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**CAR WASH FRANCHISE PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY  
IN CASE OF HARBORING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

PHILADELPHIA - Car Care, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mace Security International, based in Horsham, PA, entered a guilty plea today to one count of conspiracy to defraud the government, harbor illegal aliens and commit identity theft. From or about the year 2000, through March 13, 2006, Car Care managers operated a scheme which allowed the car washes to hire illegal workers by giving them false names and a way to cash their checks at local banks without identification. The banks were given a list, by some managers, of the employees authorized to cash pay checks without showing identification other than the t-shirts or sweatshirts they wore bearing the Car Care logo. The defendants also intentionally refrained from filing termination papers when illegal workers quit so that the names of former employees could be given to new illegal workers in order to keep the scheme going. Through January 2006, Car Care submitted earnings reports for those illegal workers to the Internal Revenue Service and to Pennsylvania and New Jersey state agencies.

Several Car Care managers have already pleaded guilty to the charge and are awaiting sentencing, including:

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Nicholas Sama	Tabernacle, NJ	50
Timothy Gibson	Levittown, PA	36
Lee Gordon	Philadelphia	36
Car Care, Inc.	Horsham, PA	N/A

Car Care was also sentenced today and ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000 and to forfeit \$500,000 to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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The manager/defendants who pleaded guilty each face a maximum possible sentence of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years of supervised release.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Labor Office of Labor Racketeering & Fraud Investigations, and the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Judy Smith.

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