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Vermont Man Sentenced to Over Two Years for Wire Fraud

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II announced that **Craig Sanborn**, age 64, of Maidstone, Vermont, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by Judge John A. Woodcock, Jr. to 28 months in prison for wire fraud. He was also ordered to pay \$300,000 in restitution, a \$7,500 fine and to serve three years of supervised release. The sentence is to be served consecutively to two 10-year sentences Sanborn is currently serving in New Hampshire state prison for manslaughter associated with a fatal explosion at a Colebrook ammunition-making facility in May 2010. Sanborn was convicted after a week-long jury trial on April 25, 2014.

Court documents and trial testimony reveal that in 2005, Sanborn received a \$300,000 federally-funded Community Development Block Grant to renovate the former rail terminal in Brownville, Maine, into a facility to manufacture ammunition for black powder rifles. The grant entitled him to reimbursement for machinery purchases and certain other expenses, provided he had invested \$300,000 of his own funds towards the project. The evidence showed that he submitted false invoices to the Town of Brownville and received grant reimbursement to which he was not entitled.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Brownville Police Department.

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