

FBI Impersonators Sentenced In Robbery Attempt

OCEAN RIDGE, FLA---Three men who impersonated federal agents in order to carry out an armed home invasion robbery have been sentenced.

Igor Lossowski, Jan Jochim, and Nicolae Marinita were charged with conspiracy to commit a home invasion robbery and extortion, to carry firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence, and to impersonate federal agents. Those charges stemmed from a failed home invasion robbery committed by Lossowski, Jochim, Marinita, and two others, Pawel Kabat and Calin Marinau, on Feb. 9, 2004, in Ocean Ridge, according to federal prosecutors.

Prosecutors said in order to gain entry into the home, two of the men, Marinau and Marinita, dressed up like FBI agents, carrying fake identifications and firearms. When the victims allowed the false FBI agents into their home, they were handcuffed and tape was placed over their mouths. Then Lossowski, Jochim, and Kabat entered the home. The defendants stayed with the victims for several hours, torturing the male victim with a stun gun, placing a gun to his head, and threatening to cut off his wife's fingers and ears until money was paid to the defendants. The female victim was told that her feet would be broken with a hammer if she did not tell the defendants where money was hidden in the home.

Prosecutors said after several hours of torturing the victims and after unsuccessfully searching the home for money, the defendants finally left the victims' home after the male victim promised that he would deliver money to Lossowski the following day. After the defendants left, the victims contacted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted surveillance at the agreed location. Kabat was observed waiting at the location. Thereafter, Lossowski was interviewed and, after his interview, fled the United States for his native Poland.

Once Lossowski returned to the United States, he was apprehended and charged with the offenses related to the home invasion robbery and the possession of firearms by a non-immigrant alien. Lossowski, Jochim, and Marinita all entered

guilty pleas to the charges, and were sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley. Lossowski received a sentence of 70 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, the forfeiture of two firearms, and an \$800 special assessment.

Jochim received a sentence of 76 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release and a \$300 special assessment. Marinita received a sentence of 48 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release and a \$300 special assessment. Lossowski and Marinita, who are foreign nationals, will face deportation proceedings following the completion of their terms of imprisonment.

Co-defendant Calin Marinau was convicted by a jury in October 2005 and is awaiting sentencing. Co-defendant Pawel Kabat entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy charges on January 29, 2006, and is awaiting sentencing.

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