scheme in which the company made campaign contributions to elected public officials in the cities of Columbus, Ohio and Cincinnati through a lobbyist and consultant retained by the company. Specifically, Finley was sentenced for one count of conspiracy to commit federal programs bribery and honest services wire and mail fraud.

U.S. v. Jason Fletcher and Ciera Richter

The pair were found guilty in Cincinnati in June 2018 of producing child pornography. Fletcher was on probation following a state conviction for importuning a minor and other crimes when his probation officer found child pornography on two of Fletcher's mobile devices in May 2017. Evidence presented at a bench trial for Fletcher showed that he recorded videos of himself molesting a two-year-old while Richter held the child. Richter pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Fletcher was sentenced on February 20, 2019 to 420 months in prison.

U.S. v Kevin Foster

Foster of Montclair, New Jersey worked as a business manager for celebrities. He pleaded guilty in August 2018 to defrauding his clients and committing tax crimes and was sentenced in May 2019 to 89 months in prison, plus payment of more than \$7.9 in restitution. Foster was an officer in a company that made and sold a sports beverage known as OXYwater. He defrauded his clients, including the rapper Ne-Yo in order to get money to keep the company afloat. Company founders Thomas Jackson and Preston Harrison were convicted of similar crimes and received similar penalties.

U.S. v. Charles A. Granberry et al

Charles Granberry was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 72 months in prison for conspiring to participate in a dog-fighting ring in Central Ohio and for illegally possessing a firearm. Granberry is one of four defendants charged in the case. Granberry and the others bred, raised and sold dogs for the purpose of dogfighting. Investigators seized 46 dogs in this case and 31 of the dogs had be euthanized for behavioral concerns or medical issues.

U.S. v. Shane Ryan Hammond

Hilliard resident Shane Ryan Hammond was sentenced in May 2019 to 15 years in prison for impersonating a federal agent, kidnapping wire fraud and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle. Hammond was an unlicensed bounty hunter who held himself out at various times to be a bail recovery agent, a member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, working with Homeland Security, a SWAT officer and a federal agent. By pretending to be a member of law enforcement, Hammond accosted a number of individuals, threatened them, pointed guns at them and drove at least one around in handcuffs until he was stopped for speeding.

U.S. v Kenneth Hendricks

An American priest from Cincinnati, Hendricks was arrested in December 2018 in the Philippines on a federal complaint alleging he had sexually assaulted multiple boys. The complaint charges Hendricks with illicit sexual conduct in a foreign country, a crime punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

U.S. Eric Zyn Ho and Bryan Mathew Otero

Ho and Otero received sentences of 30 years and 10 years respectively for their roles in sex trafficking a minor. Ho's sentence reflected the fact that he also pleaded guilty to producing child pornography. The defendants conspired to harbor a 14-year-old female and cause her to engage in a commercial sex act. They were indicted in May 2017.

U.S. v. E. Stanley Hoff

The Westerville man was sentenced to 40 months in prison for threatening to assault and murder a U.S. Congressman. Hoff was responsible for a series of threatening voicemails from February to June 2017 left at Congressman Steve Stivers' office in Hilliard. In one message, Hoff referred to the 2017 Congressional baseball game for charity shooting as "only the tip of the iceberg."

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U.S. v. Antwan L. Hutchinson and Michael J. Favors

Antwan Hutchinson was sentenced in October 2019 to life in prison with no chance of parole for murdering two potential witnesses and conspiring to distribute narcotics. Favors was sentenced in the same month to more than 30 years in prison for his role in the murders and to related drug crimes. A federal grand jury indicted Favors and Hutchinson in April 2017, alleging that they possessed and distributed cocaine, heroin, oxycodone and marijuana.

U.S. v. Nilesh Jobalia

A 114-count indictment charged the owner of the Cincinnati Centers for Pain Relief in Hamilton with billing Medicare, Medicaid and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for \$2 million for medically unnecessary prescriptions. Patients were prescribed fentanyl, oxycodone, methadone, morphine and other controlled substances without being seen by the doctor. The indictment alleges that at least one patient died as a result of using the prescribed drugs. This case and cases against Lindenwald Medical Association and Dr. Saad Sakkal were part of the largest health care fraud enforcement action in Justice Department history. The charges were announced in June 2018.

