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BRAD WELLS, of 115 Cordova Boulevard NE, St. Petersburg Florida 33704 was interviewed at the National Sports Collectors Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Also present for the interview was United States Postal Inspector MATTHEW CARLSON. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, WELLS provided the following information:

WELLS was the owner of AUTHENTIC SPORTS INC (ASI). ASI is a now defunct company. WELLS closed ASI approximately five or six years ago. WELLS and his business partner JAMES BROWN are the current owners of HISTORIC AUCTIONS. WELLS and BROWN have a few other investors but for the most part, WELLS and BROWN run the everyday operations of HISTORIC AUCTIONS.

WELLS was shown a photo copy of the ASI website and asked to comment on the first sentence under the heading of "Authenticity." That sentence read "ASI brings a whole new dimension to collecting game-used and signed memorabilia. Every item we receive is directly from the players themselves, NOT second-hand." WELLS stated that ASI did obtain items directly from players such as SAMMY SOSA. WELLS said that he also obtained items from a Florida collector that had relationships with Miami area players like JASON TAYLOR and CHAMP BAILEY. WELLS stated that he should have shut down the ASI website after closing the company, but he forgot.

HISTORIC AUCTIONS was started in 2005, HISTORIC AUCTIONS ran once a year auctions at the start, but currently HISTORIC AUCTIONS runs monthly auctions. Most game used items such as jerseys, gloves and helmets are reviewed for authenticity by LOU LAMPSON. LAMPSON has reviewed all game used items since HISTORIC AUCTIONS' first auction. PSA and JOHN TAUBE review all autographs and bats sold by HISTORIC AUCTIONS.

WELLS was then given a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena for records related to the purchase and sale of game used items by ASI. After reviewing the ASI subpoena, WELLS was asked if he would accept service of a similar subpoena for HISTORIC AUCTIONS' records based on the fact that WELLS said he was a partner in HISTORIC AUCTIONS. WELLS agreed to accept the subpoena on behalf of HISTORIC AUCTIONS.

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Upon reviewing the HISTORIC AUCTIONS subpoena, WELLS said "am I in trouble." SA BRUSOKAS told WELLS that it would be best if WELLS thought about what he said during his interview and contact SA BRUSOKAS at a later date because some of the information supplied by WELLS was not accurate. SA BRUSOKAS specifically referenced the fact that WELLS said ASI obtained game used items directly from the players and the claim on the ASI website that ASI did not obtain items second hand. SA BRUSOKAS told WELLS that he knew many of WELLS' sources for game used items, he knew the questionable nature of the items and he knew that ASI sold those questionable items to the card companies. WELLS then asked SA BRUSOKAS if he could talk now because he wanted to "do what was right." WELLS, Inspector CARLSON and SA BRUSOKAS then walked to a less crowded public area of the convention center and began to discuss the game used industry.

WELLS' primary supplier of football jerseys was BERNIE GERNAY. GERNAY said that he had contacts with several NFL teams and that is how he could get so many game used jerseys. GERNAY was friends with LAMPSON and ERIC INSELBERG. LAMPSON is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable people in the business when it comes to football jerseys. WELLS recalled that GERNAY was one of his sources for short sleeve PEYTON MANNING jerseys. WELLS recalled that he attempted to auction a short sleeve MANNING jersey through HISTORIC AUCTIONS but pulled the jersey after receiving complaints that MANNING never wore short sleeve jerseys during a game. WELLS also purchased short sleeve MANNING jerseys on eBay.

WELLS also obtained game used jerseys from BRAD HORN. WELLS believes that he obtained the infamous game used TROY POLAMALU jersey offered by HISTORIC AUCTIONS from HORN. HISTORIC AUCTIONS pulled the jersey after receiving several complaints from their customers about the jersey. The POLAMALU jersey was infamous because the name POLAMALU was misspelled on the back of the jersey.

MARCO MARCIANO (Phonetic) was the individual that WELLS referred to earlier in the interview that had connections with Miami are NFL players. WELLS has not spoken with MARCIANO in several years.

