



THE YEAR IN REVIEW (2019-2020)

Commission investigations with our law enforcement partners resulted in arrests of 90 individuals on state and federal charges as well as the seizure of over 32 kilos of heroin, almost 158 kilos of cocaine, 729 pounds of marijuana, 2,500 fentanyl pills, and 5.5 kilos of crystal meth as well as the seizure of almost \$1.47 million in proceeds from drug trafficking, loan sharking and illegal gambling and the recovery of 11 firearms.



The Commission worked with the following law enforcement agencies on investigations and prosecutions:



- United States Attorneys' Offices for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Department of Justice – Organized Crime and Gangs
- U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Homeland Security Investigations
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement – El Dorado Task Force
- U. S Department of Labor – Office of the Inspector General
- U.S Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division
- New Jersey Attorney General's Office – Division of Criminal Justice
- New York Attorney General's Office
- New York County District Attorney's Office
- Queens County District Attorney's Office
- Union County Prosecutor's Office
- New York City Police Department
- New Jersey State Commission of Investigation
- Philadelphia Police Department



WATERFRONT COMMISSION OF NEW YORK HARBOR CASE SUMMARY (2019-2020)

July 8, 2019 – Application for Warehouse Worker Registration Denied for Prior Shoplifting.

The Commission denied the longshore application of Heidy Valencia Herrera of Elizabeth, NJ, to perform warehouse work in the Port. Following an administrative hearing, an Administrative Law Judge found that Valencia Herrera shoplifted from a grocery store despite having sufficient cash and valid credit cards to cover the cost of the stolen goods. Citing the ongoing problem of cargo theft at the piers, the ALJ found that under the circumstances, Valencia Herrera's presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety. The Commission adopted the findings and recommendations of the ALJ.

July 8, 2019 – Checker's Registration Suspended after Indictment for Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

The Commission suspended the registration of checker Anthony Terracciano of Cliffwood, NJ, after a Monmouth County Grand Jury returned an indictment against Terracciano for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, which is a second degree offense. The charges arise from allegations that on March 13, 2019, Terracciano operated a motor vehicle under the influence of a narcotic and was involved in an accident, causing property damage, while a seven-year-old minor was a passenger in the vehicle. The indictment is pending in the Monmouth County Superior Court.



August 20, 2019 – Port Watchman's License Revoked for Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation, Lack of Good Character and Integrity, and Marijuana Use.

The Commission ordered the revocation of the port watchman license of Timothy Stuckey, of Hillside, NJ following a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The ALJ found that Stuckey had committed fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in connection with his sworn 2014 application when he falsely denied that he had ever used a controlled substance, and during his sworn Commission interview when he falsely testified that he had last used marijuana 5-6 years prior. Urine and hair drug tests were then administered to Stuckey which yielded positive results for marijuana. When questioned during a Commission interview concerning the positive drug test results, Stuckey refused to answer, in violation of the Waterfront Commission Act. Evidence at the hearing also established that on July 16, 2017, Stuckey was arrested in Belmar, NJ for Stuckey possession of marijuana. Ultimately, the ALJ found that Stuckey lacked the good character and integrity required of a port watchman. After considering the entire record, the Commission adopted the ALJ's findings and his recommendation that Stuckey's license be revoked.

September 10, 2019 - Longshoreman's Registration Revoked for Association with Colombo Crime Family Soldier, Repeated Shoplifting, Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation and for Constituting a Danger to the Public Peace or Safety on the Waterfront.

The Commission ordered the revocation of the registration of longshoreman Vincenzo Randazzo of Brooklyn, NY, a reefer mechanic since 2004, following a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The ALJ found that Randazzo's association with Emanuele Favuzza, who was a soldier in the Colombo crime family, a convicted racketeer and career offender, was under prohibited circumstances inimical to the policies of the Waterfront Commission Act. Randazzo admitted during both a sworn Commission interview and at his administrative hearing that he had known Favuzza for decades, lived in Favuzza's family home for four years, and considered Favuzza a trusted friend who he gave access to his credit card. Randazzo also admitted during the hearing that he engaged