U.S. v. Robert Jones

Robert Steven Jones of Anna, Ohio received a life sentence plus ten years in prison for sexually exploiting minors including an infant, a seven-year-old girl and numerous teenage girls. Jones began committing abusive acts against children while living in Illinois in 2013, recording the abuse on video, and continued the crimes after moving to Ohio in 2014. A nationwide investigation, Operation Pacifier, discovered Jones' acts when it dismantled a dark web site dedicated to child pornography.

U.S. v. Ryan King and Randy Goodman

Two members of an Ohio militia group known as the United Sheepdogs of Ohio were arrested on charges in an indictment alleging that they possessed unregistered explosive devices, a violation of the National Firearms Act. The indictment alleges that in January 2019 the men tested what they called "crater makers" at Goodman's home and discussed construction and ignition methods in detail. Goodman allegedly referenced the Boston Marathon as an example of a remote detonation system that worked.

U.S. v. David Kirkwood

Kirkwood received a 70-month sentence in August 2018 after pleading guilty to running a pill mill in Dayton. Kirkwood pleaded guilty to health care fraud and unlawful drug trafficking. He owned and operated Kirkwood Family Practice in Dayton. He distributed nearly 4,000 units of oxycodone outside the scope of medical practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. Medicaid and Medicare paid for all of these units. He and his wife, who also pleaded guilty to health care fraud, agreed to pay restitution to the government health care programs of nearly \$160,000.

U.S. v. John and Susan Klosterman

The Justice Department filed a civil complaint against a Sedamsville landlord in March 2018 alleging that they violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against female tenants. The complaint alleges that John Klosterman subjected female tenants of his 55 rental properties to unwanted sexual harassment and evicted female tenants who refused his advances. The civil suit seeks monetary damages to compensate victims, civil penalties and a court order barring future discrimination.

U.S. v. Izmir Koch

After a two-day bench trial in December 2018, a federal judge convicted Koch of Huber Heights of violating the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. In February 2017, Koch attacked a man outside a Cincinnati restaurant because he believed the man was Jewish. Koch was outside a Cincinnati restaurant with others when he yelled out asking if anyone outside the restaurant was Jewish. When a man standing nearby responded that he was Jewish, Koch ran to him, punched him in the head and continued hitting and kicking him after he fell. Before and during the assault, the defendant and his associates were heard shouting, "I want to kill all of the Jews" and "I want to stab the Jews." This was the District's first conviction under the federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Koch was sentenced in July 2019 to 30 months in prison. A grand jury indicted him in September 2019, charging him with fleeing and failing to self-surrender to the Bureau of Prisons in August. He faces an additional five years on that charge.

Korean Fuel Supply

South Korea-based companies SK Energy Co. Ltd., GS Caltex Corporation, and Hanjin Transportation Co. Ltd. have agreed to plead guilty in November 2018 to criminal charges and pay a total of approximately \$82 million in criminal fines for their involvement in a decade-long bid-rigging conspiracy that targeted contracts to supply fuel to United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force bases in South Korea. In March 2019, two additional companies agreed to plead guilty to criminal charges and pay a total of approximately \$75 million in criminal fines for their involvement in the bid-rigging conspiracy.

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U.S. v. Ethan Kollie

Kollie, a friend of Dayton mass shooter Connor Betts, was charged eight days after the August 4, 2019 shooting with lying on federal firearms forms in order to purchase weapons and with possessing a firearm as an unlawful user of a controlled substance. Kollie admitted in an interview with federal agents that he regularly used marijuana, but checked “no” to the question on the firearms form asking about drug use. Kollie also told agents that he bought firearm components and body armor for Betts to help Betts hide the items from his parents. Kollie said Betts assembled the weapon used in the shooting at Kollie’s apartment.

U.S. v. Alexander Yuryevich Korshunov, Maurizio Paolo Bianchi

A criminal complaint charging the Russian and Italian nationals with conspiring to steal trade secrets from Ohio-based GE Aviation was announced in September 2019 following Korshunov’s arrest in Italy. The scheme to steal intellectual property, including engineering patterns and designs for equipment used in jet engine systems, unfolded after Bianchi, a former director at an Italian subsidiary of GE Aviation left the company. He joined another company that had a contract with the subsidiary of the Russian state-owned company, United Engine Corp., where Korshunov worked. The pair was indicted by a federal grand jury and Bianchi was arrested in Italy in October 2019.

