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## **FORMER RECRUITING SERGEANT SENTENCED FOR FRAUD RELATED TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAM USED TO RECRUIT SOLDIERS**

*Thomas Kaszas Stole \$26,000 Intended as Referral Bonuses for Georgia Army National Guard Members*

AUGUSTA, GA. - **THOMAS NOLAN KASZAS, II**, 34, of Evans was sentenced to federal prison by United States District Judge J. Randal Hall for a scheme to defraud a government contractor of thousands of dollars intended as bonuses to Georgia Army National Guard members who referred others to enlist. KASZAS must serve a term of 20 months, without the possibility of parole.

United States Attorney Ed Tarver said, "The recruitment of new soldiers is the lifeblood of the Georgia Army National Guard, especially in a time of armed conflict. This defendant's fraudulent acts in stealing funds intended to incentivize recruits are deplorable. This case demonstrates that the United States Attorney's Office will continue to prosecute those individuals who dishonor their country and steal from the American people."

"Any corruption and fraud within Department of Defense programs damages public trust. It is particularly egregious that a military recruiter would steal from programs intended to benefit his fellow soldiers who are fighting to defend America's interests. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and other law enforcement partners, are committed to investigating such corruption to ensure that precious taxpayer dollars are not wasted," said John F. Khin, Special Agent in Charge, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Southeast Field Office.

According to the evidence presented during the guilty plea and sentencing hearings, between March 2007 and December 2007, KASZAS submitted the names of numerous Georgia Army National Guard recruits to Docupak, Inc., under the name of another Guard member. Docupak was the government contractor that oversaw a program that paid Guard members up to \$2000 for each recruit they referred who enlisted and went to basic training. As a recruiting sergeant in the Guard, KASZAS was not eligible to take part in the program. According to the evidence, to circumvent that prohibition, KASZAS fraudulently established and used the name

and bank account of another Guard member to forward names of recruits. KASZAS wrongfully obtained \$26,000 as a result of his fraud.

The case was investigated by Special Agent Mark Andrews of the United States Army Criminal Investigative Command and Special Agent Mark Lewis of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen T. Inman. For additional information, please contact First Assistant United States Attorney James D. Durham at (912) 201-2547.