in three separate acts of shoplifting at a Target store in Brooklyn, NY, although he had falsely denied doing so in two previous sworn Commission interviews. Randazzo's third shoplifting arrest was for merchandise valued at \$30.07, even he had \$3000.00 in his possession. Randazzo never reported his arrest to the Commission as required by the Waterfront Commission Act. The Kings County District Attorney's Office subsequently adjourned the criminal case in contemplation of dismissal and the matter was later dismissed. The ALJ found that Randazzo's position was highly sensitive and vulnerable to corruption, given his access to valuable merchandise and the opportunity for theft, which is a problem in the Port. The ALJ found that Randazzo committed fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and that under the circumstances, his presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York District constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety. After considering the record, the Commission adopted the ALJ's findings and recommendations.



Vincenzo Randazzo

Emanuele Favuzza
Colombo Soldier

September 20, 2019 – Genovese Soldier and Five Genovese Associates Sentenced for Their Role in Genovese Crime Family's Illegal Loansharking, Check Cashing, Gambling and Money Laundering Operation in the Port District. Six men were sentenced for their roles in criminal schemes that generated millions of dollars through illegal loansharking, unlicensed check cashing, gambling, and money laundering on behalf of the Genovese crime family. As previously reported, the defendants were indicted in "Operation Fistful," a joint investigation by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office - Division of Criminal Justice and the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, conducted with assistance from the New York and Queens County District Attorneys' Offices and other law enforcement agencies. Much of the illicit revenue was collected and laundered through licensed and unlicensed check-cashing businesses in Newark, NJ, run by Genovese associate Domenick Pucillo. Pucillo and the other associates allegedly are part of a New Jersey crew that was operating under the supervision and control of two "made" members of the Genovese crime family - Vito Alberti, a Genovese "soldier" and Charles "Chuckie" Tuzzo, a Genovese capo – who answer to the Genovese hierarchy in New York. The following six defendants were sentenced by Superior Court Judge Donald G. Collester Jr. in Morris County:

1. Domenick Pucillo, 61, of Florham Park, NJ, was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He pleaded guilty to first-degree conspiracy to commit money laundering.
2. Robert "Bobby Spags" Spagnola, 72, of Morganville, NJ, a former Newark Police Officer, was sentenced to five years in prison. He pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal usury.
3. Vito Alberti, 60, of Morristown, NJ, a Genovese Soldier, was sentenced to five years in prison. He pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal usury.
4. Manuel "Manny Rod" Rodriguez, 54, of Chatham, NJ, a former longshoreman, was sentenced to four years in prison. He pleaded guilty to second-degree conspiracy to commit money laundering.
5. Vincent "Sonny" Coppola, 42, of Union City, NJ, son of imprisoned Genovese Capo Michael "Mikey Cigars" Coppola, who previously served 103 days in jail, was sentenced to time served and two years of probation. He pleaded guilty to third-degree promoting gambling.
6. Jerry Albanese, 52, of Scotch Plains, N.J., a former longshoreman, was sentenced to two years of probation. He pleaded guilty to third-degree promoting gambling.

The final defendant in the case, Genovese Capo Charles “Chuckie” Tuzzo died before trial.



Vito Alberti
Genovese Soldier

Domenick Pucillo

Robert Spagnola

Manuel Rodriguez

Vincent Coppola

Jerry Albanese

October 8, 2019 – Application for Longshoreman’s Registration Denied for Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation and for Constituting a Danger to the Public Peace or Safety on the Waterfront, for Failure to Disclose Arrest and for Driving for Over 20 Years with a Suspended Driver’s License The Commission denied the Application for Longshoreman Registration of Raymond O’Shea Boone, 48, of Union, New Jersey, for inclusion on the Waterfront Commission Register as a warehouseman. Following an administrative hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), the ALJ found that Boone had committed fraud, deceit or misrepresentation on his application by failing to list all of his previous arrests, especially one in 1998, where Boone had received a 1992 Acura vehicle which had been stolen from U.S. Auto Exchange. The ALJ further found that between 1991 and 2012, Boone had knowingly driven a motor vehicle on a consistent and continual basis while his driver license was suspended. Based on “the undisputed evidence,” the ALJ found that Boone’s presence on the ports would constitute a danger to the public peace of safety, the ALJ recommended that Boone’s application be denied. The Commission adopted the ALJ’s recommendation.