U.S. v. Kevin B. Lake

The government has seized more than \$29 million in proceeds in this case, which involves a doctor who pleaded guilty to running a medical center as a drug premises. Lake owned and operated Columbus Southern Medical Center, which provided unlawful prescriptions of controlled substances to addicts throughout the Midwest. Lake also attempted to evade more than \$3.5 million in taxes and engaged in more than \$20 million in money laundering transactions. Lake also pleaded guilty to workers’ compensation fraud. Lake was murdered by a family member in June 2017.

U.S. v Gerald Lawson

Gerald A. Lawson III bought a gun for his friend, Quentin L. Smith, who used it to shoot and kill Westerville Police officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering on February 10, 2018. Smith was a convicted felon and not allowed to buy or own a handgun so he gave Lawson the money for the gun and \$100 to buy the gun at a gun shop in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Lawson pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and was sentenced on October 18, 2018 to five years in prison.

U.S. v. Jory Leedy

Leedy pleaded guilty in June 2019 to aggravated sexual abuse involving children. He met his victims through his work as a volunteer church bus driver in Dayton. He ingratiated himself to the victims’ families by taking the boys on field trips. The victims were seven and eight years old. Leedy’s plea agreement includes a recommended sentence of 30 years.

U.S. v. Robert Ledbetter et al

The 20 individuals associated with the Short North Posse’s “Cut Throat Committee” in Columbus, Ohio were indicted in October 2014 in a racketeering case, with charges that include 14 previously unsolved murders, attempted murders, drug trafficking, weapons offenses, extortion and robbery. The case was the largest federal murder prosecution in Ohio history. Of the 20 total defendants, six were convicted at trial, 13 pleaded guilty and one has died. Their sentences range from seven years in prison to multiple life terms with no chance of parole.

U.S. v. Lindenwald Medical Association, Inc.

Dr. Rakesh Sharma of Alachua, Florida, previous owner of Lindenwald Medical Association, Inc., and Mike Temeck of Liberty Township, a nurse practitioner there, were charged with conspiracy and health care fraud for overcharging Medicare and Medicaid by approximately \$400,000 by upcoding billing codes for medical services. The indictment alleges that patients received very cursory exams and then prescribed controlled substances. This case and cases against Dr. Nilesh Jobalia and Dr. Saad Sakkal were part of the largest health care fraud enforcement action in Justice Department history. The charges were announced in June 2018.

U.S. v. Frederick A. McShan and David McShan et al

Two brothers were convicted by a U.S. District Court jury in March 2017 for running a Steubenville-area heroin-trafficking organization. Frederick McShan was convicted of 13 counts of drug-related charges. The case involves seven other co-defendants. The group was responsible for street-level heroin sales in Steubenville, its public housing apartment complex, Bellaire, Ohio, Weirton, W.Va. and Wheeling, W. Va. Frederick McShan received a 288-month sentence in October 2017. David McShan was sentenced to 74 months in prison. Seven other defendants received sentences ranging from zero to 100 months.

U.S. v. Shane Mauger

Former Reynoldsburg Police Officer Shane M. Mauger was sentenced to 33 months in prison for using his position as a police officer to deprive people of their civil rights by falsifying search warrant affidavits and unlawfully seizing money and property during drug trafficking investigations. Mauger lied to judges in search warrant affidavits in support of drug trafficking investigations and admitted to stealing cash during and after police searches.

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U.S. v. Paul L. Meisner, II

Meisner was sentenced in October 2019 to 17 years in prison for paying a homeless woman to sexually abuse young children and send him pictures and videos of the abuse. Meisner solicited child pornography from the drug-addicted adult female (who was also sentenced to 17 years in prison) to create and send child pornography. This included the sexual abuse of a five-month-old victim.

U.S. v. Miami-Luken et al

In July 2019, a federal grand jury in Cincinnati charged Miami-Luken, a pharmaceutical distributor, as well as two of its former officials and two West Virginia pharmacists with conspiring to distribute controlled substances. Miami-Luken supplied pharmaceuticals to more than 200 pharmacies in Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Tennessee. According to the indictment, the officers and the company sought to enrich themselves by distributing millions of painkillers to doctors and pharmacies in rural Appalachia, where the opioid epidemic was at its peak.