WELLS also purchased game used items on eBay. WELLS sold the jerseys he obtained on eBay at auction and to card companies.

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WELLS sold game used jerseys to the three major card companies, DONRUSS, UPPER DECK and TOPPS. On paper, the entity that sold game used jerseys to the card companies was ASI. The card companies knew that WELLS was the owner of ASI. The card company that WELLS sold the most game used jerseys to was DONRUSS. WELLS sold the least amount of game used jerseys to TOPPS.

SAM NEWMAN and JOE WHITE were buyers for DONRUSS. WHITE and NEWMAN came to work for HISTORIC AUCTIONS for a period of approximately one year but then went back to DONRUSS. WHITE was hired to bring in consignments for HISTORIC AUCTIONS but after a year of employment, WELLS was forced to let WHITE go. NEWMAN was hired to work at HISTORIC AUCTIONS primarily because she and WELLS dated. After WELLS and NEWMAN broke up, NEWMAN went back to DONRUSS.

WELLS' described his original business partner SCOTT MONETTE as "a bad guy." MONETTE and WELLS were partners in AUTHENTIC SPORTS INVESTMENTS. WELLS and MONETTE split in 2004. WELLS was asked if he ever took part in dirtying up new or issued items to make them look game used and then selling those items as game used. WELLS said that he was familiar with the posting on the Game Used Universe forum where BRYAN OBERLY talked about WELLS and several other employees taking bats out to a local baseball field and playing home run derby to make the bats look game used. WELLS said that OBERLY's statements were correct, but it was MONETTE's idea to make the bats look game used. WELLS stated that he knowingly took part in MONETTE's plan but he felt guilty about it.

WELLS was asked if he did the same type of "dirtying up" with game used jerseys and gloves. WELLS said that on occasion, he did put jerseys he received in the dryer to take fold marks out of them. WELLS said that upon receiving a box of jerseys from sellers like GERNAY, they would have fold marks in them and he put those jerseys in the dryer to take out to fold marks.

WELLS noticed that many of the game used jerseys he obtained from sources like GERNAY had no use or light use on them. WELLS assumed that the jerseys with no use on them were team issued jerseys that were never used in a game by the player. WELLS also questioned the number of light used jerseys he received. WELLS sold the team issued and light use jerseys to the card companies as game used, even though he knew the jerseys were not game used. WELLS printed out a certificate of authenticity (COA) for the jerseys he sold to the card companies and those COAs said that the

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items were game used. WELLS knows that many of the COAs he supplied to the card companies were false because the items were not in fact game used.

GERNAY told WELLS that he would send items to directly to DONRUSS on behalf of WELLS. WELLS never looked at the items GERNAY sent to DONRUSS on his behalf. WELLS did not know that INSELBERG sent items directly to DONRUSS on his behalf and was surprised to find out from SA BRUSOKAS that it occurred. WELLS assumed that because GERNAY and INSELBERG were friends, GERNAY asked INSELBERG to send items to DONRUSS for WELLS.

WELLS met INSELBERG on one occasion. WELLS met GERNAY on a few occasions.

On average, WELLS believes that he paid GERNAY approximately \$1,600 for each jersey.

WELLS purchased items on eBay that were retail or game issued and sold those items to the card companies as game used. WELLS maintained three eBay IDs that he would use to buy and sell items. The main eBay account that WELLS used was HISTORIC AUCTIONS. The other two eBay accounts that WELLS used were, ASI AUCTIONS and TURTLEGRRL18. The TURTLEGRRL18 account was registered under the name of MONETTE's girlfriend BRIENNE Last Name Unknown (LNU).

When asked if he had been suspended by eBay for shill bidding, WELLS said that it was not him that was suspended from eBay for shill bidding, it was MONETTE. MONETTE would frequently attempt to raise the selling prices of certain items on eBay by shill bidding.

