



## Christopher Coke Pleaded Guilty in Federal Court to Trafficking Large Quantities of Marijuana and Cocaine, as well as Approving the Stabbing of a Marijuana Dealer in New York

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The New York Times on September 1, 2011 released the following in print: "Jamaican Kingpin Seized After Violent Manhunt Pleads Guilty in Manhattan By JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

Christopher Coke, a Jamaican drug trafficker whose arrest last summer came after a monthlong manhunt that left scores dead in Kingston, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to racketeering conspiracy charges in Federal District Court in Manhattan.

The guilty plea emerged during an hour of quiet dialogue between Mr. Coke and a federal judge, a proceeding that stood in sharp contrast to the violence generated last year as the Jamaican authorities searched for Mr. Coke, a neighborhood don, at the request of American prosecutors.

Mr. Coke, a short, balding man of 42, pleaded guilty to trafficking large quantities of marijuana and cocaine, as well as approving the stabbing of a marijuana dealer in New York. He faces a maximum sentence of 23 years in prison; the plea deal does not require him to cooperate or to testify on behalf of the government in any proceeding.

"I'm pleading guilty because I am," he told Judge Robert P. Patterson Jr.

In seeking Mr. Coke's extradition, Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, charged that for more than a decade Mr. Coke had controlled an international drug ring from his stronghold of Tivoli Gardens in Kingston.

His organization often transported cocaine to Miami and New York, prosecutors said. A portion of the profits, they said, went to buy guns in the United States, which were shipped back to Mr. Coke, who wielded considerable political influence in Jamaica. His organization was so well armed that it "rendered the Tivoli Gardens area virtually off-limits to the local police," prosecutors wrote in a recent court filing.

The extradition and prosecution of Mr. Coke's father, a leader of the same criminal organization, had been sought by the United States, but he died in a mysterious fire in a Jamaican prison cell

in 1992.

The manhunt for Christopher Coke last year led to more than 70 deaths; in some instances, the police executed unarmed men, according to relatives of victims. In the months before the Jamaican prime minister, Bruce Golding, acted on the extradition request, Jamaican leaders warned officials in the American Embassy that any move to arrest Mr. Coke could result in widespread violence or civil unrest because Mr. Coke was well fortified in Tivoli Gardens and had a measure of popular support, according to a review of secret State Department cables released by WikiLeaks.

His plea deal came together in recent days after prosecutors told Mr. Coke's lawyers that various confidential informers were prepared to testify that Mr. Coke had been involved in five murders, one of Mr. Coke's lawyers, Stephen H. Rosen, said. One witness was prepared to testify that Mr. Coke used a chain saw to kill someone who had stolen drugs from him, according to a filing.

Under the original indictment, Mr. Coke could have faced a life sentence if convicted.

Mr. Coke's lawyers described him as a well-spoken man who had never cursed in their presence; they said he had approached his new life in federal custody, where he is held under unusually restrictive conditions, with stoicism. "He's never been in bad spirits," one of the lawyers, Frank A. Doddato, said. "Let's just say he's one of the last tough guys."

Dressed in a blue smock and orange socks, Mr. Coke was one of the first in the courtroom to stand when Judge Patterson entered on Wednesday, and he was the last to sit down. During a lengthy hearing in which he was asked routine questions, like whether his lawyers had provided effective assistance and whether he had recently consumed drugs or alcohol, Mr. Coke remained perched attentively on the edge of his seat, answering each question carefully.

In giving a statement of his guilt, Mr. Coke remained vague as to the specific crimes he had committed. He said that "a person gave someone narcotics on my behalf, on my instructions," without offering any further details other than the

year, 2007.

Initially, Judge Patterson voiced skepticism that the vaguely described crimes to which Mr. Coke was pleading guilty met the standard for racketeering.

When Mr. Coke pleaded guilty to approving the stabbing of a marijuana dealer in the Bronx in 2007, Judge Patterson asked whether the person had sustained serious injury — a component of the charge. Mr. Coke said he believed the person was stabbed in the face. "Was it something that required hospitalization or was it something he could go home and brag about?" the judge asked.