Miami University ADA Settlement

Under the consent decree proposed by the U.S. Justice Department, Miami University will make significant improvements to ensure that technologies across all its campuses are accessible to individuals with disabilities and will pay \$25,000 to compensate individuals with disabilities. The agreement also requires reforms to Miami University's technology procurement practices.

U.S. v Miller-Valentine Operations, Inc.

A civil complaint filed in May 2019 against the company which owns, develops and operates 82 multi-family housing units in 13 states alleges that the company failed to design and build the apartments in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The complaint alleges not only that Miller-Valentine designed and built multi-family housing complexes that are not accessible to people with disabilities, but also that Miller-Valentine took public money to build those complexes and yet still built them such that some citizens wouldn't be able to live there. The lawsuit seeks an order (1) requiring the defendants to bring the properties into compliance with the FHA and the ADA, (2) requiring the defendants to pay monetary damages to persons harmed by the lack of accessibility and civil penalties to the United States to vindicate the public interest, and (3) prohibiting the defendants from designing or constructing future residential properties in a manner that discriminates against persons with disabilities.

U.S. v Andrew Mitchell

Columbus vice squad Officer Andrew Mitchell, 55, was arrested in March 2019 after a grand jury charged him with witness tampering, obstruction of justice, making a false statement to federal investigators, and deprivation of rights under color of law, the language used to describe crimes committed by police officers while on duty. The indictment alleges that Mitchell, a 30-year veteran, arrested two different women and forced them to have sex before he would release them. Later, during the investigation, Mitchell lied when he told the FBI he'd never had sex with a prostitute, since Mitchell knew "he has had sex with numerous prostitutes, including having paid women money for sex," according to the indictment. A superseding indictment in April 2019 added charges of obstruction of justice and destroying property to prevent seizure.

U.S. v. Mohamed A. Mohamed et al

Fourteen people were charged in May 2018 with making fake prescriptions to obtain and distribute codeine cough syrups in central Ohio. A 17-count indictment includes 13 counts of obtaining substances by fraud and charges of using fictitious DEA registration numbers.

U.S. v. Abdirahman Mohamud

Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud is serving a 264-month sentence for travelling to Syria and providing material support to al-Nusra Front. After the training he received in Syria, the Somali-born naturalized citizen planned to return to the U.S., obtain weapons and kill military officers, other government employees or people in uniform. He pleaded guilty in August 2015, but the case was kept under seal because of an ongoing investigation.

U.S. v. Daniel Emerson Norton

Daniel Emerson Norton, 51, of Arlington, Virginia and owner of Torrance, California-based Emerson Company, pleaded guilty in April 2019 to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, concealment money laundering and tampering with documents or proceedings in connection with illegally obtaining approximately \$2,229,142.40 in Defense Department contracts and providing defective parts made in China instead of U.S.-made critical application items used by the U.S. military. Norton pleaded guilty three days into his trial. His company had been barred from doing business with the U.S. government, so he recruited other companies to secretly bid on his behalf. When the other companies received contracts, Norton bought the parts from Chinese manufacturers, even though the contract called for the parts to be U.S.-made. Norton provided had dimensional defects, material substitutions, incorrect or missing markings, incorrect finishes, improper shapes or styles, mislabeled packaging or poor workmanship

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Provider Services, Inc. Settlement

Five companies and their executives agreed to pay approximately \$22 million to resolve False Claims Act allegations pertaining to rehabilitation therapy and hospice services in one of the largest nursing home operations in Ohio. The allegations included submission of false claims for medically unnecessary rehabilitation therapy and hospice services, improper referrals and kickbacks.

U.S. v. Salvador Ramirez et al

Ramirez received a 15-year sentence in June 2019 for helping orchestrate a methamphetamine, fentanyl and heroin trafficking conspiracy in the Miami Valley and across southern and Central Ohio. This and related cases led to charges against 14 people and the seizure of more than 140 pounds of meth, seven kilograms of fentanyl and \$130,000 in cash during the investigation.

U.S. v. John Raphael

John P. Raphael was sentenced to 15 months in prison for interference with commerce by threats. Raphael was a consultant and lobbyist based in Columbus, Ohio, who was hired and paid by companies that sought to do business with municipalities and counties in Ohio. From March 2005 to February 2013, a red light camera enforcement company hired and paid Raphael to seek and obtain lucrative contracts to provide red light photo enforcement systems in the City of Columbus. During the time the red light camera enforcement company was seeking to retain contracts in Columbus, Raphael repeatedly pressured and induced the company to make campaign contributions to the campaigns of various elected officials. He communicated to the company that it would lose its contracts and suffer an economic loss if it did not make the payments. Thus, Raphael obtained and attempted to obtain the funds by the wrongful use of fear of economic harm.

