Document Fraud & Identity Theft Investigations & Prosecutions

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Recent Trends In Document Fraud & Identity Theft Prosecutions

- The Explosion Of Document Fraud & Identity Theft Offenses

- The Victim Impact Of These Crimes
  - Long Lasting
  - Widespread

- From Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts to Welfare Beneficiaries
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- Caselaw & Policy Changes Regarding Discovery
  - Jencks, Gilgio, Brady Information
  - If Federal Authorities Work With The State Authorities, We Must Receive & Provide Discoverable Information From State Files
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  - One Defendant Sentenced To 9 Years Incarceration
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  - Violent Offenses
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Violent Crime
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- Eastern Shore MVA and Narcotics Investigation
  - Two Defendants Sentenced to 17 Years Incarceration
  - Third Defendant Sentenced to 16 Years Incarceration
  - Fourth Defendant Sentenced to 7 Years Incarceration
  - Forfeitures Over $1 Million In Cash
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- A Prosecutor’s Ideal Response To Potential Fraud or Corruption....
- Holding Your Cards Close To The Vest
  - Confronting People vs. Investigating & Prosecuting
- Liaison/Information Sharing
- Investigate: Surveillance, Cooperators, Fake Information, Search Warrants, Recorded Phone Calls
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- Benefits of Timely Investigation....
- Learn of More Serious and Unexpected Crimes
- Proactive Investigative Methods & Their Benefits
- Address Full Extent Of Illegal Conduct & Hold People Accountable
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- The Necessity Of A Good Relationship Between State Authorities & Federal Government
- Usefulness of Outreach
- Importance of close coordination and information sharing at all levels
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• The Maryland Experience

• The MVA Internal Investigative Team & SA Fowler

• Significant Wrongdoing Stopped
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