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**DOJ and other Criminal Proceedings**

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<a href="#">U.S. v. Goettsche et al.</a>	12/5/2019	D. N. J.	19-877	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud; Conspiracy to offer and sell unregistered securities;	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Griffith</a>	11/21/2019	S.D.N.Y.	19-mag-10987	Conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Meiggs and Harrington</a>	11/13/2019	D. Mass.	19-cr-10438	Conspiracy to commit computer fraud and abuse and wire fraud; Wire fraud; Aiding and abetting; Computer fraud and abuse; Aggravated identity theft	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Asa Saint Clair</a>	11/6/2019	S.D.N.Y.	19-cr-_____	Wire Fraud	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Oz Yosef</a>	10/23/2019	S.D.N.Y.	19-cr-00254	Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud; Bank Fraud; Conspiracy to Operate an Unlicensed Money Transmitting Business;	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Nerayoff and Hlady</a>	9/17/2019	E.D.N.Y.	19-M-830	Extortion	

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<a href="#">U.S. v. Gunton and Nashatka</a>	8/13/2019	N.D. Cal.	19-cr-0372	Conspiracy to commit computer fraud and abuse; transmission of a program to cause damage to a computer; unauthorized access to a protected computer to obtain value; conspiracy to commit wire fraud; aggravated identity theft; forfeiture allegations	
<a href="#">U.S. v. BTC-E and Vinnick</a>	7/25/2019	N.D. Cal.	19-cv-4281	Recovery of civil monetary penalty	<a href="#">Civil complaint</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Jon Barry Thompson</a>	7/18/2019	S.D.N.Y.	19-MAG-6649; 19-cr-0698	Commodities fraud (2 counts), wire fraud (2 counts)	<a href="#">Indictment</a> filed 9/27/2019
<a href="#">U.S. v. Savraj Gata-Aura</a>	5/21/2019 (unsealed)	S.D.N.Y.	18-cr-00759	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343)	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Yosef and Fowler</a>	4/30/2019	S.D.N.Y.	19-cr-254	Conspiracy to commit bank fraud; bank fraud; conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business; operation of an unlicensed money transmitting business	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Gift and Usifoh</a>	4/24/2019	D. Or.	19-cr-141-H2	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud; wire fraud; money laundering conspiracy	

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<a href="#">U.S. v McDonnell</a>	3/25/2019	E.D.N.Y.	19-cr-148	Wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343); forfeiture (18 U.S.C. § 981 (a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Antonenko</a>	2/26/2019	D. Mass	19-mj-04153	Money laundering conspiracy (18 U.S.C. § 1956(h))	<a href="#">Assented to Motion to Have Defendant Vitalli Antonenko Evaluated for Mental Competency</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Crater</a>	2/26/2019	D. Mass	19-cr-10063	Wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343); unlawful monetary transaction (18 U.S.C. § 1957); forfeiture (18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461);	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Rice</a>	11/20/2018	N.D. Tex – Dallas Division	18-cr-00587-K	Securities fraud (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78ff; 17 U.S.C. § 240.10b-5); wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343); forfeiture (18 U.S.C. § 981 (a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))	<a href="#">Guilty plea agreement to securities fraud; pending sentencing; parties agreed to recommendation of 60 months (see factual resume)</a>

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New York Attorney General v. Eyal	8/27/2018	Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings		N.Y. General Business Law Article 23-A (the “Martin Act”)	<a href="#">Defendant pleads guilty, ordered to pay \$125k in restitution to Springleap investors, \$475k in fines, and give up remaining digital assets paid by investors, valued at \$450k.</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Moore</a>	8/27/2018	S.D.N.Y.	18-cr-00759	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343)	
<a href="#">U.S. v. Scott</a>	8/21/2018	S.D.N.Y.	17-cr-00630	Conspiracy to commit money laundering (18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i))	Conviction
<a href="#">U.S. v. Campos</a>	8/9/2018	S.D.Ca.	18-cr-3554	18 U.S.C. § 1960(a); 31 U.S.C. § 5318(h); 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A); 18 U.S.C. § 371; 31 U.S.C. § 5324(c); 18 U.S.C. § 982 (a)(1) and (b)(1); 31 U.S.C. § 5317(c) (1)(A) and (B)	<a href="#">Guilty plea to operating an unlicensed money transmitting business (18 USC § 1960); agreed forfeiture of \$823,357; sentence of two years in prison</a>

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<a href="#">New York v. Meza, Guzman, Nunez and Colon</a>	6/12/2018	Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York	04350/2017 & 1932/2018	Penal Law §155.42 (Grand Larceny); Penal Law §165.54 (Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in First Degree); Penal Law §135.20 (Kidnapping in the Second Degree); Penal Law §160.15(4) (Robbery in the First Degree); Penal Law §265.09(1)(b) (Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree); Penal Law §140.25(2) (Burglary in the Second Degree)	<a href="#">Indictment</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Trapani</a>	4/18/2018	S.D.N.Y.	18-mag-3271	15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78ff; 17 C.F.R. §§ 240,10b-5; 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1343, 1349, 2	<a href="#">Trapani pleads guilty to nine counts</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Kantor</a>	4/10/2018	E.D.N.Y.	18-cr-0177	Conspiracy to commit wire fraud; obstruction; false statement; criminal forfeiture	<a href="#">Judgment</a> (Guilty plea to one count of wire fraud; sentence of 86 months in prison; ordered to forfeit roughly \$1.65 million and pay \$806,405 in restitution)
<a href="#">U.S. v. Sharma and Farkas</a>	3/31/2018	S.D.N.Y.	18-mag-2695	15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78ff; 17 C.F.R. §§ 240,10b-5; 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1343, 1349, 2	