U.S. v Brian Michael Rini

An Ohio man who pretended to be a missing Illinois boy has been indicted by a grand jury for making false statements to federal agents and aggravated identity theft. Rini claimed to be Timmothy Pitzen, an Aurora, Illinois child who was abducted at the age of 6, when Newport, Kentucky police found Rini wandering the streets in April 2019.

U.S. v. James E. Risner

James Risner was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison for producing and distributing child pornography. On multiple occasions, Risner engaged in various sexual activities with a seven-year-old who was in his care. He photographed the abuse and ultimately created nearly 70 photos and posted them online.

U.S. v. Sterling H. Roberts et al

A federal grand jury in Dayton indicted six people with crimes related to the August 2017 murder of Robert Caldwell. Roberts and Tawney Caldwell, the victim's ex-wife, are charged with death-penalty-eligible crimes. Roberts, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, allegedly cyberstalked the victim via cell phone prior to the murder with the help of other defendants. Roberts allegedly shot and killed Roberts in Dayton in front of his children.

Rolls Royce Deferred Prosecution Agreement

Rolls-Royce plc, the United Kingdom-based manufacturer and distributor of power systems for the aerospace, defense, marine and energy sectors, agreed to pay the U.S. nearly \$170 million as part of an \$800 million global resolution to investigations by the department, U.K. and Brazilian authorities into a long-running scheme to bribe government officials in exchange for government contracts.

U.S. v. Michael Rose

Michael Rose, who worked as a corrections officer at the Montgomery County Jail, was sentenced to 12 months in prison for attempted extortion under the color of law. Rose provided cell phones to inmates in exchange for cash, knowing that the inmates intended to use the phones to direct drug trafficking activities from jail.

U.S. v. Susan M. Ruhe

Ruhe was sentenced to 21 months in prison and four years of supervised release for defrauding her employer, Procter & Gamble, of more than \$454,000. The sentence was imposed in January 2018. She fraudulently obtained more than 40 checks that were supposed to be used for corporate expenses and used them to pay personal expenses. Her sentenced included restitution.

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U.S. v. Carlos Ruiz-Rodriguez

Carlos Ruiz-Rodriguez was sentenced to 15 months for extortion against a Cincinnati-based company. The defendant, who worked as a call center employee, stole data from the company and sent multiple extortion emails to the company stating if the company did not pay a Bitcoin ransom, then the company schematics and client data would be released to the public. He posted the date on a “dark web” forum and received two separate ransom payments from his employer totaling approximately \$15,000.

U.S. v. Dr. Saad Sakkal

A jury convicted Sakkal in April 2019 of illegally distributing and dispensing controlled substances that led to the death of one victim in 2016. Sakkal was practicing at Lindenwald Medical Association, Inc. in Hamilton at the time. He faces at least 20 years and up to life in prison. The jury also found him guilty of 30 counts of illegal distribution of controlled substances outside the scope of a medical practice and with no legitimate medical purpose, and six counts of use of a registration number that was issued to someone else. This case was part of the largest health care fraud enforcement action in Justice Department history. The charges were announced in June 2018.

U.S. v. Ismail Salaam

A jury convicted the Cincinnati man in November 2018 of sex trafficking children and producing child pornography. The conviction followed trial testimony that he took explicit photos of a juvenile runaway he was found with in September 2016 in Springdale, and that he also coordinated sexual encounters between her and at least two men.

U.S. v. Michael Savard

IRS Agents arrested Cincinnati Police Captain Michael Savard in June 2019 based on a criminal complaint alleging that he took bribes from other officers in exchange for promotions. Savard resigned from the Department then pleaded guilty in September 2019 to one count of bribery involving a program receiving federal funds and one count of filing a false tax return.

U.S. v. Craig M. Schaber

Schaber was sentenced in October 2019 to more than 21 years in prison for attempted sex trafficking of minors. Schaber met up with an undercover officer at a McDonald’s in Marion in hopes of paying the officer cash in exchange for sexual access to two young girls. He offered a rent-free living arrangement in addition to \$200 every two weeks in exchange for sex with two fictitious girls, a 10-year-old and a three-year-old.