Mr. Coke said that he was in Jamaica at the time and did not know the details, but that he was sure it would have required medical attention. He did not offer the name of the person who was stabbed. Asked for details about the violence, Ellen Davis, a spokeswoman for Mr. Bharara, refused to name the victim or the attacker. Mr. Coke acknowledged involvement in the distribution of more than three tons of marijuana and more than 30 pounds of cocaine.

In addition to the confidential informers, prosecutors built the case using wiretaps the Jamaican authorities had been collecting since 2004, when they started eavesdropping on Mr. Coke's cellphone conversations and on those of other members of his drug trafficking enterprise, according to a court filing.

Mr. Rosen said that some 50,000 conversations had been intercepted in the investigation. Of those, he said, "there was only one in which there was discussion of violence, and I can tell you it wasn't murder."

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# Birmingham Federal Grand Jury Returns Three Disaster Fraud Indictments Against Libra Nikosha Green, Sabrita Latrice Goodwin, and Evegelin Wilson Coleman

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“BIRMINGHAM— A federal grand jury today indicted three women for fraud connected to disaster benefits intended for victims of the April 27 tornadoes in Alabama, including one who falsely claimed she lost her home, her father, and her infant daughter to the storm, announced U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance; Department of Homeland Security—Office of Inspector General Special Agent in Charge James E. Ward; and FBI Special Agent in Charge Patrick Maley.

In separate cases, indictments filed in U.S. District Court charge LIBRA NIKOSHA GREEN, 31, of Birmingham; SABRITA LATRICE GOODWIN, 24, of Bessemer; and EVEGELIN WILSON COLEMAN, 44, of Tuscaloosa, with making false statements to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to obtain or attempt to obtain disaster benefits.

“Following the April 27 tornadoes that hit North Alabama, we chose to prosecute even small cases of fraud. Our goal was, and is, to deter as much fraud as possible and to ensure the people who commit crimes that deprive tornado survivors of recovery funds are punished,” Vance said.

“The cases indicted today begin those prosecutions. Hopefully, would-be fraudsters have been deterred by our early efforts to discourage the crimes, but these cases serve as further warning to criminals that we will not tolerate disaster-related fraud and will prosecute those who exploit Alabama’s tragedy for their own illegal gain,” Vance said.

DHS-OIG places a high priority on investigating federal crimes related to disaster fraud that undermine our disaster programs,” Ward said. “Today’s indictment should send a clear message that we intend to stop these types of fraudulent practices to ensure the integrity of our federal disaster programs and operations.”

The public can report fraud, waste, abuse or allegations of mismanagement involving disaster relief operations through the National Disaster Fraud Hotline, toll free, at 1-866-720-5721, or by e-mailing [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov). The telephone line is staffed by a live operator 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In the indictments today, Green is charged with attempting to obtain disaster benefits by falsely claiming to a FEMA representative that she lived in a house on Cherry Avenue in Birmingham that was damaged by the tornado and that her father and infant daughter were killed in the storm.

Goodwin is charged with presenting a FEMA inspector a Bessemer Fire

Department report that had been altered to falsely claim a May fire which damaged her Bessemer residence resulted from electrical wiring problems caused by the power outage from the April tornadoes.

Coleman is charged with obtaining disaster benefits as a result of a false representation, and with making a false statement to FEMA. Coleman told a FEMA representative, and falsely claimed on an application for disaster funds, that her primary residence was on 28th Avenue East in Tuscaloosa, an area devastated by the tornadoes.

DHS-OIG and the FBI investigated the cases, which the U.S. Attorney’s Office is prosecuting.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government’s burden to prove a defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.”

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# Birmingham Federal Grand Jury Indicted Desharese Kendrell White With Alleged Armed Bank Robbery and With Using and Carrying a Firearm During the Armed Robbery

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“Tuscaloosa Man Indicted for Armed Robbery of a Credit Union

BIRMINGHAM —A federal grand jury today indicted a Tuscaloosa man for a March armed robbery of a credit union, announced U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance and FBI Special Agent in Charge Patrick J. Maley.

The indictment filed in U.S. District Court charges DESHARESE KENDRELL WHITE, 18, with armed

bank robbery and with using and carrying a firearm during the armed robbery.

