

## OPERATION SAFE ROAD

The following table provides a summary of cases resulting from the federal investigation known as Operation Safe Road, which was first announced in September 1998 by the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. The information is subject to change and is not intended to be a substitute for the official court record of the proceedings. The prosecution team is led by Assistant United States Attorney Patrick Collins and includes Assistant U.S. Attorneys Laurie Barsella, Joel Levin and Zachary Fardon. For more information, contact Public Information Officer Randall Samborn at (312) 353-5318.

**United States v. Mastrodomenico, et al., 98 CR 623**

**(Judge Conlon)**

**Facility: Melrose Park**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Sentence	Notes
1	Mary Ann Mastrodomenico (Manager, Melrose Park)	Arrested: 9/3/98; Indicted: 10/6/98; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud and extortion	Pleaded guilty: 11/23/98; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/26/99; 5 months prison, 5 months home confinement, \$25,000 forfeiture	Admitted selling more than \$50,000 in campaign fund- raising tickets
2	Phylis Volpe (Assistant Manager, Melrose Park)	Arrested: 9/3/98; Indicted: 10/6/98; Racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud and extortion	Pleaded guilty: 11/23/98; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 3/8/99; 4 months prison, 4 months home confinement, \$2,500 forfeiture	
3	Carmen Fajdich (Retired SOS employee)	Arrested: 9/3/98; Indicted: 10/6/98; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud and 2 counts extortion	Pleaded guilty: 11/12/98; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/26/99; 14 months home confinement (revoked 4/24/00 – 14 months BOP), \$25,000 forfeiture	
4	Janusz Krzyzak (Instructor, Mega Driving School)	Arrested: 9/3/98; Indicted: 10/6/98; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud	Pleaded guilty: 11/12/98; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/26/99; 10 months prison, \$3,000 forfeiture	
5	Miodrag Dobrosavljevich (Owner, Brookfield Truck Repair)	Arrested: 9/3/98; Indicted: 10/6/98; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud	Pleaded guilty: 11/98; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/26/99; 14 months prison, \$4,000 forfeiture	

**United States v. Jenkins, 99 CR 23****(Judge Kocoras)****Facility: Chicago-South (99<sup>th</sup> and King Drive)**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Sentence	Notes
6	Leonard Jenkins (Assistant Manager, King Drive)	Information: 1/19/99; attempted extortion	Pleaded guilty: 2/8/99; attempted extortion	Sentenced: 6/10/99; 8 months in prison	

**United States v. Seibel, et al., 99 CR 78****(Judge Gottschall)****Facility: McCook**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Sentence	Notes
7	Marion Seibel (Manager, McCook)	Arrested: 2/9/99; Indicted: 4/6/99; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, and 3 counts extortion	Pleaded guilty: 7/8/99; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 1/4/00; 18 months beginning 2/8/00, 2 years supervised release, 200 hours local service	Admitted selling more than \$82,000 in political fund- raising tickets
8	George Velasco (Manager, McCook)	Indicted: 4/6/99; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, mail fraud and extortion	Pleaded guilty: 9/9/99; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/11/00; 18 months beginning 4/17/00, 2 years supervised release, 200 hours community service	Admitted selling more than \$25,000 in political fund- raising tickets
9	William O'Connor (IDOT supervisor)	Indicted: 4/6/99; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, and 3 counts extortion New charges: 8/5/99; tax evasion	Pleaded guilty: 8/6/99; tax evasion	Sentenced: 12/2/99; 6 months community confinement, 2 months home confinement, 100 hours community service, pay \$592 in taxes owed	
10	Miguel Calderon (IDOT employee)	Indicted: 4/6/99; extortion conspiracy	Pleaded guilty: 4/27/99; extortion conspiracy	Sentenced: 10/22/99; 2 months community confinement, 4 months home confinement	

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Sentence	Notes
11	Edwin Diaz (IDOT employee)	Indicted: 4/6/99; extortion conspiracy and 3 counts extortion	Pleaded guilty: 4/19/99; extortion conspiracy	Sentenced: 10/15/99; 4 months prison, 4 months home confinement	
12	Gonzalo Mendoza	Indicted: 4/6/99; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, and 2 counts extortion	Pleaded guilty: 9/27/99; racketeering conspiracy	Sentenced: 2/25/00; 18 months prison beginning 7/10/00, 2 years supervised release, 200 hours community service	Referred more than 80 applicants, including Ricardo Guzman, to McCook to obtain fraudulent CDLs for bribes.

**United States v. Blagojevic, 99 CR 242**

**(Judge Bucklo)**

**Facilities: Melrose Park / McCook**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Sentence	Notes
13	Nikola Blagojevic	Arrested: 4/9/99; extortion conspiracy	Pleaded guilty: 7/14/99; extortion conspiracy	Sentenced: 10/18/99; 30 days intermittent confinement, 5-1/2 months home confinement (modified 5/4/00 to 4 days/week at Salvation Army, 3 days/week allowed to drive), \$1,000 fine, 200 hours community service	

**United States v. Jans, et al., 99 CR 674**

**(Judge Bucklo)**

**Facility: Third-party testing**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Status	Notes
14	Waitung Chan (Owner, Advanced Driving School)	Indicted: 9/7/99; bribery and extortion conspiracy	Pleaded guilty: 3/28/00; extortion conspiracy	Sentenced: 9/14/00; 5 months prison starting 11/14/00, 3 years supervised release, 4 months home confinement, \$3,000 fine	
15	David Jans (Former trucking company safety officer)	Indicted: 9/7/99; bribery and extortion conspiracy	Pleaded guilty: 3/28/00; extortion conspiracy	Sentenced: 10/13/00; 5 years probation, 30 days intermittent community confinement followed by 4 months intermittent home confinement, 200 hours community service	

**United States v. Mcleczynsky, 99 CR 723**

**(Judge Gottschall)**

**Facilities: Elk Grove Village / Melrose Park**

No.	Name	Charges	Disposition	Status	Notes
16	Alex Mcleczynsky (Driving school instructor)	Arrested: 10/1/99; Indicted: 12/14/99; extortion and 2 counts extortion conspiracy Superseding indictment: 4/11/00; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, and 2 counts aiding and abetting extortion	Pleaded not guilty: 1/4/00 to indictment and 4/25/00 to superseding indictment Trial: began 5/23/00; Convicted: 6/6/00; racketeering and extortion conspiracy, and 1 count aiding and abetting extortion (acquitted of one count of aiding and abetting extortion)	Sentenced: 7/20/01; 30 months prison starting 8/28/01, 2 years supervised release, 200 hours community service	































