

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title: (U//FOUO) EC REQUESTING TRENTON RA TO
CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF FEDERAL

Date: 09/01/2010

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 72-MM-113327 (U) RODRIGUEZ, ALFREDO - SEE SUB

Details:

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 09/02/2010

To: Newark Attn: Trenton RA

[REDACTED]

From: Miami

PB-2/PBCRA

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ;

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis: EC requesting Trenton RA to conduct interview of federal inmate, [REDACTED], regarding captioned investigation.

Details: In October 2009, Miami Division opened an obstruction of

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justice case against ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ. RODRIGUEZ was the previous house manager and butler to Palm Beach County resident JEFFREY EPSTEIN. EPSTEIN was the subject of child prostitution, 31E matter, worked by Miami Division beginning in 2006. Investigation of EPSTEIN revealed that he brought underage girls to his home to perform massages and paid them to engage in sex acts with himself and one another. The U.S. Attorney's Office entered into a non-prosecution agreement where EPSTEIN pled guilty to lesser state offenses in Florida state court. EPSTEIN was sentenced to a period of state prison followed by community supervision as a registered sex offender. EPSTEIN's victims filed suit against EPSTEIN in state and federal court seeking damages in civil litigation. During the discovery process, RODRIGUEZ was deposed by attorney BRADLEY EDWARDS who represented several of the victims. After his deposition, RODRIGUEZ contacted EDWARDS and advised that he had lists of additional victims that he had not previously disclosed to law enforcement during the criminal investigation or after being served with a subpoena in the civil case. RODRIGUEZ advised he would not turn the information over to the attorney but instead wanted monetary compensation. In November 2009, RODRIGUEZ attempted to sell the information to a

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UCE for \$50,000.00, which resulted in the above
captioned case.

Also during the civil litigation, EDWARDS' law firm
contacted [REDACTED] as a potential plaintiff's witness against
EPSTEIN. HOFFENBERG is a federal inmate at Fort Dix Federal
Correctional Institution (FCI), inmate number 35601-054. HOFFENBERG
was a former business associate or acquaintance of EPSTEIN. HOFFENBERG
is serving a 20-year sentence for his role in a Ponzi scheme and
securities fraud that was worked by the New York field office, 196C-
NY-235483. Through correspondence, HOFFENBERG advised EDWARDS' firm
that he had information regarding JEFFREY EPSTEIN being involved in
the murder of a Columbus, Ohio attorney named ARTHUR L. SHAPIRO.
SHAPIRO was killed on March 6, 1985 in the Columbus area. The case
remains unsolved. A review of ACS does not reflect HOFFENBERG offered
this information as a proffer during the 196C matter. It should be
noted that HOFFENBERG appears to have a history of mental illness.
Since his incarceration, he has filed civil rights complaints
regarding the facilities he has been assigned to.

It is requested that Trenton RA interview HOFFENBERG for
information regarding JEFFREY EPSTEIN and his involvement or knowledge

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of the murder of SHAPIRO.

Descriptive Data:

Reference

Name -

Last: Hoffenberg

First: Steven

Race: W

Sex: M

Address(es) -

House #: [REDACTED]

Street Name: [REDACTED]

Street Suffix: Rd.

City: Fort Dix

State: NJ

Postal Code: 08640

Country: USA

Phone #: [REDACTED]

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

NEWARK

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AT TRENTON, NJ

To interview federal inmate, [REDACTED], BOP number
35601-054, regarding the murder of ARTHUR SHAPIRO.

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