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Trio Convicted Of \$1.4 Million Fraud Conspiracy

Three people from the Greater Cleveland area were convicted for their roles in a \$1.4 million fraud conspiracy involving property in North Carolina, said Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Stephen D. Anthony, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Cleveland office and Kathy Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

Camille M. Harris, 43, of Cleveland, Kenneth T. Embry, 57, of Lyndhurst, and Deon D. Levy, 44, of Bedford, were convicted following a jury trial on conspiracy to commit wire fraud and related charges.

They are scheduled to be sentenced on May 7.

All three were also affiliated with a general contracting company known as Ameribuild Management Company (AMC) in Cleveland: Harris was president, Embry was chief financial officer and Levy was director of operations from May 2007 through February 2008, according to the indictment.

Together, the trio conspired to enrich themselves by making false representations on a mortgage-loan application and other documents related to the North Carolina property and using fictitious invoices as a means to extract money, according to the indictment.

Around November 2007, Levy had been working with a realtor to find a property around Charlotte, N.C. Embry sent Levy bank statements for Harris' personal account that falsely stated her bi-weekly salary payments were \$31,260. Embry also emailed Harris' personal tax returns and AMC's corporate tax returns, both of which contained misrepresentations about the financial condition of Harris and AMC, according to the indictment.

On Dec. 21, 2007, Embry sent an invoice to a North Carolina escrow agent for \$340,000 from an Ohio business called Wolfco, Inc. The invoice requested payment for work done on the North Carolina property, when in fact no work had been done, according to the indictment.

Embry again sent false bank statements and balance sheets that misstated the financial conditions of Harris and AMC, according to the indictment.

On Dec. 28, 2007, Harris executed and submitted a loan application for the North Carolina property to Fairway Independence Mortgage Corp. that contained several false statements, including claims that she had a monthly income of \$62,520, she had more than \$1.2 million in two bank accounts and that she owned property on East 141st Street in Cleveland with a market value of \$80,000, according to the indictment.

That day, Harris and Embry caused the sale and closing on the North Carolina property with a disbursement check from Fairway of \$1,393,873. That included \$340,000 that was distributed to Wolfco, Inc. Five days later, Embry opened a

bank account in the name of Wolfco, Inc. d/b/a Kenneth Embry, according to the indictment.

On Jan. 7, 2008, Harris and Embry caused the escrow agent to transfer \$340,000 to Wolfco's account. Later that day, Embry drafted a check in the amount of \$181,000 made out to "cash." He then transferred \$150,000 from his Wolfco account to the AMC account controlled by Harris, according to the indictment.

Two days after that, Harris drafted a check in the amount of \$80,000 from the AMC account payable to herself and deposited it into her personal account.

Harris and Embry caused a loss of approximately \$599,388 to Fairway and Amtrust Bank, as the purchaser of the North Carolina property's mortgage from Fairway, according to the indictment.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Patton and Special Assistant United States Attorney Derek Kleinmann following an investigation by Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations.

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