

San Diego Division

FBI Complaint Charges GSA Official with Accepting Bribes and Theft of Government Property

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FBI Special Agent in Charge Daphne Hearn announces the arrest of Timothy Francis Cashman, age 53, of Lakeside, California.

Cashman was arrested on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at approximately 10:00 a.m., near the San Ysidro Port of Entry where his office is located. Cashman was arrested without incident by agents and investigators from the FBI, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the General Services Administration (GSA)-Office of Inspector General (OIG). Agents were assisted by Customs Border Protection Office of Field Operations Officers. Cashman is a building manager for the GSA and oversees operations and maintenance contracts, as well as alteration and small repair projects at the Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, and Tecate Ports of Entry.

According to the federal complaint, filed by an FBI special agent, with the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, case number 14MJ2306, Cashman is charged with violating Title 18, United States Code (U.S.C.), 371, conspiracy to bribe and give gratuities to a public official and Title 18, U.S.C., 641, theft of government property.

The complaint alleges Cashman has been involved in the theft of government property and selling this property for his personal benefit. In addition, Cashman is alleged to have accepted bribes and gratuities in exchange for helping to steer hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of GSA contracts to a co-conspirator.

The complaint alleges in about 2007, Cashman communicated and accepted services from a co-conspirator seeking to obtain GSA contracts. Cashman's home was painted and windows installed in return for Cashman assisting this co-conspirator with obtaining GSA contracts.

In 2008, Cashman allegedly engaged in a scheme with a co-conspirator to award a GSA contract to the co-conspirator in return that the co-conspirator would funnel \$120,000 through a specified company. Agents determined the company that received the \$120,000 subsequently made a series of payments to Cashman totaling \$42,000.

The complaint alleges that Cashman also engaged in a scheme with others involving the theft of thousands of dollars worth of copper and aluminum panels from the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. Cashman received a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this stolen property.

Following his arrest, Cashman was transported to the San Diego FBI Office to be fingerprinted and photographed. Cashman was subsequently booked into the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) pending his initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California, San Diego, California. This case is being investigated by the FBI, IRS, and GSA-OIG.

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An arrest itself is not evidence that the defendant committed crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.