On March 17, White and an unknown accomplice entered the Alabama Credit Union on New Watermelon Road in Tuscaloosa and, using a firearm, robbed the bank of more than \$15,000, according to the indictment. Tuscaloosa police officers apprehended White two days after the robbery.

The FBI and the Tuscaloosa Police Department investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph P. Montminy is prosecuting the case.

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# Kenneth C. Osbourne, Jr. and Sheldon Hylton Indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for Allegedly Committing Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, Aggravated Identity Theft, Bank Fraud, and Aiding and Abetting

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Submitted at 12:11 PM September 1, 2011

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“Two Charged in Identity Theft Scheme

Kenneth C. Osbourne, Jr. and Sheldon Hylton were charged today by indictment, filed on August 25, 2011, with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and aiding and abetting, announced United States Attorney David Memeger. Hylton is also charged with wire fraud and possession, with intent to use unlawfully, five or more false identification documents. He was arrested this morning.

The charges stem from the defendants’ participation in an identity theft scheme that resulted in the personal identity information of approximately 86 individuals being compromised. According to the indictment, defendant Osbourne used his position as a customer service representative at AmeriHealth Administrators, Inc. to access customers’ personal identity information, including names, dates of birth, Social Security

numbers, and bank account numbers, and passed this information along to defendant Hylton. Hylton, in turn, obtained counterfeit checks that were printed using the victims’ names, addresses, and bank account numbers. The indictment alleges that, between October 2009 and January 2010, defendant Hylton and other co-conspirators deposited approximately 48 counterfeit checks totaling approximately \$289,846.82 into TD Bank accounts, and subsequently withdrew approximately \$189,300 cash from these accounts.

According to the indictment, defendant Hylton also used the personal identity information of five victims to access online adult pornography websites. Hylton also was charged with possession of 15 counterfeit Pennsylvania driver’s licenses.

Information Regarding the Defendants  
Names Address

Age Kenneth C. Osbourne, Jr.  
Philadelphia, PA 35 Sheldon Hylton  
Philadelphia, PA 22

If convicted, defendant Osbourne faces a maximum possible sentence of 57 years’ imprisonment, including a mandatory term of imprisonment of two years, a \$4 million fine, a five-year term of supervised release, and a \$1,300 special

assessment. Defendant Hylton faces a maximum possible sentence of 82 years’ imprisonment, including a mandatory term of imprisonment of two years, a \$4.5 million fine, a five-year term of supervised release, and a \$1,500 special assessment

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Secret Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen M. Klotz.

An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.”

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## New FBI Deputy Director

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“Director Robert S. Mueller, III has announced that after 23 years of service, Deputy Director Timothy P. Murphy will retire from the FBI next month to take a position in the private sector. He has appointed Executive Assistant Director Sean M. Joyce to serve as the FBI’s next deputy director.

Director Mueller noted, “Tim Murphy has earned the respect and admiration of his FBI colleagues and that of the entire law enforcement and intelligence community. He will be missed.”

Mr. Murphy entered on duty as a special agent in September 1988. Since joining the FBI, his assignments included work in the Newark, Tampa, and Washington, D.C. Field Offices. He also served as special agent in charge of the Cincinnati Field Office. His positions at FBI Headquarters included assistant director of the Finance Division and associate deputy director. In the field, he managed investigative matters ranging from

counterterrorism and organized crime to special operations.

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Mr. Joyce began his Bureau career as a special agent in 1987. He was first assigned to the Dallas Division, where he investigated violent crimes. He later worked on Colombian drug matters out of the Miami Field Office. In 1994, he became a member of the Bureau’s Hostage Rescue Team.

In 1998, Mr. Joyce returned to the Dallas Field Office and became a supervisory special agent over the violent crimes squad in 2001. He earned the Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service in 2004 for his work on a Dallas Division counterterrorism squad. He received the same award again a year later for his work on another counterterrorism matter.

In 2007, he joined the Washington Field Office as an assistant special agent in charge. The following year, he was named chief of the Counterterrorism Division’s International Terrorism Operations Section, with responsibility for international terrorism matters within the United States.

In 2009, Mr. Joyce was appointed assistant director of the FBI’s

International Operations Division. He had previously served as the legal attaché in Prague and received an award for investigative excellence for his work in that country.

