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Wire Fraud and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Jason Pick 24-cr-093

What's the Basis?: Pick was hired as an accounting clerk for "Company A." At the time, he had federal fraud charges pending. The company was unaware of the pending charges. While employed, Pick defrauded Company A of more than \$60,000 by altering checks and money orders and diverting company funds for his personal use. After pleading guilty and receiving a two-month sentence for his charges, Pick still did not disclose his charges to Company A. Instead, when it was time for Pick to report to serve his sentence, he submitted a fraudulent letter to the Court—purportedly from the company's owner—claiming that he was integral to Company A's operations and requesting a delay of his report date. Pick used the additional time to continue defrauding Company A and to create a false explanation for his upcoming absence, telling the owner he would be undergoing emergency kidney surgery.

What's the Violation?: Mr. Pick pled guilty to **Wire Fraud** in violation of **18 U.S.C. § 1343**.

What's the Punishment?: Judge Jane T. Milazzo sentenced Mr. Pick to **37 months of imprisonment**, five years of supervised release, and ordered Mr. Pick to pay **\$64,137.00 in restitution**.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. MILLER, 21-CR-124

Charge: Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance;
Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
(21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), (b)(1)(C), (b)(1)(D), & (b)(1)(E); 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2))
Sentence: **96 months of imprisonment** and 4 years of supervised release.
Judge: Honorable Sarah S. Vance

U.S. V. CARTER, 23-CR-226

Charge: Carjacking
(18 U.S.C. § 2119(1))
Sentence: **180 months of imprisonment** and 3 years of supervised release.
Judge: Honorable Greg G. Guidry

U.S. V. CABALLERO-ZUNIGA, 25-CR-231

Charge: Illegal Reentry of Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))
Sentence: **TIME SERVED.**
Judge: Honorable Carl J. Barbier

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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U.S. V. FONTENBERRY, 23-CR-2**Charge:** Carjacking

(18 U.S.C. § 2119(1)(2))

Sentence: 92 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.**Judge:** Brandon S. Long**U.S. V. HALL, 24-CR-120****Charge:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm

(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8))

Sentence: 60 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.**Judge:** Jane T. Milazzo**U.S. V. BLOCKER, 25-CR-018****Charge:** Conspiracy, and Committing, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

(18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 371; 2314)

Sentence: 60 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release, as to each count. Sentences to be served concurrently.**Judge:** Sarah S. Vance**U.S. V. RUDOLPH, 24-CR-018****Charge:** Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

(18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii))

Sentence: 60 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.**Judge:** Darrel J. Papillion**U.S. V. ROSALES, 23-CR-193****Charge:** False Statement in Application for Passport, Aggravated Identity Theft, Theft of Government Funds

(18 U.S.C. § 641, 1028A(a)(1), and 1542)

Sentence: 36 months imprisonment (24 months for the identity theft charges, to be served consecutively to the 12 months for the other counts) and 2 years of supervised release.**Judge:** Brandon S. Long**U.S. V. HOLLERMAN, 24-CR-229****Charge:** Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime; Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D); 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i); and 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2))

Sentence: 117 months of imprisonment (57 months as to the drug and felon in possession of a firearm charge, served consecutively with 60 months for the possession in furtherance of a drug crime charge), and a total of 3 years of supervised release.**Judge:** Brandon S. Long**U.S. V. JACKSON, 24-CR-066****Charge:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm

(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(a)(1) and 924(a)(8))

Sentence: 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.**Judge:** Jane T. Milazzo**U.S. V. ARMSTRONG, 21-CR-186****Violation of Mandatory and Special Conditions of Supervised Release:** *Failing to appear for a court hearing and operating a vehicle with an expired license plate; and engaging with a convicted felon without permission.***Sentence:** 6 months of imprisonment total for the violations. 24 months of supervised release.**Judge:** Susie Morgan**U.S. V. WILLIAMS, 25-CR-80****Charge:** Violation of the Federal Gun Control Act

(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(a)(1) and 924(a)(8))

Sentence: 44 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. Sentences to be served concurrently.**Judge:** Sarah S. Vance**U.S. V. AUGUSTINE, 24-CR-213****Charge:** Wire Fraud Relating to an Emergency Benefit, Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution, and False Statements

(18 U.S.C. §§ 1001(a)(2) and 1343)

Sentence: 6 months of Home Detention and 5 years of supervised release, as to each count.

Sentences to be served concurrently.

Judge: Greg G. Guidry