



Memorandum

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To: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
The Honorable Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General

Date: January 12, 2009

Re: Nilo Juri Sentenced as a Result of OIG Investigation of Campaign Trust Fund
Fraud; Ref. IG04-67

The fourth criminal prosecution resulting from a joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) into theft of Miami-Dade County Campaign Trust Fund (Trust Fund) monies concluded with the sentencing of Nilo Juri (Juri) on Thursday, January 8, 2009. Juri was charged with indirect contributions to the Jorge Roque Campaign for County Commission District 13 in 2004. These contributions allowed the Roque Campaign to meet the eligibility requirements to receive \$75,000 from the Trust Fund. Juri was also charged with *Solicitation to Commit Perjury*, *Campaign Contributions in the Name of Another*, and *Excessive Campaign Contributions* to the 2003 Hialeah City Council Campaigns of Adriana Narvaez, Vanessa Bravo, and Cindy Miel.

The investigation commenced shortly before the 2004 election when the OIG was alerted to irregularities in the Roque Campaign's contributors list submitted to obtain County Trust Fund monies. The investigation uncovered that the Roque Campaign committed fraud to obtain County funds. To date, Rita Picazo (Roque's sister-in-law), Vanessa Bravo, Jorge Roque, and Nilo Juri have been charged, convicted, and sentenced for their part in the scheme to obtain Trust Fund monies.

The OIG is grateful to the County's Department of Elections, who provided invaluable assistance to the OIG during the course of the investigation. The OIG remains committed to targeting fraudulent activities that adversely impact the public's confidence in County programs.

cc: Mr. George Burgess, County Manager
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