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CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD SCHEMES

On June 3, 2003, Aleksandr Drabkin appeared in Federal District Court in Los Angeles, California and was sentenced for his participation in multiple schemes to defraud interstate companies located in California, New Jersey, Colorado, and Massachusetts. After pleading guilty to Conspiracy and Mail Fraud, Drabkin was sentenced to a prison term of 33 months, to be followed by a supervised release period of 3 years.

From April 2000 to December 2000, Drabkin and others participated in schemes to defraud companies engaged in the manufacturing of precious metal products. Drabkin impersonated employees of NASA and DOD contractors to fraudulently take delivery of the precious metals.

Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and Detectives of the Pasadena and Bell Police Departments in California conducted this investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel A. Saunders, Central District of California, Los Angeles, and Jean Kempthorne, District of Massachusetts, Boston, handled the prosecution.