October 17, 2019 – Defendants Charged in Alleged Drug Trafficking in Investigation Sparked by Overdoses: Over Thirty Pounds of Heroin and Fentanyl, Five Handguns, an Assault Rifle and \$170,000 in Cash Recovered. Victor “Tito” Munett, Charles Underwood, Gabriel “Green Eyes” Velasquez, Frank “Ponce” Laboy, Joshua “Flaco” Vega, and Hermelinda Anglada were arrested for their alleged involvement in a drug trafficking organization. Following the arrests, four semi-automatic handguns, a revolver, ammunition and over 17,000 filled glassine envelopes of suspected heroin were found concealed inside a dresser outfitted with a hidden compartment. Two closets in the apartment contained an AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle, ammunition, two kilograms of suspected heroin, a pair of mechanical kilo presses used for compressing narcotics into brick form and approximately four pounds of marijuana. The apartment also contained paraphernalia and equipment used in the packaging of narcotics, such as grinders, sifters, face masks, gloves and goggles, as well as more than a dozen empty kilo wrappers. Agents and officers subsequently conducted a court authorized search of Lugo’s residence at 27203 Town Green Drive in Elmsford, N.Y. and recovered approximately \$10,000 cash and five kilograms of suspected heroin and fentanyl. The narcotics were packaged in a similar manner as the kilograms seized at 2187 Holland Avenue. Three cars with hidden “trap” compartments contained approximately 250 grams of fentanyl and over \$35,000 cash. Officers also recovered approximately \$10,000 from Munett’s residence at 1042 Evergreen Avenue in Soundview.

Ismael Lugo and Ricardo Gonzales, two alleged top narcotics suppliers for the organization, were arrested on October 9, 2019 in a stash location they maintained at 2187 Holland Avenue, Apt. 5M in the Pelham section of the Bronx. The men were seated in a rear room with loose powder on a table in front of them when agents and officers arrived. Approximately 10 kilograms of suspected heroin, six guns and over \$100,000 cash were recovered, with the majority of the narcotics found in the same room. A series of court authorized searches resulted in the seizure of approximately 14 kilograms of heroin and fentanyl (over 30 pounds), six guns, including an assault rifle, approximately \$170,000 cash and three cars in the Bronx and Westchester.

The investigation followed four overdoses in 2017. Two fatal overdoses occurred a month apart in the same apartment building in Soundview, NY, one nonfatal overdose in Soundview, NY and one fatal overdose in Westchester, NY. An additional nonfatal overdose occurred during the investigation in Westchester in November of 2018. At the outset of the investigation, agents and officers identified Vasquez as an alleged street level manager for the narcotics trafficking operation. As the investigation progressed, agents and officers identified several street level dealers within the organization who were allegedly supplied by Vasquez and Munett. In June of 2019, managerial responsibilities for the street level organization transferred from Vasquez to Munett. Between May of 2018 and August of 2019, the defendants sold narcotics to undercover officers on more than a dozen occasions for a total of more than \$15,000. During surveillance operations, agents and officers repeatedly observed the defendants gathered on the corner of Evergreen and Westchester Avenues in Soundview. Drug sales occurred in this area and in the Upper West Side of Manhattan. In 2018, undercover officers purchased heroin from Vasquez, Munett, Underwood and Velasquez. Throughout 2019, Laboy made a series of narcotics sales to undercover officers, with the majority involving fentanyl laced heroin.

Underwood and Vega reside at 1141 Elder Avenue, Bronx, the apartment building where two fatal overdoses that precipitated the investigation occurred. NYPD laboratory analysis determined the substances sold to undercover officers included heroin and heroin laced with synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl, tramadol and alprazolam. Preliminary testing of the substances seized yielded positive results for heroin, fentanyl and marijuana. The synthetic opioid fentanyl is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and is involved in 60% of all fatal drug overdoses in New York City. The Waterfront Commission was part of the task force which investigated this matter.

