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### **Retired U.S. Naval Officer Sentenced to Prison for Bribery Scheme**

NORFOLK, Va. – Frankie Hand, Jr., 49, of Chesapeake, VA, was sentenced today in Norfolk federal court to three years in prison for participating in a scheme to bribe an Air Force official in exchange for his illicit assistance in awarding government contracts. As part of the sentence, the Court also ordered Hand to forfeit \$757,525 to the United States.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Senior United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman imposed the sentence. Hand previously pled guilty on December 7, 2010.

According to court documents, Frankie Hand and a co-defendant, Michelle Adams, met one another in May 2007 at Camp Taji, Iraq. Soon thereafter, Hand and Adams entered into a business and personal relationship. Hand, then a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, corruptly agreed to assist Adams and her business partner, Peter Dunn, obtain U.S. government contracts for work in Iraq. In exchange for Hand's assistance, Adams and Dunn made him a "silent partner" in their companies. Thereafter, Hand, Adams, and Dunn corruptly agreed to pay Mark Carnes, a U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant at Camp Taji who worked closely with Hand, in exchange for his assistance in getting contracts awarded to their companies. In furtherance of this illegal agreement, in August and September 2007, Mark Carnes helped to steer two government contracts for work on Camp Taji to businesses run by Adams and Dunn, and their silent partner, Hand. After the United States paid \$757,525 for the work on these two contracts, Adams, Dunn, and Hand jointly paid Mark Carnes approximately \$50,000 in bribes. Mark Carnes and Peter Dunn were previously convicted for their roles in the scheme and are serving sentences of 20 and 14 months, respectively. Michelle Adams, who previously entered a guilty plea on December 7, 2010, awaits sentencing on May 31, 2011.

This case was investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Office of Inspector General, United States Army Criminal Investigation Division, United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. Assistant United States Attorney Robert Krask is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.