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Re: United States v. JOSEPH LAVIN
 Case Number 2006R01392 and Court Docket Number: CR07-0366

Dear Removed

The United States Department of Justice believes it is important to keep victims of federal crime informed of court proceedings. This notice provides information about the above-referenced criminal case. **With case status available through the call center and website, no further mailings will be sent to you.**

After the defendant, has been sentenced the Judgment in A Criminal Case (sentencing documents), will be available on the Victim Notification website.

Charges have been filed against defendant(s) JOSEPH LAVIN. The lead prosecutor for this case is Kathryn Frierson. **The main charge is categorized as Tax Fraud.** JOSEPH LAVIN is charged with Wire Fraud and Money Laundering.

The Crime Victims' Rights Act gives victims of criminal offenses in Federal court certain rights, including: (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, involving the crime, or of any release or escape of the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, or sentencing, (5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and (8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

We will make our best efforts to ensure you are provided the rights described above. It is important to keep in mind that the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that presumption requires both the Court and our office to take certain steps to ensure that justice is served. While our office cannot act as your attorney or provide you with legal advice, you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to these rights or other related legal matters.

On November 2, 2007, defendant JOSEPH LAVIN, pled guilty to the charges listed below. Any remaining counts will be disposed of at the time of sentencing. As a result of the guilty plea, there will be no trial involving this defendant.

<u>Number of Charges</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1	Laundering of monetary instruments	Guilty
1	Fraud by wire, radio, or television	Guilty

It is helpful for the Court to know the impact of this crime on its victims. In an effort to provide this information to the Court, we are enclosing a Victim Impact Statement. If you choose to complete a statement,

please forward it to: United States Attorneys Office, Western District of Washington, 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220, Seattle, WA 98101-1271.

This is one way the Court can hear your concerns as they relate to the crime. A United States Probation Officer may also contact you in an effort to obtain additional victim impact information. Victim impact information is generally not public information; however, under criminal law and procedures, all information contained in your questionnaire will be disclosed to the defendant and his attorney.

The sentencing hearing for defendant(s), JOSEPH LAVIN, has been set for March 21, 2008, 09:00 AM. You are welcome to attend this proceeding; however, unless you have received a subpoena, your attendance is not required by the Court. If you plan on attending, please check with the VNS Call Center to verify the sentencing date and time. Should you wish to speak at the sentencing or want to check for the most current information on the date/time of this event please call our office a day or two before the scheduled hearing.

All court hearings will be held in the United States District Court, 700 Stewart Street, Seattle, WA 98101.

A United States Probation Officer prepares a report for the Court and may contact you to discuss the impact the crime had on you financially, physically, and/or emotionally. If you are contacted, please make every effort to provide accurate and detailed information.

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS web site at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your contact information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that email address. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN); **Removed** Personal Identification Number (PI; **Removed** time you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to the VNS web site. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is **Removed**.

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Sullivan
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