November 12, 2019 – Longshoreman Suspended After Arrest for Illegal Possession of Handgun. The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of longshoreman Kenneth M. Brown of Matawan, NJ pending the outcome of an administrative hearing, based on his arrest in Colts Neck, NJ, for illegal possession of a loaded firearm, a crime of the second degree. According to the Colts Neck Police Department, Brown was arrested after a Ruger LCP .380 pistol loaded with six (6) rounds was recovered from a vehicle Brown was operating. The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office is handling the criminal matter.



November 12, 2019 – Former Longshoreman Barred from Returning to Waterfront After Testing Positive for Cocaine Use: Presence at the Port Presents a Danger to the Public Peace or Safety. The Commission denied the petition of former longshoreman Frankie Fawcett of Brick, NJ who had sought restoration of his registration to perform maintenance work at Port Newark, NJ.

The Commission had previously removed Fawcett from the waterfront as a result of the following incidents:

- In 2007, Fawcett was removed from the waterfront because of marijuana use and related fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;
- In 2013-2014, Fawcett was removed from the waterfront because, among other reasons, he used marijuana, provided diluted urine samples for drug testing on two occasions, and falsely denied using marijuana during a sworn interview; and
- In February 2019, during an administrative hearing, Fawcett admitted that he recklessly caused bodily injury to his wife in 2018. The Commission subsequently revoked Fawcett's registration and ordered that he submit to and pass drug tests prior to any restoration of his registration.

On July 8, 2019, Fawcett submitted a petition for restoration of his registration with sponsorship from Port Newark Maintenance & Repair, LLC. He submitted to and failed his required drug test by testing positive for cocaine. The Commission found that Fawcett's presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port continues to pose a danger to the public peace or safety, and denied Fawcett's petition for restoration of his registration as a longshoreman.

November 15, 2019 – Leaders and Members of Lucchese Crime Family Convicted Of Murder, Racketeering, and Other Crimes. After a six-week jury trial, Matthew Madonna, Steven Crea, Christopher Londonio and Terrence Caldwell were convicted of murder, conspiracy to commit racketeering, and other felonies. Fifteen other defendants have previously pled guilty to related charges. According to the evidence presented at trial, and other court documents: until his arrest in this case, Madonna was the Acting Boss of the Lucchese family of La Cosa Nostra, one of the "Five Families" that constitute the Mafia in the New York City area. In 2013, Madonna became displeased with Michael Meldish, a longtime organized crime associate who had refused to collect debts owed to Madonna. Madonna ordered Meldish killed, leading to Meldish's murder six years ago. As the Acting Boss of the Family, Madonna also received payments from a host of other illegal activities, including the extortion of labor union members, loansharking, illegal gambling operations, and drug-trafficking.

Crea is the official Underboss, or second-in-command, of the Lucchese family. As the Underboss, he participated in Madonna's decision to kill Meldish, and relayed the order to lower-ranking members of the Family. As a member of the family's leadership, or "administration," Crea also profited from the same illegal activities as Madonna. Crea was personally involved in several criminal schemes, including fraud and extortion in a large construction project at a public hospital, the extortion of one of his subordinates, and ordering the assault of a relative. Londonio is a made member of the Lucchese Family. Acting under the orders of Madonna and Crea, Londonio helped setup Meldish—a personal friend of Londonio's—to be killed, and acted as the getaway driver for the murder. Londonio also carried firearms and other weapons, beat an associate of a rival crime family with a baseball bat, and personally participated in extortion, operating illegal gambling businesses, and drug-trafficking, among other crimes. Caldwell is an associate of the Lucchese Family, who participated in its crimes but was not formally inducted as a member. On May 29, 2013, Caldwell ambushed a member of the rival Bonanno Family in Manhattan. Caldwell fired several shots into the victim's car at close range and struck him once in the chest, but the victim survived. On November 15, 2013, Caldwell carried out Madonna's and Crea's orders to kill Michel Meldish. Caldwell met Meldish and drove with him to a Bronx neighborhood to meet Londonio. As Meldish got out of his car, Caldwell shot him once in the head, killing him instantly. Caldwell then drove off with Londonio.