U.S. v. Gregory Schnabel

The owner of a company that bought and sold renewable fuel and fuel credits was sentenced in August 2018 to 63 months in prison and ordered to pay more than \$26 million in restitution for his role in a conspiracy that generated more than \$47 million in fraudulent EPA renewable fuel credits and more than \$12 million in fraudulent tax credits connected to the production of renewable fuel. Schnabel owned GRC Fuels of Oneonta, New York and others bought and sold credits on fuels that didn’t qualify for them. Seven other people pleaded guilty and were sentenced in the case.

U.S. v. Richard Sharp

This Fairfield man was sentenced to ten years in prison for possession of child pornography. An Australian officer patrolling the Internet found Sharp looking for a chance to engage with prepubescent girls. Federal authorities in the U.S. searched his laptop and found images of 13 known child victims.

U.S. v. Andrey Shuklin et al

Twelve people face racketeering charges for defrauding more than 900 customers of the moving companies the defendants owned across the United States. The defendants allegedly lied to customers between April 2013 and July 2018 when they were indicted in Cincinnati. The grand jury alleges that the scheme involved the defendants’ low-bidding the customers to beat competitors then demanding a higher payment from the victims before they would deliver the customers’ goods. The U.S. Attorney’s Office set up a victim hotline, 1-800-424-9071, and an email address, hotline@oig.dot.gov for victims.

U.S. v. Antonio J. Spiva and Charles M. McBeath

Spiva and McBeath were convicted and sentenced for distributing heroin and fentanyl in the Dayton area that resulted in the death of at least two individuals. Their distribution of fentanyl resulted in the non-fatal overdose of at least three others. Spiva was sentenced to 180 months in prison and McBeath was sentenced to 192 months in prison.

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U.S. v. Thomas A. Sweeney

A U.S. District Court jury convicted Sweeney in January 2017 of production of child pornography, attempted coercion of a minor, receipt of child pornography and commission of a sex offense while registered as a sex offender. Sweeney enticed a 14-year-old female to take sexually explicit pictures and send them to Sweeney's phone. He also used his phone to attempt to coerce the minor into engaging into sexual activity. Sweeney was previously convicted in Franklin County for two counts of rape involving a minor. Sweeney was sentenced to 55 years in prison.

U.S. v. Brian M. Sze

Brian Sze was sentenced in November 2016 to 25 years in prison for production of child pornography. Sze had engaged in sexually suggestive communications and illicit sexual contact with a minor that he had access to as a teacher. Sze caused recordings of the child engaged in sexual activity to be recorded.

U.S. v Townsend et al

Five people were charged and arrested in July 2019 for a series of robberies of internet cafes, including one in January 2019 in which the husband and wife who owned it were shot and killed. Dezhan Townsend, 20, Chris A. King, 24, and Justice B. Stringer, 24, are charged with murder. Brisco Dawkins, 50, and Desjuan Harris, 24, face firearms and witness intimidation charges.

U.S. v. Calvin Cavonte Tribble et al

Eight people received sentences in July 2018 ranging from 14 to 54 months in prison for a series of pharmacy robberies in central and southwestern Ohio. The robbers approached pharmacists' counters in the drugstores with slips of paper that appeared to be prescriptions. The papers actually demanded lists of controlled substances identified by name, amount and dosage and threatened harm to the pharmacy employees if they didn't comply.

Union Savings Bank and Guardian Savings Bank FHA settlement

The Justice Department filed a consent order to resolve allegations that Union Savings Bank and Guardian Savings Bank engaged in a pattern or practice of "redlining" predominantly African-American neighborhoods in and around Cincinnati; Columbus, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; and Indianapolis. As a result of the settlement, Union will open two full-service branches and Guardian will open one loan production office to serve the residents of African-American neighborhoods. Together, Union and Guardian will invest at least \$9 million in majority African-American neighborhoods in the Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Indianapolis metropolitan areas.

U.S. v. Phillip Watkins and Jeanetta Crawford

A federal grand jury indicted Watkins and Crawford in December 2016, alleging that they distributed heroin laced with carfentanil and that they caused non-fatal overdoses in the people who bought the drugs. This was the first federal carfentanil indictment. Watkins pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to a separate charge of witness tampering. He was sentenced in March 2019 to 300 months in prison. Crawford pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and was sentenced in February 2019 to 48 months in prison.

