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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Amy Luria, Esq.  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey  
970 Broad Street  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

**RE: Niel Palmieri – Mail Fraud**

Dear Ms. Luria:

Earlier this month, we spoke via telephone regarding the above-referenced matter. As expressed, the County of Union has filed an insurance claim seeking to cover the financial loss resulting from the actions of Mr. Palmieri. Initially, the County was under the impression that Mr. Palmieri would be remitting restitution payments in the amount of \$100,000.00 prior to sentencing as expressly stated in the plea agreement. However, during our conversation, you informed me that the restitution payments would not begin until Mr. Palmieri was formally sentenced.

Please allow this letter to serve as a request for information related to the fraudulent acts Mr. Palmieri committed against the County of Union. A sharing of information, such as vouchers and other documents relative to the fraud, will permit the County to properly submit a proof of loss to our insurance company. Please be assured that all information shared will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Very truly yours,

BRIAN P. TRELEASE, ESQ.  
Assistant County Counsel

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## Brian Trelease

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**From:** Luria, Amy (USANJ) <Amy.Luria@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:35 AM  
**To:** Brian Trelease  
**Subject:** RE: Palmieri

Brian:  
Received. Please let me know a good time to discuss later this week.  
Thank you.  
Amy

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**From:** Brian Trelease [<mailto:btrelease@ucnj.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:33 AM  
**To:** Luria, Amy (USANJ)  
**Subject:** Palmieri

Dear Ms. Luria:

I'm just checking in to confirm that you received my email with the attached letter regarding the above-referenced matter. Please let me know. I hope all is well. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Brian P. Trelease, Esq.  
Assistant County Counsel  
County of Union  
(908) 527-4250

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**From:** U.S. Department of Justice - VNS <fedemail@vns.usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 11:16 AM  
**To:** Brian Trelease  
**Subject:** U.S. Department of Justice - VNS - Investigative Case 198BNK116724 - Court Case 13-CR-00649

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL.



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
District of New Jersey  
Peter Rodino Federal Bldg.  
970 Broad St.  
Suite 700  
Newark, NJ 07102  
Phone: (973) 297-2073  
Fax: (973) 297-2069

August 13, 2014

Brian Trelease

Re: United States v. Defendant(s) ANIELLO PALMIERI  
Case Number 2013R01109 and Court Docket Number 13-CR-00649

Dear Brian Trelease:

The enclosed information is provided by the United States Department of Justice Victim Notification System (VNS). As a victim witness professional with the United States Attorney's Office, my role is to assist you with information and services during the prosecution of this case. You have been designated to receive notifications on behalf of the following victim(s) identified by law enforcement during the investigation of the case: County of Union.

The sentencing hearing for defendant(s), ANIELLO PALMIERI, has been set for December 9, 2014, 09:30 AM at Newark - Courtroom 4D, Martin Luther King Bldg & US Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, NJ, 07101 before Judge William Walls. You are welcome to attend this proceeding; however, unless you have received a subpoena, your attendance is not required by the Court. If you plan on attending, you may want to verify the date and time by using the VNS Call Center or website. If you are a victim of the charged offense(s) and wish to speak at sentencing, please call our office well in advance of the scheduled hearing date.

A United States Probation Officer prepares a report for the Court and may contact you to discuss the impact the crime had on you financially, physically, and/or emotionally. If you are contacted, please make every effort to provide accurate and detailed information.

Because of the Court's schedule, hearing dates could change on very short notice. If you plan on attending, you may want to call the VNS Call Center or check the website to confirm the date and time. Please note, there is a 24-hour delay in information transfer to the website.

Through the Victim Notification System (VNS) we will continue to provide you with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information

about this case on the VNS website at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov> or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) [REDACTED] and Personal Identification Number (PIN) [REDACTED] anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log into VNS on the website. If you are receiving notifications with multiple victim ID/PIN codes please contact the VNS Call Center. In addition, the first time you access the VNS website, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is [REDACTED]

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Rosa Salloum  
Victim Witness Specialist

If you do not want to receive email notifications from the Victim Notification System (VNS) please log into the VNS Web site at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>, select "My Information", remove your email address and click the "update" button. If you remove your email address, you will continue to receive letters from VNS except in those case which have large numbers of victims. To change your email address, select "My Information", provide a new address and click the "update" button.

If you do not want to receive any notifications in your case, select "Stop Receiving Notifications" and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you believe you have received this email in error, please contact the office listed at top of the email message.

Please note, if this is the first notification you have received from VNS you will need to wait 4-8 hours from receipt of this email before you can login to the VNS Internet site (<https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>). In addition, it will also be 4-8 hours before any documents which may have been uploaded to VNS as part of this notification are available under the "Downloads/Links" section on the Web page.

Please call the Victim Notification System (VNS) Help Desk at phone number 1-866-625-1631 for assistance and questions.



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May 07, 2014

County of Union  
Carolyn Kropp  
Dept of Finance  
Elizabethtown Plaza  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

UNION COUNTY COUNSEL  
RECEIVED  
MAY 16 2014  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ELIZABETH, NJ

Re: United States v. Defendant(s) ANIELLO PALMIERI  
Case Number 2013R01109 and Court Docket Number 13-CR-00649

Dear Carolyn Kropp:

The enclosed information is provided by the United States Department of Justice Victim Notification System (VNS). As a victim witness professional with the United States Attorney's Office, my role is to assist you with information and services during the prosecution of this case. I am contacting you because you were identified by law enforcement as a victim during the investigation of the above criminal case.