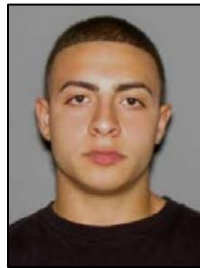
Madonna, 84, of the Bronx, NY; Crea, 72, of Crestwood, NY; Londonio, 45, of Hartsdale, NY; and Caldwell, 61, of Manhattan, NY, were each found guilty of one count of racketeering conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison; conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison; murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison; and use of a firearm in furtherance of murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. Londonio was also found guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute narcotics, which carries a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison. Caldwell was

also found guilty of one count of attempted murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison, and one count of discharging a firearm in



furtherance of attempted murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. The Waterfront Commission worked in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on this case.

Matthew Madonna Steven Crea Christopher Londonio Terrence Caldwell
 Lucchese Underboss Lucchese Capo & Lucchese Soldier
 Administration Member



November 25, 2019 – Lasher Barred from Working on the Waterfront for Drug Use, Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation, and Because Presence at the Port Presents a Danger to the Public Peace or Safety. Following an administrative hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission revoked the temporary registration of Lasher Philip Barbella of Staten Island, NY, and denied his application for permanent inclusion in the longshore workers’ register. The ALJ found that Barbella had used illegal drugs while temporarily registered to work on the waterfront, which yielded a positive drug test following

a work-related accident, and that he committed fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in two sworn documents which he filed with the Commission, in which he falsely denied prior drug use. The ALJ found that given these acts, Barbella’s presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York District constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety. After considering the record, the Commission adopted the ALJ’s findings and recommendations.

December 5, 2019 - 10 Bronx and Westchester-Based Members and Associates of the Gambino Crime Family Indicted in Brooklyn Federal Court for Racketeering Conspiracy, Loansharking, Obstruction of Justice and Bribery. Two Additional Defendants Charged with Money Laundering and Fraudulently Obtaining OSHA Certification Cards. Twelve defendants were charged with racketeering conspiracy, bribery, loansharking, fraud, obstruction of justice and related offenses. Those charged with racketeering conspiracy were Andrew Campos, an alleged captain in the Gambino organized crime family of La Cosa Nostra; James Ciaccia, George Campos, Vincent Fiore and Richard Martino, alleged Gambino family soldiers; and Renato Barca, Jr., Benito DiZenzo, Mark Kocaj, Frank Tarul and Michael Tarul, alleged Gambino family associates. The charges relate to the defendants’ criminal activities throughout the New York metropolitan area since February 2013. The indictment alleges that Andrew Campos and members

of his crew used bribery, fraud and extortion schemes to infiltrate the construction industry and earn millions of dollars in criminal proceeds. The Waterfront Commission participated in the investigation of this case.

Honest Services Wire Fraud Bribery Schemes

Andrew Campos, Fiore, Kocaj and DiZenzo operated a carpentry company, CWC Contracting Corp. (“CWC”), and are charged with paying bribes and kickbacks to employees of numerous construction companies and real estate developers. In exchange, these employees took steps to benefit CWC, including awarding contracts and approving change orders to add or delete from the original scope of a contract. Specifically, between approximately June 2018 and June 2019, CWC paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes and kickbacks to multiple employees of a real estate development company (described in the indictment as “Construction Company #1”), including John Simonlacaj, the company’s current Managing Director of Development. CWC paid the bribes in the form of hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of free labor and materials used for renovations on Simonlacaj’s residence that was paid for by a fraudulently approved change order. As Kocaj stated, although the work was paid for by a change order, “it should have been pro bono” because Construction Company #1 “do[es] 50 million a year in business,” and it was “worth it to do some of the paperwork.” In another intercepted conversation, Fiore described the benefits provided by Simonlacaj, “This director, John. There’s a beautiful in there. There’s things we can do with [Kocaj] there, he whispers what he needs to whisper and we get things done.”

Obstruction of Justice – Martino’s Concealment of Financial Assets

In 2005, Andrew Campos and Martino were convicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York for their role in a massive scheme to defraud users of adult entertainment services. Martino was ultimately sentenced to 108 months’ imprisonment and ordered by the court to pay \$9.1 million in forfeiture. After his release from prison, Martino, together with Frank Tarul and others, concealed Martino’s substantial wealth and income, falsely reporting that Martino had limited assets and worked for Tarul’s flooring company. In reality, as revealed by court-authorized wiretaps, Martino operated multiple companies that earned millions of dollars, including construction work, investments in pizzerias and other business ventures.

