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An official at Aruba's national telecom provider, Servicio di Telecomunicacion di Aruba pleaded guilty in Miami federal court to laundering bribe money from American vendors in exchange for contracts.



"Koolman took more than \$1.3 million in bribes. "He received the corrupt payments via wire transfer from banks located in the United States, in cash during meetings in Miami and in Aruba, and by withdrawing cash in Aruba using a bank card that drew money from a U.S.-based bank account," the DOJ said. Koolman also provided "favored vendors" with Setar's confidential information, the DOJ said."

-FCPA Blog, June 27th 2018

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The brother of Honduran official pleaded guilty to his role in laundering \$1.3 million in bribes that were used to buy real estate in the New Orleans area.



"According to the plea agreement, Zelaya conspired with his brother to launder the money. Zelaya's brother is the former Executive Director of the Honduran Institute of Social Security, a public program that provides pensions and healthcare coverage to Honduran citizens. The \$1.3 million in bribes was paid by two Honduran businessmen to benefit Zelaya's brother.."

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The wife of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was charged with fraud and breach of trust over the alleged misuse of state funds at the couple's official residence.



"Mrs Netanyahu has long faced allegations of abusive behaviour and living extravagantly in a manner out of touch with the general public. The PM also faces several police investigations into alleged corruption. In one case, he and family members are suspected of receiving \$285,000 (£215,000) worth of luxury cigars, champagne and jewellery from wealthy personalities in exchange for financial or personal favours."

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