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Case ID #: ~~Q72B-SC-1~~ (Pending)

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Title: ANTHONY RAY MANUEL;
MORNINGSTAR PACKING CO-VICTIM;
MAIL FRAUD-MONEY LAUNDERING

Synopsis: To open and assign case.

Details: Writer met with Donald Vilfer and Pam Hanback of Vilfer & Associates to discuss an investigation being conducted by Vilfer's firm.

Anthony Manuel was a former sales representative for Morningstar Packing Co. (Morningstar). Morningstar is one of the world's largest processors of tomatoes and tomato products. Manuel left Morningstar to work with a competitor of Morningstar, SK Foods, located in Stockton, California.

After Manuel's departure, Morningstar attempted to reconcile accounts with foreign customers when it discovered Manuel diverted money owed Morningstar to a company which appeared to be set up by Manuel's wife, Sharon Towe. It appears over \$1 million was diverted to Manuel.

Vilfer also is investigating the possibility of another fraudulent scheme involving the reported payment of bribes by SK Foods to key employees of commercial purchasers of processed tomato products in order to secure lucrative contracts to the detriment of competitors, and also possibly defrauding the purchaser's own companies. This scheme is being operated by Randall Rahal, through his company in New Jersey, Intramark.

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