Loansharking and Extortion

As detailed in the government’s court filings, various defendants used extortionate means to collect money. For example, Andrew Campos and Fiore used threats of violence to collect at least \$100,000 from one victim. In a lawfully wiretapped phone conversation on March 13, 2019, Fiore warned the victim, “When you get punched in the face and your teeth get knocked out . . . you’re not going to laugh no more, okay? . . . At the end of the day, when you’re upside down [i.e., unable to make certain payments], you deal with him,” referring to Campos. Kocaj and Lopez, a former professional boxer, are charged with loansharking, including Kocaj’s recovery of tens of thousands of dollars of a gambling debt on behalf of an Albanian organized crime figure. Kocaj bragged about his ability to violently collect money, stating that he could send “a couple of my Albanian guys” and have somebody “grab [a potential victim] by the f----g neck.” Kocaj helped collect over \$30,000, threatening that if the victim did not pay, “[h]e’s going to get his head split open. . . . These are not the guys to f--- around with. . . . These Albanians, you know what they’ll do.” Earlier this morning, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Lopez’s home and seized \$25,000 in cash, brass knuckles and several large knives.

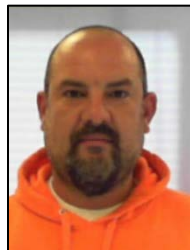
Retaliation Against Grand Jury Witness – Obstruction of Justice

Andrew Campos allegedly directed that a CWC worker believed to have testified before the grand jury be fired. Subsequently, during a lawfully recorded conversation on November 22, 2019, Fiore directed that the CWC worker be fired as “a personal favor to Andrew,” because the worker “could’ve pled the Fifth.”

Additional Charged Schemes

The indictments and complaint include additional alleged criminal schemes, including (1) laundering money by cashing checks made out to others, purportedly for work performed in connection with CWC construction projects; (2) fraudulently procuring cards from the United States Department of Labor indicating completion of certain Occupational Safety and Health Administration training courses when, in fact, the courses were never completed; (3) defrauding the U.S. government by paying CWC employees millions of dollars in cash without making the required payroll tax withholdings and payments; (4) overbilling CWC clients by causing them to pay for fraudulent or inflated work orders; and (5) evading taxes and money laundering, including by having CWC construct Andrew Campos’s residence.

(L-R) Gambino Capo Andrew Campos, Gambino Soldier James Ciaccia, Gambino Soldier George Campos, Gambino Soldier Vincent Fiore, Gambino Soldier Richard Martino



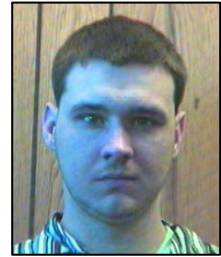
January 21, 2020 – Longshoreman Suspended After Arrest for Criminal Mischief After Causing a Motor Vehicle Crash. The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of longshoreman Mark Quitete of Kenilworth, NJ, pending an administrative hearing, following his arrest for criminal mischief (a crime of the third degree) involving the crash of a motor vehicle belonging to an Uber driver. From the back seat, Quitete allegedly grabbed the steering wheel from the Uber driver while on the Garden State Parkway, causing the car to drive up an embankment and to collide into a concrete barrier. The crash allegedly caused \$13,000 in damages and injured the vehicle’s three occupants. The Commission has charged that Quitete’s act of criminal mischief renders his presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district a danger to the public peace or safety. The notice of hearing further alleges that this was not the first time when Quitete was reckless in a vehicle; on August 13, 2017, in North Arlington, NJ, he operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drove recklessly, resulting in the suspension of his driver’s license. The administrative hearing is to determine whether to revoke, cancel, or further suspend his registration as a longshoreman.

