



This Month at the WFO

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Former Virginia Lawyer Sentenced to Six Years in Prison for Stealing Client Funds

Last month, Michael Eisner was sentenced to 72 months in prison for conducting a variety of fraud schemes, including stealing cash from his clients and fraudulently abusing credit cards in the name of his mother and wife. Eisner also was ordered to pay over \$1.1 million in restitution to his victims. Eisner owned and operated the Northern Virginia Law Group, in McLean, Va. Eisner stole more than \$250,000 in funds from his law clients who had entrusted this money to him during the course of bankruptcy proceedings, and they were under the false impression that Eisner was keeping this money in escrow to pay for bankruptcy-related expenses. In reality, Eisner was using their money for his own personal benefit. [Click here](#) to read more about his schemes.

Regional Law Enforcement Focused on Deterring Bank Robberies

WFO with law enforcement partners on the Violent Crimes Task Forces in Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia is proactively working to counteract bank robberies this holiday season. For the past two years, a quarter of all bank robberies in D.C. and Northern Virginia have taken place in the month of December. Additional analysis shows that the number of bank robberies committed in the region tripled during this one month of the holiday season. In December 2013, there were 17 bank robberies committed in the D.C. and Northern Virginia. Of those robberies, 13 have been solved. The majority of bank robberies committed during this time frame involved “crews” of robbers who hit more than once or were committed by lone serial robbers. Law enforcement will visit banks that may be susceptible to a bank robbery based on past history. Members of the task force are working with personnel from financial institutions to prevent a rise in bank robberies by providing educational sessions for tellers and meeting with bank security personnel about common tactics employed by bank robbers.

Agent Who Survived 1994 Shooting Describes His Partners on Tragic Day



On the eve of the 20-year-anniversary of a shooting that left two WFO agents and one police sergeant dead and him gravely wounded, Supervisory Special Agent John Kuchta attended a memorial service in Washington, D.C. for his fallen colleagues. In remarks he delivered at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, where his slain colleague's names are etched in marble, SSA Kuchta recalled the traits that helped define his friends. On November 22, 1994, he was busy at work with his colleagues, Special Agents Martha Dixon-Martinez and Michael Miller, and MPD Police Sergeant Henry “Hank” Daly when they were shot by a gunman who opened fire in the cold case squad area

of MPD headquarters. “Twenty years ago we lost three of our own during this deadly rampage,” said Assistant Director in Charge Andrew McCabe. “In the wake of this shooting, and sadly the many active shooter incidents across the country since, it is important for us to reflect on those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out their duties and continue to honor our brothers and sisters in law enforcement and remember their dedication to protect and serve their community.” [Click here](#) to read more.

FBI reminds shoppers to be aware of cyber criminals offering scams this holiday season

The FBI reminds shoppers in advance of the holiday shopping season to beware of cyber criminals and their aggressive and creative ways to steal money and personal information. Scammers use many techniques to defraud consumers by offering too good to be true deals via phishing e-mails advertising brand name merchandise, quick money making offers, or gift cards as an incentive to purchase a product. Remember, if the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is and never provide your personal information to an unknown party or untrusted website. [Click here](#) to read the FBI's tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud.

WFO Provides Thanksgiving Meals for Junior Special Agents

Special Agents, along with members of the Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, delivered more than 320 thanksgiving baskets with turkeys to Junior Special Agent (JSA) students and their families. WFO's JSA program engages fifth and sixth grade students in six schools across Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia to talk about the history and mission of the FBI and to reinforce academic principles. Ethics, etiquette, and physical fitness are also highlighted in these programs.

