



# This Month at the WFO

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## **Businessman Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Violate Federal and D.C. Campaign Finance and Tax Laws**

This month Jeffrey Thompson pled guilty to felony charges stemming from a scheme in which he and his companies secretly channeled more than \$3.3 million in illegal contributions to at least 28 political candidates and their campaigns, including people running for the offices of president of the United States and D.C. mayor. Thompson admitted, among other things, to secretly channeling more than \$668,800 to pay for campaign activities for a person identified in court documents as “Mayoral Candidate A,” a candidate in the 2010 mayoral race in D.C. He also admitted secretly channeling \$608,750 to pay for efforts on behalf of a candidate in the 2008 presidential primary. In addition, Thompson admitted secretly supporting others through illegal corporate contributions, excessive and unreported contributions, and conduit contributions. [Read more](#) about the scam and shadow campaigns.

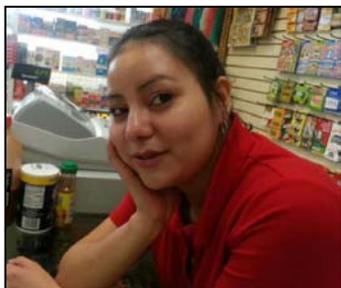
## **Former Arlington County Employee Convicted of Taking Bribes**

Francisco Samayoa Hernandez pled guilty this month to receiving bribes in connection with his work as a tax assessor supervisor at the DMV Select office in Arlington County, Va. Samayoa admitted to receiving approximately \$11,480 in bribes from a vehicle exporter in exchange for providing vehicle titles and falsifying DMV paperwork that allowed the exporter to avoid paying state motor vehicle sales and use tax in connection with the registration and titling of various luxury automobiles. In exchange for the bribes, Samayoa enabled the exporter to avoid paying approximately \$24,923 due to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the registration and titling of a Lamborghini and multiple Ferraris, Porsches and Mercedes. Samayoa also admitted to serving as a straw buyer for the exporter and purchasing three BMWs in his name. To report public corruption such as this in Northern Virginia, the public is asked to call the FBI’s Northern Virginia Public Corruption Hotline 703-686-6225 or [NOVAPC@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:NOVAPC@ic.fbi.gov).

## **Man Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Two Government Contractors of More Than \$635,000**

John Spangler pled guilty this month to mail fraud for a scheme to defraud two government contractors of more than \$635,000. Spangler admitted that from 2007 to 2012, he defrauded two government contractors out of approximately \$635,000 to \$735,000 by using his position as an information technology (“IT”) manager for those contractors to funnel funds intended for IT supplies to a shell company run by Spangler. Over the course of the scheme, Spangler created fraudulent documentation for 19 purported purchases of IT supplies from the shell company that he owned. In reality, however, Spangler did not provide the supplies at the agreed-upon prices and instead used the funds for personal expenses.

## **FBI and Prince William County Police Offer Reward in the Murder of Glenda Marisol Coca-Romero**



This month the Prince William County Police Department and FBI announced rewards of up to \$11,000 for information related to the murder of Glenda Marisol Coca-Romero in Woodbridge, Va. Coca-Romero was murdered at the Platanillos Grocery and Jewelry located at 14342 Jefferson Davis Highway in the Woodbridge area of Prince William County on Feb. 21, 2014, shortly before 9:00 p.m. A second store clerk, a 42-year old woman, was also shot and wounded during the attack. Three male suspects wearing dark clothing with their faces covered were seen entering the store. The suspects immediately fled the business after the shooting. Two additional individuals, a customer and another employee, were also inside the

store at the time of the incident and were unharmed. No property or money was taken during the incident. Both victims were employees of the business. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call Crime Solvers at 703-670-3700 or 1-866-411-TIPS.

## **Former Teacher Sentenced to 25 Years for Production of Child Pornography and Other Charges**

Eric Justin Toth, a former private school teacher and camp counselor, was sentenced this month to 25 years in prison on child pornography and other charges. Toth left the D.C. area in 2008 amid an investigation that began with the discovery of pornographic images on a school camera that had been in his possession. After charges were filed against him, he became the subject of an international search and later was placed on the FBI’s list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives. Toth was apprehended in Nicaragua last year and pled guilty in December 2013 to three counts of production of child pornography and one count each of misuse of a Social Security number and identity theft.

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