Charges have been filed against defendant(s) ANIELLO PALMIERI. The lead prosecutor for this case is Amy Luria. The main charge is categorized as an important matter for the Department of Justice.

Victims of all crimes under federal investigation are entitled to services under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act, including notification of court events. For further details, please refer to Title 42 United States Code section 10607 or the brochure posted at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>.

Now that charges have been filed in federal court, victims of the charges filed are, in addition, entitled to the following rights, according to the Crime Victims' Rights Act, Title 18 United States Code section 3771: (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding; (5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and (8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

Please understand that these rights apply only to victims of the counts charged in federal court, and thus you may not be able to exercise all of these rights if the crime of which you are a victim was not charged. In any event, we will continue to provide you with notifications and services unless you tell us not to. We will make our best efforts to ensure you are provided the rights and services to which you are entitled. It is important to keep in mind that the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that presumption requires both the Court and our office to take certain steps to ensure that justice is served. While our office cannot act as your attorney or provide you with legal advice, you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to the rights above or other related legal matters.

Additionally, please be aware that most criminal cases are resolved by a plea agreement between the United States Attorney's Office and the defendant. You should also know that it is not unusual for a defendant to seek

to negotiate a plea agreement shortly before a trial is scheduled to begin. Plea agreements can be made at any time and as late as the morning of trial, leaving little or no opportunity to provide notice to you of the date and time of the plea hearing. If the court schedules a plea hearing in this case, we will use our best efforts to notify you of available information as soon as practicable. If you want to inform the prosecutor of your views regarding potential plea agreements, or any other aspect of the case, please contact the prosecutor assigned to this case or me.

On October 2, 2013, defendant ANIELLO PALMIERI pled guilty to the charges listed below. Any remaining counts will be disposed of at the time of sentencing. As a result of the guilty plea, there will be no trial involving this defendant.

<u>Number of Charges</u>	<u>Description of Charge(s)</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1	Mail Fraud - Frauds and swindles	Guilty

Sentencing set for 1/8/2014 09:30 AM in Newark - Courtroom 4D before Judge William H. Walls

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For many VNS registrants email will provide the most timely notification. VNS does not currently have an email address for you. You can provide VNS an email address by accessing the VNS Internet Web page using the login information provided below. By entering your email as part of the VNS registration process future notifications will be delivered by email, except in rare circumstances when you might also receive a letter from VNS. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

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## Part C - GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

Requestor: Tina Renna

Request Date: 9/19/14

- Document(s) provided: one file pages, at a total cost of: \_\_\_\_\_ Various docs re: Niel Palmieri.
- Special Service Charge imposed - Reason: \_\_\_\_\_, cost: \_\_\_\_\_
- Document(s) have been inspected by the requestor on the date shown below: \_\_\_\_\_ documents, \_\_\_\_\_ total pages
- Document(s) not provided (see below)

The document(s) you have requested that are checked below are NOT being provided because the document(s) are considered privileged or are otherwise exempt from public access, as provided by applicable law:

### Privileged or Protected Category

- Advisory, Consultative or Deliberative material
- Autopsy Photos / Video
- Attorney-Client Privilege Information
- Computer Security Information
- Criminal Investigatory Records
- Credit Card Numbers
- Domestic Security (Sabotage or Terrorism)
- Grievance Information with public employer
- Drivers' License Numbers
- Electronic Surveillance Materials
- Emergency or Security Information or Procedures
- Employee Sexual Harassment Complaints
- Fingerprint Cards
- Individual's Medical, Financial, or Tax records
- Insurance Communications
- Investigation in Progress
- Labor Negotiation Information (strategy or positions)
- Personnel or Pension Records
- Photographs of Crime Scene
- Proprietary Information
- Reasonable Expectation of Privacy VIN/PIN info
- Resumes of unsuccessful applicants
- Safety of persons or the public
- Security Measures and Surveillance Techniques
- Social Security Numbers
- Test Questions, Scoring Keys, or other Exam Data
- Victim records
- Record has been destroyed/not retained pursuant to:
- Other

### Authority for Denial or Redaction

- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 21 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-19
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 9 (Hughes)
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.a
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10
- Executive Order 9 (Hughes)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- Executive Order 69 (Whitman)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; N.J.S.A. 2A:82-46b
- Records Retention and Disposition Schedule

You have a right to appeal this decision that the documents requested are not accessible. You may take your appeal to the Government Records Council (GRC) or to the New Jersey Superior Court as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6 and 7. Please see the attached "Part D - Procedures to Challenge Denial of Access to Government Records" and GRC information.

Date: 9/30/14

[Signature]  
County Official

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received copies of, or have been permitted to view/inspect, the documents requested except for any documents specifically listed above on which a determination has been made that the documents could not be provided in accordance with applicable law. If any documents have not been provided, I have received information as to the procedures for an appeal of the determination.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_