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February 1, 2005

EVENT: COMPLAINT

Defendants: Anne Lockwood, Fuping Liu

Date: February 1, 2005

**TWO CHARGED WITH PROVIDING U.S.
AUTO SUPPLIER'S TRADE
SECRETS TO CHINESE MANUFACTURER**

Two United States citizens were arrested today on a complaint charging them with theft of trade secrets, transmitting trade secrets to a Chinese company, and conspiracy.

According to the complaint, Anne Lockwood, 52, of Rochester Hills, Michigan, and Fuping Liu, 41, who currently resides in Shanghai, in the Peoples Republic of China, took confidential information belonging to Metaldyne Corporation, of Plymouth, Michigan, and, without authorization, transmitted such information to Chongqing Huaifu Industry Co., Ltd., a Chinese manufacturing company in Chongqing, PRC. Fuping Liu also is charged with taking confidential information belonging to GKN Sinter Metals, headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, and transmitting it to Lockwood. Lockwood was a Vice President of Sales for Metaldyne Corporation until February of 2004. Fuping Liu was employed at Metaldyne's

Shanghai, PRC, office until April, 2004, after which Liu was employed as a director of technology by GKN Sinter Metals' office in Shanghai.

The affidavit in support of the complaint alleges that Lockwood obtained detailed information regarding Metaldyne's secret powdered metal forging process, including technical specifications and confidential cost information, and provided this information to Chongqing Huafu Industry, Co., Ltd., a Chinese manufacturer. Liu introduced Lockwood to representatives of Huafu, and served as a partner and go-between in the transfer of trade secrets. Liu also took similar internal cost and technical information regarding GKN's powdered metal processes and provided such information to Lockwood.

Lockwood and Liu were arrested today and appeared on the complaint before United States Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub charging them with taking and transmitting trade secrets, as well as conspiracy to do the same, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1832(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(5).

Assistant United States Attorney Terrence Berg, who is handling the case, stated that that, "Ms. Lockwood was released on \$10,000 unsecured bond and was required to turn in her passport. Mr. Liu was detained pending a hearing to determine whether he is a risk of flight. A preliminary examination was scheduled for February 18, 2005.

Assistant United States Attorney Berg added that, "A conviction of this offense carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison or a \$250,000 fine, or both. Any sentence will ultimately be imposed under the United States Sentence Guidelines according to the nature of the offense and the criminal background, if any, of the defendant."

A complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Trial cannot be held on felony charges

in a complaint. When the investigation is completed a determination will be made whether to seek a

felony indictment. This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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EVENT: Indictment

DEFENDANTS:

**REGINALD DANCY, 34, Detroit, MI
ERIC LAMAR WOODLEY, 27, Washington Township, MI
CURTIS ELLISON, 32, Detroit, MI
KEITH BURNELL LAWSON, Detroit, MI
LAMARR WILLIAMS, 27, Detroit, MI
DERRICK WOODLEY, 26, Detroit, MI
RORY D. JONES, 38, Detroit, MI
ROBERT KEATHLEY, 28, Detroit, MI**

Date: February 1, 2005

EIGHT CHARGED IN MULTI-TON

MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

United States Attorney Craig S. Morford announced that a grand jury indictment was unsealed today charging eight Detroit area residents with participating in a multi-ton marijuana distribution operation between Arizona and Michigan. The indictment had been returned by the grand jury on April 13, 2004 and sealed until today. The offenses charged in the indictment are felonies which provide for a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a fine

of \$4 million.

The indictment charges that the men operated the network since 1999 and transported the marijuana to the metropolitan areas of Detroit in vehicles containing secret compartments and by other means. In addition to drug charges, the indictment also alleges a conspiracy to launder drug proceeds by Reginald Dancy, Curtis Ellison, Eric Lamar Woodley, Rory D. Jones and Robert Keathley and seeks to forfeit drug assets of up to \$10 million.

Three of the defendants, Eric Woodley, Robert Keathley, and Curtis Ellison were arrested last night.

U.S. District Judge Victoria A. Roberts has not set a trial date.

A copy of the indictment is available upon request. An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the work of the Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, as well as deputies of the United States Marshal Service. The Marshals Service was also responsible for tracking and apprehending the three defendants arrested.



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COUPLE INDICTED ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHARGES

WASHINGTON, DC - The Justice Department today announced the indictment of a Michigan couple charged with forcing a juvenile Cameroonian girl into involuntary servitude for financial gain.

