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> ## Fort Lauderdale
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> # Scott Rothstein computer techs sentenced to federal prison
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> ## Curtis Renie and William J. Corte reached plea deals after they created a fake bank website used to convince investors that Ponzi schemer Scott Rothstein had more than $1 billion in his accounts.
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By Jon Burstein

Sun Sentinel

Two computer specialists for Scott Rothstein's law firm were sentenced Wednesday to 37 months in federal prison for creating a fake bank website that the Ponzi schemer used to dupe his investors.

Rothstein paid Curtis Renie, his chief technology officer, and William J. Corte, a computer technician, $5,000 apiece to create a dummy version of TD Bank's website so it would show the fraudster's bank accounts bulging with up to $1.1 billion. Rothstein would use the fake website to convince potential investors that their money was secured in trust accounts.

The two computer technicians repeatedly modified the fake website at Rothstein's request, with Renie deleting the site after Rothstein's Ponzi scheme publicly imploded in late October 2009. Prosecutors said 42 investors lost $64 million after the dummy site was used to assure them and/or their representatives that their money would be safe.

Renie and Corte, both 38, pleaded guilty in June in Fort Lauderdale federal court to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, a charge that can carry up to five years in prison.

Both men chose not to address the court before U.S. District Judge William Dimitrouleas handed down their prison sentences. As family members wept, they were taken into federal custody.

So far, six people have been sentenced for playing some role in Rothstein's criminal activities, which the disbarred lawyer ran out of his downtown Fort Lauderdale law firm, Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler. Rothstein is serving a 50-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to racketeering, money laundering and fraud in the $1.4 billion investment fraud, the largest in South Florida history.

Attorneys for Renie and Corte argued the two men had no idea how Rothstein was using the fake website and that they were simply employees doing work for a boss heading the hottest law firm in South Florida.

"[Corte] was manipulated by the master manipulator," said Carl Lida, one of Corte's attorneys.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan argued that when Rothstein asked Corte and Renie to create the fake website in December 2007, they initially said they couldn't. When Rothstein offered them money, that's when Corte told Renie he could create the fake site, Kaplan said.

After completing the site, Corte sent an email to Rothstein stating that Project "Shock and Awe" was finished, federal prosecutors wrote in court documents.

Dimitrouleas said the evidence clearly showed Renie and Corte were aware that the website was being used to trick investors.

Renie, of Fort Lauderdale, and Corte, of Plantation, have cooperated with federal investigators. The five Rothstein associates arrested to date have all negotiated deals with prosecutors. The law firm's chief operating officer, Debra Villegas, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, while former law partner Howard Kusnick received a two-year sentence and Rothstein associate Stephen Caputi got a five-year term.

Alvin Entin, one of Corte's attorneys, said his client agreed to the plea deal rather than risk facing a charge of conspiracy to commit racketeering that could carry up to 20 years in prison.

"I would sure hate to be in the next wave," said Entin, observing that his client was a minor player compared to those who had inside knowledge of Rothstein's criminal activities.

Prosecutors indicated in June that they were moving toward a "multi-defendant" indictment within the next six months

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