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## **BROTHERS PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO STEAL ITEMS FROM US MARINE CORPS AND EXPORT THEM TO OTHER COUNTRIES**

HUNTINGTON, WV – **TIMOTHY OLDANI, 24, of Scott Depot, WV and JOSEPH OLDANI, 21, of Camp Lejeune, NC**, both pled guilty to conspiring with each other to steal optics from the United States Marine Corps and export them from the United States. At his hearing, Joseph Oldani admitted that while on active duty with the Marines, he stole high-grade optics from his station in Kings Bay, Georgia. Timothy, Joseph's brother, is a former member of the United States Marine Corps reserves. Joseph admitted he transported the stolen optics to Timothy, in Scott Depot, where Timothy subsequently sold the stolen items on the internet – mainly on eBay.

The convictions stem from a joint investigation conducted by the US Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General – Defense Criminal Investigative Services and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The stolen optics are not the type available for public purchase. These optics were specially designed for military purposes. In fact, these stolen optics were on the United States Munitions List and subject to Presidential control as defense articles prohibited from export without a special license. Neither Oldani had a license. The investigation revealed that the Oldanis sold and shipped the stolen optics to purchasers in Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan.

The duo each face up to 60 months in prison and a \$250,000 fine when they are sentenced on May 18, 2009. Assistant United States Attorney Steven I. Loew is handling the prosecution in coordination with the Counterespionage Section of the Justice Department's National Security Division.