According to the three count indictment, Joseph Djoumessi and Evelyn Djoumessi violated federal law by fraudulently bringing a 14 year old Cameroonian girl into the United States and using her as an unpaid domestic servant in their Farmington Hills, Michigan home for almost four years. The Djoumessis are Cameroonian nationals and permanent resident aliens of the United States.

"Too often human traffickers bait young girls with promises of the American dream only to then force them into involuntary servitude. Civilized society cannot tolerate this," said R. Alexander Acosta, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. "The Justice Department takes these charges very seriously and is committed to prosecuting those who attempt to profit by the systematic abuse and degradation of others."

If convicted, the Djoumessis face a maximum sentence of up to 35 years in prison, restitution, and a \$250,000 fine for each count. An indictment is an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

"These charges underscore the seriousness with which this administration views these types of offenses as well as our strong commitment to investigating and prosecuting these types of cases," said Craig S. Morford, Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an investigation by the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being jointly prosecuted by attorneys from the Civil Rights Division and The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

"It is a basic and fundamental human right to be free, and no child should ever be forced to live in a world of fear and involuntary servitude," said Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent in Charge Brian M. Moskowitz. "Today's indictment is a testament to our solemn commitment to protect those who cannot protect themselves. While we cannot restore someone's childhood, we can bring their abusers to justice."

The prosecution of individuals involved in human trafficking is a top priority of the Justice Department. Since 2001, the Justice Department has charged more than 150 human traffickers and secured convictions for 109 defendants, nearly twice the number convicted during the previous four years.

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February 14, 2005

Event: Sentencing

Defendants: Wilbourne A. Kelley, III, 69, of Detroit
Barbara Kelley, 57, of Detroit

Wilbourne A. Kelley, III, 69, of Detroit, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Marianne O. Battani to serve 44 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, to pay a fine of \$30,000, and restitution of \$113,413.66 to Wayne County's Government as a result of his September 27, 2004, conviction on nine counts of conspiracy, extortion, Federal program bribery, and making false statements to Federal agents, announced U.S. Attorney Craig S. Morford. Morford was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Daniel Roberts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Judge Battani also sentenced Kelley's wife, Barbara Kelley, 57, of Detroit, to 41 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, to pay a fine of \$30,000, and restitution of \$91,516 to Wayne County for her convictions on conspiracy, extortion, Federal program bribery, money laundering, and making false statements to Federal agents.

Wilbourne Kelley worked for Wayne County government from 1985 until June, 1999. From 1987 until 1999, Kelley was Wayne County's Deputy Chief Operating Officer assigned to the Office of the County Executive. In that capacity, Kelley was responsible for the operation's of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport ("Detroit Metro"), which the county owned and operated. From 1989 until 1997, Kelley was Assistant Wayne County CEO/Airport Operations and Major County Construction. Before that, Kelley, was Wayne County's Deputy Director, Department of Public Services.

The indictment charged that Kelley, while a public employee, and his wife conspired to wrongfully obtain money and property from companies which did business with Detroit Metro. The indictment also charged the defendants with extortion, attempted extortion, and accepting

bribe payments in connection with federally-funded government programs. Barbara Kelley was convicted of money laundering. Both defendants were also convicted of making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In sentencing Wilbourne Kelley, Judge Battani noted his “total disregard” for the law, his “shocking greed,” and that as a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he should have “known better.” She also stressed that white-collar crime is “heinous” and that prison sentences tend to deter others from public corruption.

In sentencing Barbara Kelley, Judge Battani observed that she was “very much involved” in the criminal scheme caused by her “blatant greed.” The judge also observed that although she was an educated person who had attended divinity school, Barbara Kelley’s crimes were no different than a street criminal who conducted an armed robbery.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Christopher Varner and Kathryn McCarthy. Morford commended the special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their work in this investigation.



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February 15, 2005

EVENT: Guilty Verdict

DEFENDANT : Surinderpal Singh,31, of Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Canadian Trash Hauler Convicted of Importing Marijuana

On February 14, 2005, a federal jury convicted Surinderpal Singh, 31, of Brampton, Ontario, on felony drug charges for his role in importing nearly a ton of marijuana into the United States from Canada.

The trial began on February 8, 2005 before U.S. District Judge George Steeh. The evidence established that the defendant on November 6, 2004 was driving a commercial trash hauler with trash from the Toronto, Ontario area, destined for the Carlton Farms landfill in southern Wayne County. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Inspectors found 1,852 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$5.5 million. The marijuana was in 1,573 individually wrapped packages inside 35 "hockey bags".

The case was investigated by agents from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the case was Karl Overman.



