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## SOUTH FLORIDA MAN NABBED IN JOINT MORTGAGE FRAUD CASE



A joint investigation between the FBI and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office ended today in the arrest of RICARDO MARTINEZ in Coral Gables, Florida. MARTINEZ was charged with multiple felony counts which included a scheme to defraud, mortgage fraud, and unlawful promises to provide insider-information.

MARTINEZ was employed in South Florida as an asset manager for a large financial holdings corporation. Investigators learned that MARTINEZ tried to extort a local business person to send money in the form of "kickbacks" to MARTINEZ personally from the sale of the corporation's real estate properties in Okaloosa County.

During an undercover "sting" operation, Investigators sent funds requested by MARTINEZ to his private address in South Florida. MARTINEZ accepted the funds personally and he made efforts to conceal the money from all official real estate closing documents. Further, MARTINEZ promised to provide other financial benefits to a local individual in exchange for the same "kick-back" agreement in the future.

The joint effort was successful due to ongoing partnerships between local and Federal authorities targeting fraudulent acts affecting the citizens of Okaloosa County.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

## WARRANT/OTTIC ACTIVE

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: Citizenship: Address * none listed on arrest record * Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First) * none found in MNI * Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB) * none found in MNI * Street Names * none found in MNI *						
[INCIDENT INFORMATION] Occurred Date Range: 4/21/2015 10:45 to 4/21/2015 10:45 Lat / Long 30.44138 / -86.57968						
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[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiant is a Deputy Sheriff-Investigator with Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and has probable cause to believe RICARDO MARTINEZ AKA RICKY MARTINEZ (DEFENDANT) violated Florida State Statute (FSS) 817.034(4)(a)(3), Organized Fraud, involving property valued under \$20,000; FSS 817.545, Mortgage Fraud (omissions), and FSS 817.11, Attempt to Defraud an Individual with Inside Information or Act, as follows:

1. A joint investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, as a part of a Federal Task Force initiative.

2. In 2014, RICARDO MARTINEZ AKA RICKY MARTINEZ (DEFENDANT) was employed by

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Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC (BLS), located in Coral Gables, Florida. MARTINEZ was an asset manager and he handled assignment of BLS-controlled real-estate properties for sale;

3. Between July, 2014, and August, 2014, MARTINEZ engaged in a fraudulent scheme to obtain unauthorized kickbacks from the sale of real estate properties under the care and control of BLS. In the scheme, MARTINEZ instructed an FBI confidential human source (CHS) that the CHS would be allowed to maintain the right to receive sales commissions for selling BLS properties and the CHS would receive future high-end assignments, only if the CHS agreed to pay kickbacks amounting to 10-percent of the sales commission back to MARTINEZ personally, from the sale of BLS-controlled properties;

4. As directed by the FBI, the CHS accepted the terms which MARTINEZ set forth, and the property closed in Okaloosa County, Florida, on or about July 25, 2014.

5. As a result of the aforementioned scheme, and at MARTINEZ' subsequent request for the kickback, on or about August 7, 2014, MARTINEZ received funds totaling \$1,538, representing an unauthorized 10-percent kickback from the sale of BLS-controlled property located in south Okaloosa County, Florida. Payment to MARTINEZ was made via bank cashier's check, funded by the FBI, and made payable to "Ricky Martinez." Payment was sent by the FBI to a residential address in Miami, Florida as MARTINEZ had instructed the CHS. Review of the FedEx airbill record of receipt depicted an "R. Martinez" signing for the delivery of referenced funds.

6. The aforementioned payment to MARTINEZ was intentionally not disclosed on the Real Estate Closing Statement (HUD-1) during the real-estate closing process at the direction of MARTINEZ.

7. The above-described offenses occurred within the jurisdiction of Okaloosa County, Florida.

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney

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