

en español









Search this site

HOME

**ABOUT** 

**AGENCIES** 

**RESOURCES** 

**NEWS** 

**CAREERS** 

**CONTACT** 

Home » Office of Public Affairs » News



### JUSTICE NEWS

## **Department of Justice**

Office of Public Affairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

## Packaged Seafood Executive Agrees to Plead Guilty to Price-Fixing Conspiracy

#### Second Defendant Agrees to Plead Guilty in Ongoing Investigation

The current senior vice president of trade marketing of a leading packaged seafood company has agreed to plead guilty for his role in a conspiracy to fix the prices of packaged seafood such as canned tuna sold in the United States, the Department of Justice announced.

According to a one-count felony charge filed today in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, Kenneth Worsham and his co-conspirators agreed to fix the prices of packaged seafood from as early as 2011 until about 2013. In addition to his guilty plea, which is subject to court approval, Worsham has agreed to pay a criminal fine and cooperate with the division's ongoing investigation.

"The Antitrust Division and its law enforcement partners are once again sending a strong signal that high-ranking executives responsible for fixing the price of shelf-stable tuna must be held accountable," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Renata Hesse of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. "We will continue our work to root out the collusion among packaged seafood companies that targeted American consumers."

According to the charge, Worsham and his co-conspirators discussed the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States and agreed to fix the prices of those products. The defendant and his co-conspirators negotiated prices and issued price announcements for packaged seafood in accordance with the agreements they reached.

Today's charge is the second to result from an ongoing federal antitrust investigation into the packaged seafood industry, which is being conducted by the Antitrust Division's San Francisco Office and the FBI's San Francisco Field Office. Anyone with information on price fixing, bid rigging or other anticompetitive conduct related to the packaged seafood industry should contact the Antitrust Division's Citizen Complaint Center at (888) 647-3258, visit www.justice.gov/atr/contact/newcase.html or call the FBI tip line at (415) 553-7400.

**Worsham Information** 

Topic(s):

Antitrust

**Press Release Number:** 

16-1517

**Component(s):** 

**Antitrust Division** 

Updated March 9, 2017

#### QUICK LINKS

Report a Crime

View Most Wanted Fugitives

Report and Identify Missing Persons

Get Help & Information for Crime Victims

Locate a Prison, Inmate, or Sex Offender

Find Sales of Seized Property

Submit a Complaint

Register, Apply for Permits, or Request Records



# U.S. DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE | 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

**ABOUT** 

The Attorney General Budget & Performance

History Privacy Program

**AGENCIES** Organizational Chart

Alphabetical Listing

**RESOURCES** 

Grants Business Forms

Publications

Information for Victims in Large

Cases

**NEWS** 

Press Releases Public Schedule

Videos Photos **CAREERS** 

Legal Careers Veteran Recruitment Disability Hiring

**CONTACT** 

JUSTICE.GOV

Archive Accessibility Adobe Reader

FOIA

No FEAR Act **Information Quality Privacy Policy** Legal Policies &

Disclaimers

Social Media For Employees Office of the Inspector

General Open Government Plain Writing

USA.gov BusinessUSA