

United States v. Robin Longoria (N.D. Ohio 2019)

Nature of the Business.

Robin Longoria, a resident of Mansfield, Texas, was an employee of an Ohio-based adoption agency, and in charge of managing the agency's Uganda program.

Influence to be Obtained.

Longoria plead guilty to paying bribes to unnamed government officials in Uganda to secure "'adoption-friendly' judges and to corruptly influence the judges to grant the U.S. clients of the adoption agency guardianship rights over the Ugandan children." Longoria further admitted to disguising the bribes as adoption fees to be paid to a Ugandan agent, unbeknownst to the adoption agency's U.S. clients. Moreover, Longoria admitted to falsifying documents for submission to the U.S. State Department to manipulate it into granting visa applications for the Ugandan children being considered for adoption.

Enforcement.

On August 29, 2019, Longoria plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA, to commit wire fraud, and to commit visa fraud. Longoria's sentencing was set for early 2020.

Key Facts

Citation. *United States v. Robin Longoria*, No. 1:19-cr-00482-CAB-1 (N.D. Ohio 2019).

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Country. Uganda.

Date of Conduct. Not stated.

Amount of the Value. Not stated.

Amount of Business Related to the Payment. Not stated.

Intermediary. Not stated.

Foreign Official. Unnamed Ugandan government officials.

FCPA Statutory Provision. Conspiracy (Anti-Bribery).

Other Statutory Provision. Conspiracy (Money Laundering; Visa Fraud).

Disposition. Pending.

Defendant Jurisdictional Basis. Territorial Jurisdiction.

Defendant's Citizenship. United States.

Total Sanction. Pending.