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RESENTENCE FOR AUSTIN J. "SONNY" SHELTON

LEONARDO M. RAPADAS, United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and Phillip Warren, Chief of the San Francisco Field Office, Antitrust Division, together with **CHARLES GOODWIN**, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Honolulu Division, **THOMAS MEYER**, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General (DHS-OIG), Western District Investigation Branch, and **DOUGLAS BUCKER**, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigative Division (IRS-CID), Portland Field Office, announced that Sonny Shelton was resentenced today by Chief District Court Judge Robert C. Jones. Shelton, age 55, was originally sentenced to a total of 10 years imprisonment. His new sentence is as follows:

Count 1	60 mos.	Wire Fraud
Count 2	60 mos.	Wire Fraud
Count 3	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 4	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 5	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 6	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 7	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 8	100 mos.	Bribery
Count 9	36 mos.	Conspiracy to Restrain Trade
Count 10	36 mos.	Conspiracy to Restrain Trade
Count 11	36 mos.	Conspiracy to Restrain Trade
Count 12	60 mos.	Money Laundering Conspiracy

Counts 1, 2 and 12 are concurrent with one another and with Counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Counts 9, 10 and 11 are concurrent with one another and consecutive to 1, 2, and 12 but concurrent to Counts 3-8.

Supervised release of three years on each of Counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 and one year each on Counts 9 - 11, to be served concurrently. Shelton was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$112,000 to the Government of Guam. Defendant will serve the full sentence because parole has been abolished in the federal system. Shelton was ordered to voluntarily surrender on or before April 29, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. to begin serving the remainder of his sentence.

Judge Jones commented when sentencing Shelton that he had committed very

serious crimes affecting the Government and the people of Guam. The Court wanted to send a message that government corruption will be severely punished and cannot be tolerated in a society that is ruled by law and not men.

The jury found that Shelton was responsible for procuring goods and services for the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation's efforts to clean-up and repair typhoon damage, and that he used his position to organize bid-rigging conspiracies and solicited bribes from contractors.

The sentencing was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Wilson, Criminal Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office, together with Kate Patchen, Trial Attorney from the San Francisco Office of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. Credit is also given to Richard B. Cohen, Trial Attorney from the San Francisco Office of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and to Special Agents Steve Moore and Vincent Lemons from the FBI, Special Agent Tai Lee from the IRS-CID and Special Agent Richard Fuentes from DHS-OIG, who assisted in the investigation and the prosecution of Shelton.

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