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February 17, 2005

EVENT: Guilty Plea

**DEFENDANT: Lee Helm, 60, of Detroit Michigan
Director of Housing Commission Admits Embezzlement**

Lee Helm, age 60, of Detroit, has pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling from the Ecorse Housing Commission. Mr. Taylor pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow on Thursday, February 17.

Helm admitted, through his guilty plea, that he embezzled over \$11,000 from the Commission while he was its Executive Director, between 1999 and 2002, by unlawfully using a Commission credit card for personal expenses.

Helm was referred to the United States Probation Department for a presentence investigation. Sentence will be imposed on May 18.

United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the United States Department of Housing Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their successful investigation in this case. Assistant United States Attorney Lynn Helland prosecuted this case.



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February 23, 2005

EVENT: Indictment

**DEFENDANT: Vassalo K. Russell, of Detroit, Michigan
Man Charged with Threatening to Blow up Federal Courthouse**

Vassalo K. Russell, 29, of Detroit was arraigned in federal court in Detroit today, February 23, on an indictment charging him with three counts of Threatening to Use a Weapon of Mass Destruction Against U.S. Government Property in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2332a. The indictment alleges that between July 13, 2004 and August 23, 2004, Vassalo Russell made three separate bomb threats against the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, the same building where he was arraigned today. The indictment was handed down by a federal grand jury on November 4, 2004 and sealed pending the apprehension of Vassalo Russell.

In announcing the indictment, United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the work of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted the investigation, and the United States Marshal Service, which arrested Mr. Russell in Atlanta, Georgia earlier this month. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States

Attorney Kenneth R. Chadwell.

“This indictment underscores the seriousness with which my office, the FBI and the U.S. Marshal Service view such threats,” said United States Attorney Morford. “We will vigorously investigate and prosecute those who terrorize the public by issuing such threats, particularly when the threats include the use of a bomb or other weapons of mass destruction.”

Daniel D. Roberts, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, said “The investigation of terrorist threats remains the FBI’s highest priority. The FBI treats each of these threats seriously, particularly in light of our current elevated threat level and activities taking place throughout the world.”

A copy of the indictment is attached. An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.



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February 25, 2005

Event: Indictment

Defendants: Radwan Qayed Almadrahi, 23, of Dearborn, Michigan
Ahmad Musa Jibril, 33, of Dearborn, Michigan
Musa Abdallah Jibril, 65, of Dearborn, Michigan

MEN CHARGED WITH JURY TAMPERING

RADWAN QAYED ALMADRAHI (23), AHMAD MUSA JEBRIL (33), and MUSA ABDALLAH JEBRIL (65), all residents of Dearborn, were indicted on February 23, 2005 and charged with conspiracy to commit federal crimes (18 U.S.C. § 371), attempting to bribe a juror (18 U.S.C. § 201), and attempting to corruptly influence a juror to abdicate her sworn duty (18 U.S.C. § 1503), in violation of federal law. ALMADRAHI was arraigned on the charges today and released on bond; the JEBRILS will be arraigned in the near future. The indictment returned this week arises out of failed attempts to bribe or influence a juror sitting in judgment during the trial of Ahmad Jibril and Musa Jibril, which began on November 2, 2004 in Federal District Court.

The indictment alleges Ahmad Jibril and Musa Jibril, who were present in court during the *voir dire* of the prospective jurors on November 2, 2004, learned the identity and precise work location of Juror Nine. The Jibrils conveyed that information to Almadrahi and others as yet unnamed, and also told ALMADRAHI where Juror Nine was seated in the jury box. Following the first recess in the trial on November 2, 2004, after the jury had been seated and sworn, Almadrahi entered the courtroom in order to see Juror Nine, so that he and his unnamed co-conspirators would be able to identify Juror Nine when they went to her place of business to approach her and offer her a bribe.

On November 10, 2004, Almadrahi and several of his unnamed co-conspirators spoke to the fiancé of Juror Nine in the parking lot of the video store, told him that Juror Nine was

sitting in judgment in their friends' trial, and offered to pay her a substantial amount of money to vote to acquit the Jebrils. On the morning of the next trial day, Juror Nine informed the Court of the improper contact outside of the hearing of her fellow jurors. She was immediately excused from jury duty, and the Jebril trial was completed without further incident.

In announcing the indictment, United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the work of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted the investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Oberg.

"These charges underscore the seriousness with which my office and the FBI view attempts to interfere with the administration of justice and to corrupt our system of trial by jury, as well as our strong commitment to investigating and prosecuting these types of cases," said United States Attorney Morford.

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