Since 2010, Mr. Joyce has been serving as executive assistant director of the National Security Branch, where he is responsible for the Bureau’s national security and intelligence operations.

Director Mueller said, “Sean Joyce has made tremendous contributions to the Bureau and met tough challenges head-on. I have every expectation that he will do the same as deputy director.”

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# Timothy J. Delaney Named Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Division at the Los Angeles Field Office

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“Director Robert S. Mueller, III named Timothy J. Delaney special agent in charge of the FBI’s Criminal Division at the Los Angeles Field Office. Mr. Delaney most recently served as section chief for the New Agent’s Training Program Section in the FBI’s Training Division. In this role, he was responsible for the development and delivery of training programs for new special agents.

Mr. Delaney completed new agent training in Quantico, Virginia in 1991. He worked in the New York Field Office for nine years, where was assigned to the Manhattan office and investigated a variety of white-collar crime matters.

After serving in New York, Mr. Delaney

was promoted to unit chief at FBI Headquarters in the Criminal Investigative Division’s Health Care Fraud Unit from July 2000 to December 2004. He oversaw the efforts of more than 400 investigators and managed a budget of more than \$114 million. In this role, he was also a frequent lecturer on health care fraud at major conferences and training sessions.

From January 2005 to June 2008, Mr. Delaney served as assistant special agent in charge in the Miami Field Office. He managed division’s white-collar crime, cyber, and civil rights programs. In addition to this, he oversaw the efforts of special agents and intelligence analysts. While in Miami, the division dismantled criminal enterprises resulting in convictions of Washington, D.C. lobbyist Jack Abramoff, several county commissioners, and three police corruption rings.

Mr. Delaney is a native of Queens, New

York. Prior to the start of his FBI career in 1991, he graduated from Sienna College in Albany, New York with a degree in accounting. He worked in investment banking at Banque Paribas in New York City and served five years in the U.S. Army Reserves, leaving as a first lieutenant. Mr. Delaney is married and has three children.”

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# ‘America’s Most Wanted’ Federal Fugitive, Eric Antwan Bell, Arrested by the FBI and ICE

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The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“TAMPA, Fla. — Eric Antwan Bell, a federal fugitive in a Clearwater Area Human Trafficking Task Force (CAHTTF) investigation, was arrested on Wednesday by special agents of the FBI and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Parsippany, N.J. He had been living in Jersey City, N.J.

On June 11, Bell was featured on the television program “America’s Most Wanted” with John Walsh during the show’s “Be On the Look Out” (BOLO) segment.

Bell was also featured on a digital billboard throughout the Tampa Bay-area

and on ICE’s website as one of the agency’s most wanted criminals.

On Jan. 3, a federal criminal complaint was filed in the Middle District of Florida which alleged that Bell was involved in the production of child pornography, had unlawfully possessed a firearm and had engaged in sex trafficking of a minor.

Agencies included in the task force were the Clearwater Police Department, Tampa Police Department, St. Petersburg Police Department, Largo Police Department, Pinellas Park Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, Pasco County Sheriff’s Office, Regional Community Policing Institute, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida, Office of the State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, FBI and ICE HSI.

Non-government partners included the Florida Department of Health, Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, World Relief, the Haven Spouse Abuse Shelter, Gulf Coast Legal Services, Inc., Salvation Army and Clearwater Hispanic Outreach Center.”

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## Birmingham Federal Grand Jury Indicted Robert Blair Vick With Allegedly Robbing a Pharmacy and Using a Firearm During the Robbery

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 31, 2011 released the following:

“Gardendale Man Indicted for Mount Olive Pharmacy Robbery

BIRMINGHAM— A federal grand jury today indicted a Gardendale man for the October 2010 robbery of a Mount Olive pharmacy, announced U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance and FBI Special Agent in Charge Patrick Maley.

The indictment filed in U.S. District Court charges ROBERT BLAIR VICK, 28, with robbing The Pharmacy on Mount Olive Road of pharmaceutical drugs on March 30, 2010, and with using a firearm during the robbery.

The robbery charge carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence. The firearm charge carries a minimum mandatory seven-year sentence if the gun was

brandished and a mandatory 10-year sentence if the gun was discharged.

The FBI investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney L. James Weil Jr. is prosecuting the case.

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