U.S. v. William G. Weekley et al

Seven Ohio men pleaded guilty in April 2019 to crimes involving child pornography and the sexual abuse of two 10-year-old children. The men met regularly on Craigslist to discuss their common interest in child pornography. Weekley's crimes included abusing one girl, recording the images and sharing them with the other defendants.

U.S. v. Robert Wells

Former Franklin Township police officer Robert Wells of Pataskala was sentenced in June 2019 to 12 months and one day in prison. Wells pleaded guilty in December 2018 to using excessive force as a law enforcement officer. Wells kicked an individual he had arrested in the head while the victim was lying handcuffed on the ground. Wells, who resigned from the department, pleaded guilty to one count of depriving the victim of his civil rights and making false and misleading statements in his report in order to cover-up the excessive force.

U.S. v. Samuel Whitt

A man who broke into a biracial couple's home and spray-painted the walls with messages including "die nigger," "nigger," and "white power," as well as images of swastikas pleaded guilty in January 2019 to a hate crime. Whitt also splattered paint on walls, stairs and appliances; made holes in the walls; broke banisters; tore carpet; poured quick-drying concrete into the bathroom drains and toilet; and stabbed a knife into the floor. Whitt also removed plumbing traps from the sinks and left the water running, causing extensive water damage to the ceilings and floors. He committed the crime in 2016 in the East Price Hill home he had previously rented, but been evicted. He pleaded guilty in January 2019 to interference with the right to fair housing, admitting that he targeted the victims based on their race and was sentenced in September 2019 to 54 months in prison, ordered to pay \$66,000 in restitution and serve three years of supervised release after his prison term, including one year of home confinement.

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U.S. v. Joey Williams, U.S. v Clayton Luckie, U.S. v RoShawn Winburn, U.S. v Brian Higgins

A Dayton city official, a former Dayton commissioner and two Dayton-area businessmen were charged with fraud and public corruption in cases unsealed in April 2019. The cases center on the award of city contracts in exchange for bribes or favors. Former Commissioner Clayton Luckie pleaded guilty in July to one count of mail fraud.

Wright State University visa fraud agreement

Wright State University's Board of Trustees has accepted responsibility for visa fraud offenses on behalf of the university and agreed to pay the federal government \$1 million. Between 2010 and 2013, Wright State entered into several sponsored research contracts with Web Yoga, Inc., a privately held, Dayton-based software company. As part of the contracts, Wright State used its "cap exempt" status to apply for H-1B visas claiming in the documentation that the people receiving the visas would be working for the university. The university did not disclose that the visa recipients would actually be working for Webyoga. The fine is the largest sanction imposed by Homeland Security Investigations in Ohio relating to a visa fraud investigation. Web Yoga pleaded guilty in August 2018 to one count of failing to notify authorities of a crime and agreed to pay a \$566,000 fine.

U.S. v. Yanjun Xu

Xu, also known as Qu Hui, is a Deputy Division Director with the Chinese Ministry of State Security. A federal grand jury charged him in October 2018 with conspiring and attempting to commit economic espionage, and alleging that he tried to steal trade secrets from leading U.S. aerospace and aviation companies, including GE aviation near Cincinnati. He is accused of identifying experts who worked for the companies beginning in 2013 and recruiting them to travel to China often under the guise of asking them to deliver a university presentation. Xu was arrested in Belgium and extradited to the U.S. to await trial.

U.S. v. William Young

William Young was sentenced in June 2018 to 55 months in prison for cyberstalking a law enforcement officer for nearly 20 years. Young created webpages using the victim's name in order to make derogatory statements about the victim and his official position. He also mailed letters and flyers to the victim's family and pastor, as well as numerous governmental agencies and community businesses.

U.S. v. Yu Zhou and Li Chen

An indictment was unsealed in September 2019 accusing the husband and wife, formerly of Dublin Ohio, with stealing trade secrets from their laboratory work at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and using the information to establish separate companies, going so far as to patent some of the technology in China. The 27 counts include charges of conspiracy to commit the theft of trade secrets, theft of trade secrets and wire fraud. The trade secrets related to treatment of a range of pediatric medical conditions. The couple were arrested in California in July. The couple worked in separate research labs in the hospital's Research Institute for ten years.