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CO-OWNER OF TRG HEALTH PLAN SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CARMELO ZANFEI, 51, Kissimmee, Florida, formerly of Steger, Illinois, was sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his previously entered guilty pleas to two counts of embezzling health care premiums and eleven counts of money laundering. This case was the result of a lengthy investigation by the IRS Criminal Investigation and the United States Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

ZANFEI was a co-owner and the Chairman of the Board of TRG Marketing, a business located in Greenwood, Indiana, that offered health care coverage through the TRG Health Plan. Enrollees in the TRG Health Plan paid their health care premiums to TRG Marketing. ZANFEI embezzled approximately \$700,000 of premiums paid for coverage under the TRG Health Plan and used these premiums for his personal benefit, including the construction of his residence in Steger, Illinois.

Chief Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years' supervised release following ZANFEI's release from imprisonment. The court also entered a forfeiture money judgment against ZANFEI in the amount of \$700,000. ZANFEI is to receive credit for the sentence of two years' incarceration he previously served in a Florida state prison following his convictions for conspiracy to commit racketeering and for having sold the TRG Health Plan in Florida without having been licensed to do so.

WILLIAM PAUL CROUSE, JR., formerly of Greenwood, Indiana, the co-owner and CEO of TRG, was previously sentenced to a period of 57 months' incarceration for having embezzled in excess of one million dollars of premiums paid for coverage under the TRG Health Plan, and for having used \$546,732 of the embezzled and converted premiums to purchase his private residence.

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