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Hon. Rahm Emanuel
Mayor
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle Street, Suite 500
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Re: Significant Activity Report

Mayor Emanuel:

On August 13, 2015, Alexander Igolnikov, owner of Seven Amigos Used Cars Inc., pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to transport, receive and possess a counterfeit security in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, 2314, and 2315. *United States v. Alexander Igolnikov -14-CR-484* (U.S.D.C. ND IL).

More specifically, Igolnikov admitted that from 2007 through April 2010 he knowingly caused the generation of false State of Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles titles that concealed the prior history of salvage and rebuilt vehicles from locations across the United States. The laundered Indiana titles were then fraudulently used to obtain clean title in Illinois which Igolnikov and his associates then put into service as taxicabs in the City of Chicago, in violation of City ordinance prohibiting the use as taxicabs of any vehicle that had been previously issued a salvage or rebuilt title. It's the government's position that Igolnikov caused approximately 180 impaired vehicles to be used as taxicabs on Chicago streets.

Igolnikov's sentencing is scheduled for November 19, 2015 before United States District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer. Igolnikov faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or gross loss from the offense. The indictment and plea agreement accompany this report.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or requests for additional information to me or Rachel Leven, OIG Public Communications Coordinator, at (773) 478-0534.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Ferguson".

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