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**HISTORIC ORGANIZED CRIME INDICTMENT UNSEALED: BUSINESS
INTEGRITY COMMISSION TERMINATES THE AUTHORITY OF TRADE WASTE
BUSINESSES TO OPERATE IN NEW YORK CITY**

Acting in conjunction with the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, the New York City Business Integrity Commission has suspended the authority of Night Hawk Enterprises, Inc., Firehawk Enterprises, Inc., and S.R.D. Contracting Corp. to operate a trade waste business in New York City. Additionally, the Commission has terminated the temporary permission to operate of Jo-Tap Equipment Leasing, Inc. and Dump Masters, Inc. and refused to give permission to Nacirema Industries, Inc. to employ Nicholas Calvo.

Today, an eighty-count indictment was unsealed in federal court, Eastern District of New York, charging sixty-two defendants associated with the Gambino, Genovese, and Bonanno organized crime families of La Cosa Nostra, the construction industry, or its supporting unions, with crimes including racketeering conspiracy, extortion, theft of union benefits, mail fraud, false statements, loan sharking, embezzlement of union funds, and money laundering.

Michael J. Mansfield, Commissioner/Chair of the Commission said, "In addition to this indictment, and as a direct result of this long-term collaboration between the Commission and our law enforcement partners, effective immediately the Commission has terminated the authority of the carting companies controlled by these defendants to operate in New York City. The Commission remains committed to its mission of eliminating the influence of organized crime from the industries we regulate."

Commissioner Mansfield joined the following in announcing the charges: Benton J. Campbell, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Attorney General, Richard A. Brown, Queens County District Attorney, Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor, John S. Pistole, Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mark J. Mershon, Assistant Director-in-charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York, Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, New York City Police Department, Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner, New York City Department of Investigation, Patricia J. Haynes, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service, New York Field Office, Daniel Donovan, Richmond County District Attorney, and Thomas De Maria, Executive Director, Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor.

The investigation and indictment, conducted in collaboration with the Commission, revealed that members of the Gambino organized crime family secretly controlled various companies that had been registered or licensed by the Commission. More specifically, the indictment revealed that Firehawk Enterprises, Inc. and Night Hawk Enterprises, Inc. were controlled by Anthony Licata, a soldier in the Gambino organized crime family. Firehawk disclosed Debra D'Amante as its sole principal, and Night Hawk disclosed Fran Gaudio as its sole principal. In the applications submitted to the Commission, neither company disclosed Anthony Licata as an employee in any capacity. Additionally, according to the indictment, Jo-Tap Equipment Leasing, Inc. was secretly controlled by Mario Cassarino, a soldier in the Gambino organized crime family. Jo-Tap disclosed Antonio Ditillio as its sole principal, and did not disclose Mario Cassarino as an employee in any capacity. Finally, Dump Masters, Inc. was also connected to organized crime.

Further, the indictment charges that Sarah Dauria, the president of Commission-registrant S.R.D. Contracting Corp., conspired with Joseph Spinnato, an associate of the Gambino organized crime family and Mario Cassarino to commit various crimes, including theft of union benefits and mail fraud.

Finally, Nicholas Calvo, an associate of the Genovese organized crime family, who was recently disclosed by Commission-Licensee Nacirema Industries, Inc., as a Sales Executive, was charged with crimes including extortion conspiracy, extortion, embezzlement of union assets conspiracy, and embezzlement of union assets.

Commissioner Mansfield thanks Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agents from the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General, Internal Revenue Service CID, Detectives from the New York City Police Department, as well as Investigators from the Organized Crime Task Force, the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, and the Department of Investigations, for working jointly on this investigation. Commissioner Mansfield also thanks the Commission Legal Staff, Special Investigator Edward Miranda, Special Investigator Rodney White, and Special Investigator Ruben Santiago under the direct supervision of Deputy Commissioner for Investigations, Ronald Cohen.

The Commission is both a regulatory and law enforcement agency. It consists of the Chair and the Commissioners of the New York City Police Department, the New York City

Department of Investigation, the New York City Department of Sanitation, the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, and the New York City Department of Small Business Services, with the Chair having administrative management over the agency. In November 2001, a charter revision measure created the Organized Crime Control Commission, which was later renamed the Business Integrity Commission, to consolidate under one agency the regulatory jurisdiction over the private carting industry, businesses operating in the City's public wholesale markets, and the shipboard gambling industry. The mission of the Commission is to eliminate organized crime and other forms of corruption and criminality from the industries it regulates. The Commission's goals are numerous: to ensure that the regulated businesses are able to compete fairly; that the marketplaces remain free from violence, fraud, rackets, and threats; that customers receive fair treatment; and that the businesses which are allowed to operate in these industries always conduct their affairs with honesty and integrity.