FBI's Top Ten News Stories for the Week Ending June 4, 2010

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Scales of Justice

1. WASHINGTON (RPRN) 06/04/10 — Birmingham: Joran van der Sloot Charged with Fraud and Extortion in Birmingham

   Federal prosecutors in Birmingham filed a criminal complaint against Joran van der Sloot on wire fraud and extortion charges. The charges are in connection with his soliciting money in May on promises he would reveal the location of Natalee Holloway's remains in Aruba and circumstances of her death. Full Story
2. Boston: Former Massachusetts State Senator Dianne Wilkerson Pleads Guilty to Extortion

   Former Massachusetts State Senator DIANNE WILKERSON pleaded guilty to public corruption charges stemming from her acceptance of more than $20,000 in cash payments in connection with her official duties. Full Story
3. Houston: Threat to Blow Up FBI Building in D.C. Results in Prison Term

   Jeff Henry Williamson of Jackson, Mississippi was sentenced to prison this week for threatening to blow up the J. Edgar Hoover FBI building in Washington, D.C. Full Story

4. St. Louis: FBI Launches Digital Billboard Campaign to Identify "Grandad Bandit"

   The FBI St. Louis Division launched a digital billboard campaign throughout Missouri to identify its most recent serial bank robber, the "Grandad Bandit." He has robbed approximately 20 banks in various cities since January of this year. Full Story
5. Houston: Texas Man Indicted for Attempting to Provide Material Support to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

   A federal grand jury in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas returned an indictment charging Barry Walter Bujol, Jr., with attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization and aggravated identity. Full Story
6. Cleveland: Two Ohio Residents Arrested for Conspiring to Provide Material Support to Hizballah and Fraud

   Two residents of Toledo, Ohio, Hor I. Akl, and his spouse, Amera A. Akl, were arrested on charges that they conspired to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, conspired to launder money, and committed arson relating to an insurance fraud scheme. Hor Akl is also charged with two counts of bankruptcy fraud and one count of perjury. The Akls were arrested without incident and are expected to make their initial appearance in Toledo federal court. Full Story
7. Baltimore: Mother and Son Indicted in Scheme to Defraud the Baltimore Washington Medical Center

   A federal grand jury has indicted Margie L. Milisitz, of Severna Park, Maryland, and her son, John Milisitz, of Carlsbad, California, for mail fraud and interstate transportation of stolen property in connection with a scheme to defraud the

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Baltimore Washington Medical Center, where Margie Milisitz was employed. The indictment was returned on March 25, 2010, and unsealed upon the arrest of the defendants in San Diego, California. Full Story

8. Detroit: Leaders of the Detroit Highwaymen Found Guilty of Racketeering, Drug, and Weapons Charges

   Six leaders of the Detroit Highwaymen Motorcycle Club were found guilty on a variety of charges, including conspiracy to violate federal racketeering laws and conspiracy to commit murder, along with controlled substance, stolen property, and firearm violations. These six defendants are the first of 91 Detroit Highwaymen members and associates to go to trial. Full Story
9. Phoenix: Border Patrol Agent Pleads Guilty to Civil Rights Violation

   U.S. Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Moreno pleaded guilty in federal court in Tucson, Arizona to a federal criminal civil rights charge for assaulting a Mexican national who was in his custody. Sentencing has been scheduled for August 12, 2010. Full Story
10. Cincinnati: Roller Derby Team President Pleads Guilty to Fraudulently Obtaining More Than 500 Airline Tickets for Family, Teammates

    The president of the Cincinnati Roller Girls, Mercedes B. Stafford, who skates under the name “Sadistic Sadie,” pleaded guilty in United States District Court in Covington, Kentucky to one count of wire fraud, admitting that she illegally obtained more than 500 airline tickets between May 2007 and October 2009 through her other job as an employee of United Airlines at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Full Story

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