

## FBI HAILS EFCC OPERATIVES FOR ARRESTING NIGERIAN FRAUDSTER

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation, has issued certificates of outstanding performance to

some operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission. The beneficiaries are officers who participated actively in the arrest of Nigerian fraudsters that had been on the FBI's wanted list.

The FBI Legal Attaché to the US Embassy in Nigeria, Kenny Ivy, who presented the certificates on behalf of the agency, said the FBI was impressed with the professionalism shown by the EFCC, particularly in the arrest of Rasheed Mustapha, who escaped from the United States and took refuge in Nigeria after defrauding an American company of about \$800,000.

Ivy thanked the commission for its efforts and said the FBI looked forward to a continuous working relationship with the EFCC. Also present at the event was Jennifer Dent, who has been in Nigeria for two years working on the case, expressed appreciation for the support she received from the commission.

The 35-year-old Mustapha was alleged to have in 2006, conspired with four other persons including his cousin also based in the United States to obtain checks totaling \$800,000 from the 401(k) Plan (pension scheme) to which they were not entitled.

**NIGERIAN EX-MILLITANTS REPATRIATED FROM SRI LANKA.**

Eight Nigerian ex-militants sent for a training program in Sri Lanka have been brought back to face trial at home after they fought and destroyed property, an official said. They came back home as scheduled and were immediately handed over to security agents for investigation and prosecution. The ex-militants who were sent to Sri Lanka about a month ago for a nine-month training in ship building and under-sea welding allegedly engaged in fighting among themselves and destroyed some training equipment, an official said.

Their action was a breach of a code of conduct which they signed and promised to abide by, he said. The eight are part of 50 former Niger Delta militants sent to Sri Lanka for vocational training as part of the implementation of government amnesty program, the official also added.

The Nigerian government in 2009 granted amnesty to more than 20,000 former “oil rebels” who laid down their arms. More than 6,000 of them have so far been rehabilitated in batches in a camp set up for the southeast region of the country, officials reported. Hundreds of them ave recently been sent to several countries for vocational training. The amnesty deal has led to a sharp decline in attacks. Nigeria last month produced around 2.26 million barrels daily, according International Energy Agency figures.

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