January 21, 2020 – Longshoreman Suspended After Arrest for Burglary. The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of longshoreman Dariusz M. Korwin, of Wayne, New Jersey, who is employed by East Coast Warehouse & Distribution Corp. It is alleged that Korwin broke into a car parked at a liquor store parking lot in Totowa, NJ and removed a PBA shield from the car without permission or authority. The entire incident was reportedly captured on video surveillance. Korwin was subsequently arrested and charged by the Totowa Police Department with, among other things, Burglary (a third degree offense). The Commission has charged that

Korwin's acts of burglary and theft renders his presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district a danger to the public peace or safety. The administrative hearing is to determine whether to revoke, cancel, or further suspend his registration as a longshoreman.

February 18, 2020 – Longshoreman Suspended After Arrest for Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Weapon.

The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of longshoreman James Gunshefski Jr., of Bayonne, NJ, pending an administrative hearing. Gunshefski had worked at Global Container Terminals in Bayonne as a maintenance worker. The temporary suspension was the result of his arrest on February 3, 2020, in Jersey City, NJ, for Aggravated Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury (a crime of the second degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (a crime of the third degree), and Possession of a Weapon (a crime of the fourth degree). Gunshefski allegedly assaulted the victim with a frying pan, punched and kicked her, causing a broken rib, metatarsal fracture, lumbar spine fracture, and contusions. The Commission's notice of hearing charges that Gunshefski's presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety, and the administrative hearing is to determine whether to revoke, cancel, or further suspend Gunshefski's registration as a longshoreman.



March 12, 2020 – Longshoreman Suspended After Arrest for Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Defacement of a Handgun and Receiving Stolen Property.

The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of longshoreman Robert Florio, of Staten Island, NY, pending an administrative hearing. The temporary suspension was the result of his arrest on February 29, 2020, in Hazlet, New Jersey, for Unlawful Possession of a Handgun (a crime of the second degree), Defacement of a Firearm (a crime of the third degree), and Receiving Stolen Property (a crime of the third degree) in which Hazlet police recovered a loaded and defaced .22 caliber handgun from a Best Western Hotel room paid for by Florio in cash and which also contained his other personal belongings. The handgun had been reported stolen from Jacksonville, Florida. The Commission's notice of hearing charges that Florio's presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety, and the administrative hearing is to determine whether to revoke, cancel, or further suspend his registration as a longshoreman.

March 12, 2020 – Checker Suspended After Arrest for Possession of a Firearm for an Unlawful Purpose, Aggravated Assault and Multiple Counts of Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine.

The Commission temporarily suspended the registration of checker Anthony Gomez, of Sayreville, NJ, pending an administrative hearing. Gomez was arrested on February 19, 2020, for Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose during a Domestic Dispute (a crime of the second degree), Aggravated Assault (a crime of the fourth degree), and four (4) counts of Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Magazine (a crime of the fourth degree). Gomez allegedly pointed a firearm at the victim during a domestic dispute, and was in possession of two 30-round capacity .223 caliber magazines for a rifle and two 15-round capacity 9mm caliber magazines for a handgun. The Commission's notice of hearing charges that Gomez's presence at the piers or other waterfront terminals in the Port of New York district constitutes a danger to the public peace or safety, and the administrative hearing is to determine whether to revoke, cancel, or further suspend his registration as a longshoreman.



April 17, 2020 – United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Affirms the Convictions of Special Deal General Foreman Paul Moe, Sr.

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal of former “special package” foreman, Paul Moe, Sr. of Atlantic Highlands, NJ and affirmed his convictions. As previously reported, Moe was convicted on October 31, 2017 on all 14 counts of an indictment charging him with one count of wire fraud conspiracy and 13 substantive counts of wire fraud. He was convicted following a 10-day trial before U.S. District Court Judge Katharine S. Hayden in Newark federal court. Moe was found to have fraudulently collected a compensation package that paid him almost \$500,000 annually while showing up at his job site for as little as eight hours per week. In order for Moe to collect his \$9,300 weekly paycheck, other conspirators submitted false timesheets each day on his behalf and even credited him for up to 16 hours of overtime a day. Moe was sentenced in March 2018 to two years in federal prison, but was allowed to remain free on bail pending appeal. Given the COVID-19 Pandemic, the district court has allowed Moe to postpone surrender for his sentence.