

United States v. Transport Logistics International, Inc. (D. Md. 2018)

United States v. Mark T. Lambert (D. Md. 2018)

Nature of the Business.

Transport Logistics International, Inc. ("TLI") is a Maryland-based provider of logistical support services for the transportation of nuclear materials to customers in the United States and abroad.

Mark Lambert, a United States citizen and Maryland resident, owned TLI from 1998 to September 2016 and was also president of that company from January 2010 to September 2016.

Influence to be Obtained.

According to the DOJ, from 2004 to at least 2014, TLI conspired to pay approximately \$1.7 million to offshore bank accounts to benefit Vadim Mikerin, a Russian official at JSC Technobexport ("TENEX"). TENEX is a subsidiary of Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation and supplies uranium and uranium enrichment services to nuclear power companies around the world, on behalf of the Russian government. The DOJ alleges that Lambert and his co-conspirators at TLI caused fake invoices to be prepared, purportedly from TENEX to the TLI, which described services that were never provided. Subsequently, Lambert and his co-conspirators allegedly wired payments for those services to offshore bank accounts in Latvia, Cyprus, and Switzerland associated with shell companies connected to Mikerin. In total, Lambert and his co-conspirators made approximately \$1.18 million in payments to the offshore accounts between 2009 and 2014.

Enforcement.

On January 10, 2018, the DOJ announced that it entered a deferred prosecution agreement with TLI. Under the agreement, TLI agreed to pay a \$2,000,000 criminal penalty as a result of alleged violations of the FCPA's anti-bribery provisions.

On the same day, the DOJ unsealed an eleven-count indictment against Lambert, alleging one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and to commit wire fraud, seven counts of violating the FCPA, two counts of wire fraud, and one count of international promotion money laundering. On November 22, 2019, a jury found Lambert guilty of four counts of violating the FCPA, two counts of wire fraud, and one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and commit wire fraud. Sentencing remains pending.

Key Facts

Citation. *United States v. Transport Logistics International, Inc.*, No. 8:18-cr-00011 (D. Md. 2018); *United States v. Lambert*, No. 8:18-cr-00012-TDC (D. Md. 2018).

Date Filed. January 10, 2018.

Country. Russia.

Date of Conduct. 2004 – 2014.

Amount of the Value. \$1,180,000

Amount of Business Related to the Payment. Not stated.

Intermediary. Shell company.

Foreign Official. Vadim Mikerin, official with a Russian-owned uranium supplier.

FCPA Statutory Provision. Anti-Bribery (TLI); Conspiracy (Anti-Bribery) (Lambert).

Other Statutory Provision.

- **TLI.** None.
- **Lambert.** Wire fraud; money laundering.

Disposition. Deferred Prosecution Agreement (TLI); Jury Conviction (Lambert).

Defendant Jurisdictional Basis. Domestic Concern (TLI); Domestic Concern (Lambert).

Defendant's Citizenship. United States (TLI); United States (Lambert).

Total Sanction. \$2,000,000 (TLI).

Compliance Monitor/Reporting Requirements. Reporting Requirement.

Related Enforcement Actions. None.

Total Combined Sanction. \$2,000,000.