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Strip Club Bribery Attempt

(AP) — A man who allegedly bought green cards from an immigration official and sold them to illegal immigrants has been arrested on charges that he and 12 others conspired to bribe a public official.

The case against Ilya Adamidov, 43, manager of Union Jacks strip club, is the result of a two-year FBI investigation into alleged Russian organized crime in Portland.

It includes nearly two years of litigation and a paid FBI informant who continuously lied to his handlers and eventually fled the country with \$55,000 of the government's money.

Adamidov, was ordered to appear March 11 before a federal magistrate in Chicago, where a grand jury recently issued a 24-count indictment.

The government charged that Adamidov, Dale Barron, Roman

Muklanovich, 31, all of Portland, and others recruited clients from across the United States, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere who paid up to \$20,000 each for a resident alien card.

In one instance, two defendants with alleged ties to the Russian mafia paid Muklanovich \$100,000 for resident alien cards. The scheme allegedly ran from August 1999 to October 2001.

Higher Ups Reprimanded

Police chief action follows investigation of a cover up

(AP) — Seven Portland police officers face disciplinary action after a months-long investigation into an alleged cover-up surrounding the case of two off-duty officers convicted of bludgeoning a man at a nightclub.



Police Chief Mark Kroeker

In a statement released Thursday, Chief Mark Kroeker said one commander, two lieutenants, three sergeants and one officer are facing sanctions ranging from demotions to letters of reprimand.

"All citizens have a right to expect the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau to provide service with dignity, respect and most importantly, integrity," Kroeker said.

Previously, two officers — Grant Bailey and Craig Hampton — were convicted of third-degree assault for beating the unidentified 32-year-old man outside Stephanos bar in front of numerous witnesses on Jan. 24, 2002.

A judge sentenced Bailey to 18 months in prison and Hampton to

21 months. Both men had resigned from the police bureau after the incident came to light.

A Multnomah County grand jury investigation also looked at how fellow officers responded to the beating.

Although the victim had a broken nose and bled from cuts on his

face after the two officers slammed his head into a building, police who responded to the fight did not file a police report, grand jurors said in a letter to the district attorney.

An internal police memo about the fight was sent to headquarters two days after the fight, but the department did not begin an investigation until more than a week later, and only after the city's independent police auditor received an anonymous letter about the incident.

The lack of action "in our minds amounted to a cover-up," the Grand Jury's letter said.

But the panel said it lacked evidence for a criminal indictment against officers, because police may have merely fumbled the case.

Kroeker called the letter released in May of last year "very troubling," and launched an internal affairs investigation of an unspecified number of beat police and command staff. That resulted in Thursday's statement that seven officers face disciplinary action.

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The U.S. Marshals Service and Vancouver police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for help in locating and apprehending Troy Everett Coverstone, a man wanted for probation violation and a yet undisclosed investigation.

Authorities said Coverstone has used aliases of Troy Everett Lord and

Steven Troy Moore.

He is a 36-year-old white male, with a date of birth of March 21, 1966. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs approximately 185 pounds, with blue eyes, dark blond hair, and "TROY" tattooed on his right arm.

Police said he is known to carry weapons and has had contact with police agencies throughout the metro area.



Troy E. Coverstone

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Muslim Leader Awaits Sentencing

(AP) — A Muslim religious leader from Portland, who was arrested by a local FBI terrorism task force last year, will be sentenced May 12 for having a false Social Security number.

Mohamed Abdurahman Kariye pleaded guilty to the charge last week as the result of an agreement with federal prosecutors. He was arrested Sept. 8 at the Portland airport while trying to board a plane for the United Arab Emirates.

The 41-year-old religious leader

was charged with misuse of a Social Security number and possession of a Social Security card that was issued illegally.

A judge ordered him held after prosecutors said he had traveled extensively to the Middle East since 1999 and was carrying several thousand dollars and a checkbook bearing a different name when he was arrested.

Prosecutors also said that TNT residue had been detected in his luggage but a more accurate FBI test later discounted the first test

for explosives, so a judge released Kariye on bail on Oct. 12.

Prosecutors and Kariye's defense team, led by Stanley Cohen of New York, had held several meetings since his release.

Cohen had accused the federal government of grandstanding about a minor charge that rarely gets public attention because Kariye is a prominent Muslim.

Kariye faces a maximum of five years in prison, but federal guidelines call for anywhere from probation to six months.

American Taliban Attacked in Jail

(AP) — John Walker Lindh, the American imprisoned for taking up arms for the Taliban in Afghanistan, was attacked by a fellow inmate and slightly bruised, his lawyer said Thursday.

Law enforcement authorities confirmed the 21-year-old Lindh was attacked but would not disclose a possible motive.

The incident happened March 3 at the medium-security federal prison in Victorville, Calif. as Lindh was preparing to pray, said his lawyer Tony West.



John Walker Lindh

"Our understanding is that the inmate tackled John and began hitting him while screaming obscenities before running off," West said in a statement. Lindh suffered a bruise on his forehead, the lawyer said.

"John is fine," West said. "He's in very good spirits."

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "It was a minor incident, a prison fight. He got a little scraped up, but he's fine. One guy was picking on him."

The FBI said Thursday it was investigating.

The investigation started after the San Bernardino County Sun received an anonymous tip early Tuesday.

"Yes, I'd like to inform your newspaper that John Lindh Walker, who is incarcerated in Victorville, was assaulted this night by a white supremacist organization that is imprisoned there. Thank you," the male caller said in a voice message.

Lindh was sentenced in October to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to supplying services to Afghanistan's Taliban government and carrying explosives in commission of a felony.

Chocolate Covered Mushrooms Seized

During the past several weeks, the Portland Police Bureau Drugs and Vice Division seized several pounds of psilocybin mushrooms dipped in chocolate.

The seizures have led to several joint investigations in cooperation with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Port of

Portland and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The chocolates were wrapped in colorful foil and appeared to be candy. Psilocybin mushrooms are a Schedule I controlled substance and accidental consumption of them could be extremely dangerous and can lead to an overdose.

Police are extremely concerned about the possibility of children mistaking the mushrooms for harmless candy.

Anyone with information about the ongoing distribution of psilocybin mushrooms or any other controlled substance should call the Drugs and Vice Division at 503-823-0246.