WELLS said that he knew what he did in the past was wrong and asked if there was any way he could avoid going to jail. WELLS was told by the interviewing Agents that they could not make any promises about criminal penalties and what was most important for WELLS was that he told the truth. WELLS said that he was telling the truth and that he would do anything to avoid prison.

WELLS was asked if the card companies knew that what he was selling to them was not game used. WELLS said that the card companies were too smart to put their beliefs in writing but they knew a lot of what they were buying from resellers like WELLS was not game used. WELLS recalled a conversation he had with UPPER

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DECK buyer MIKE O'GRADY at the Anaheim, California National Sports Collectors Convention approximately three years ago. During the conversation, O'GRADY told WELLS that UPPER DECK needed eight DEREK JETER jerseys and they were willing to pay between \$1,000 and \$1,200 each. WELLS told O'GRADY that he was paying between \$3,500 and \$5,000 for JETER jerseys from STEINER SPORTS and STEINER SPORTS obtained their JETER jerseys directly from the New York Yankees. WELLS told O'GRADY that by only paying \$1,200 for JETER jerseys, UPPER DECK was inviting fraud. O'GRADY said that UPPER DECK knew what they were getting, but they needed the JETER jerseys at the minimum price.

On several occasions, O'GRADY told WELLS that he was not happy with the whole buying process but that was the way UPPER DECK wanted to do it. O'GRADY told WELLS that on occasion, customers would return problematic uniform swatch cards to the company and UPPER DECK would send those customers some type of replacement item.

O'GRADY told WELLS that UPPER DECK would buy game used pants and put the pants on their game used cards. UPPER DECK would tell their customers that the fabric swatch was part of a players jersey. WELLS explained that in the game used market, not very many people collect game used pants so pants sell for far less than jerseys. Also, pants had less player identifiers such as numbering and name tagging so they are easier to forge.

WELLS also dealt with UPPER DECK buyer CHRIS SHTINO. WELLS believes that all UPPER DECK buyers including SHTINO knew the problems with purchasing game used items from third parties.

BRAD HORN sold WELLS game issued jerseys and WELLS sold those game issued jerseys to the card companies as game used.

GERNAY was always able to get Tampa Bay Buccaneers jerseys for WELLS. WELLS specifically recalled GERNAY getting him a lot of CARNELL WILLIAMS. GERNAY told WELLS that he was good friends with the equipment manager of the Buccaneers and that was why he could get so many Buccaneers jerseys. During a later phone call, WELLS asked GERNAY what the name of the Buccaneers equipment manager was and GERNAY said that he did not know. The Buccaneers jerseys that GERNAY obtained for WELLS usually had little to no use and WELLS believed they were properly tagged team issued jerseys. WELLS still sold the jerseys as game used jerseys to the card companies.

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CARLOS TORREZ was a buyer for DONRUSS. WELLS heard that a seller named JO LNU, JOE LNU or JOEL LNU gave TORREZ kickbacks to get DONRUSS to purchase from him. WELLS then said that the seller he was thinking of may have been JOEL ALPERT.

WELLS give NEWMAN a one time payment of \$1,000 when she was with DONRUSS. WELLS referred to the \$1,000 payment as a thank you for all of NEWMAN's hard work. WELLS did send alcohol to several card company buyers as a thank you.

WELLS recalled a conversation he had with NEWMAN where NEWMAN said that she knew some of the items DONRUSS put on their cards were not game used. WELLS again stated that he believed all the card companies knew they were buying questionable game used jerseys because they were not willing to pay market price for game used jerseys.

WELLS was asked if he recalled receiving packages from GERNAY that were drop shipped from Rockford, Illinois? WELLS said he did not recall receiving any GERNAY shipments from Illinois. When told that according to invoices subpoenaed in the case, football jerseys were shipped to WELLS from Illinois, WELLS said that it was possible because he received a lot of jerseys from GERNAY.

WELLS admitted that engaged in drug use during the closing nights of some of his auctions.

At the conclusion of the interview, WELLS stated that he could be contacted by the interviewing Agents at any time and provided his cellular phone number,