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<a href="#">U.S. v. Montroll</a>	2/20/2018	S.D.N.Y.	18-mag-1372 (sealed complaint)	18 U.S.C. § 1621; 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)	<a href="#">Sentence of 14 months in prison</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Kim</a>	2/15/2018	N.D. Ill.	18-cr-107	18 U.S.C. § 1343	Guilty plea to one count of wire fraud; <a href="#">sentence of 15 months in prison</a> ; \$1.14m in restitution
<a href="#">U.S. v. Mansy and TV TOYZ, LLC</a>	12/4/2017	D. Me.	15-cr-198	18 U.S.C. § 1960	<a href="#">Denial of motion to dismiss</a>  <a href="#">Final Order of Forfeiture</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Tetley</a>	11/28/17	C.D.Ca.	17-cr-738	18 U.S.C. § 1960; 18 U.S.C. § 1956	<a href="#">Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order</a>  <a href="#">Final Order of Forfeiture (\$292,264; 25 gold bars; and 40 BTC)</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Zaslavskiy</a>	10/27/2017	E.D.N.Y.	17-cr-647	18 U.S.C. § 371 and 3551 <i>et seq.</i>	<a href="#">Order denying Defendant's motion to dismiss</a>  <a href="#">Judgment</a> sentencing Zaslavskiy to 18 months in prison
<a href="#">U.S. v. Stetkiw</a>	10/25/2017	E.D. Mich.	17-mj-30566	18 U.S.C. § 1960	

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<a href="#">U.S. v. Ong</a>	8/16/2017	W.D.Wa.	17-cr-191	18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(3)(B) and § 1960(b)(1)(A)	<a href="#">Judgment (20 days incarceration; over \$1 million in forfeiture)</a>  <a href="#">Final Order of Forfeiture</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Garza</a>	7/20/2017	D. Conn.	17-cr-158	18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 (wire fraud)	<a href="#">Judgment (sentence of 21 months; restitution of \$9,182,000)</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Haddow</a>	6/29/2017	S.D.N.Y.	17-cr-4939	18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2 (wire fraud)	
<a href="#">U.S. v. BTC-E and Vinnick</a>	1/17/2017	N.D.Ca.	16-cr-227	18 U.S.C. § 1960; 18 U.S.C § 1956(h); 18 U.S.C § 1956(a)(1); 18 U.S.C § 1957; 18 U.S.C § 982(a)(1)	<a href="#">FinCen civil money penalty (\$110 million as to BTC-e; \$12 million as to Vinnick)</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Petix</a>	12/4/2015	W.D.N.Y.	15-cr-227	18 U.S.C. § 1960	<a href="#">Denial of motion to dismiss</a>  <a href="#">Judgment</a>  <a href="#">Final order of forfeiture</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Michael Lord and Randall Lord</a>	11/18/2015	W.D.La	15-cr-00240	18 U.S.C. § 371; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1960(a), (b)(1)-(2); 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a); 18 U.S.C. §§ 5313, 5322; 18 U.S.C. § 2; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343	<a href="#">Opinion affirming district court's judgment denying Defendants' motion to withdraw their guilty pleas</a>

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<a href="#">U.S. v. Murgio, Lebedev, and Gross</a>	7/21/2015	S.D.N.Y.	15-cr-769	18 U.S.C. § 371; 18 U.S.C. § 1960 and 2; 18 U.S.C. § 215(a); 18 U.S.C. § 1349; 18 U.S.C. § 1343; 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A)	<a href="#">Denial of motion to dismiss</a>  <a href="#">Defendants plead guilty; sentenced to prison</a>  <a href="#">Second Circuit affirms district court verdicts and sentences</a>
Florida v. Espinoza	2/6/2014 (approx.)	11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade County, Florida	F14-2923	§ 560.125(5)(a), Fla. Stat.; § 896.101(5)(a) and (5)(b) ( <a href="#">revised to add virtual currency</a> )	Case <a href="#">dismissed</a>  <a href="#">Case reinstated on appeal; in part on the basis of the definition of bitcoin as a “medium of exchange”</a>
<a href="#">U.S. v. Budovsky and Liberty Reserve</a>	5/28/2013	S.D.N.Y.	13-cr-368	18 U.S.C § 1956(h) (conspiracy to commit money laundering); 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmission business); 18 U.S.C. § 1960 (operation of an unlicensed money transmission business)	<a href="#">Denial of motion to dismiss, to strike surplusage, and to compel</a>  <a href="#">Final order of forfeiture</a>  <a href="#">Second Final Order of Forfeiture</a>



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<a href="#">U.S. v. Faiella (aka BTCKing) and Shrem</a>	1/24/2013	S.D.N.Y.	14-mag-0164	18 U.S.C. §§ 1960, 1956; 31 U.S.C. §§ 5318(g) & 5322(a)	<a href="#">Defendants both plead guilty</a> ; Shrem sentenced to <a href="#">2 years in prison, 3 years supervised release, and \$950,000 in forfeiture</a> ; Faiella <a href="#">sentenced to 4 years in prison, 3 years supervised release, and \$950,000 in forfeiture</a>

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