



# Part 2: A Survey of Fraud Cases

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IN  
THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

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Chief Judge



# Topics of discussion

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- Overview
- Some case statistics
- Types of Fraud



# Overview

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- Approximately 697 defendants have been charged with felony offenses since October 31, 2006
- 291 defendants charged with felony fraud (42%)

# Types of Fraud

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- **Fraud With Identification Documents**
- **Fraud By Wire, Radio, Or Television**
- **False Statements Or Entries**
- **Bank Fraud**

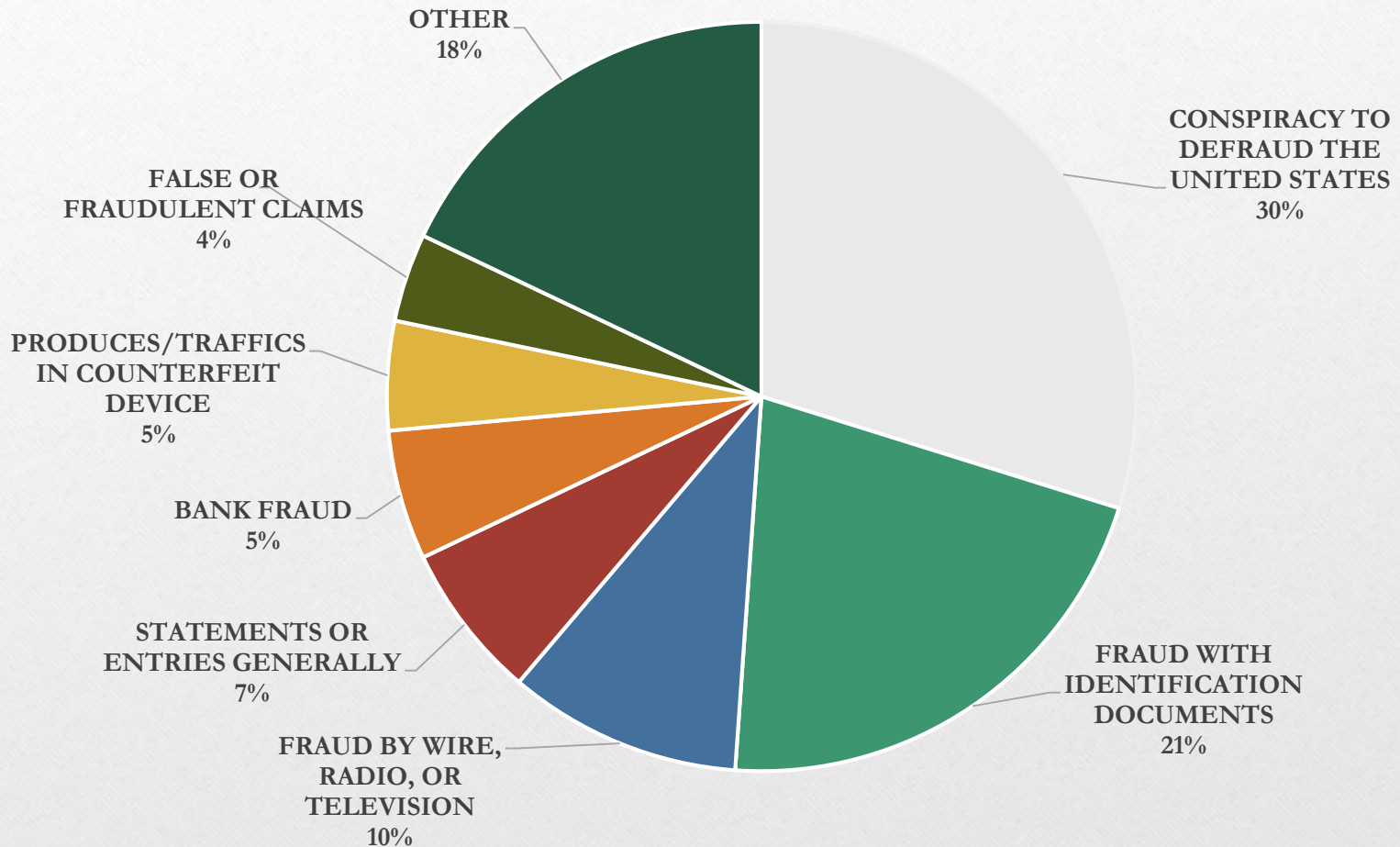


# Types of Fraud

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- **Produces/Traffics In Counterfeit Device**
- **False Or Fraudulent Claims**
- **Attempt And Conspiracy To Commit Mail Fraud**

## Types of Felony Fraud Cases at the District Court of Guam





# Bank Fraud

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- The criminal offense of knowingly executing, or attempting to execute, a scheme or artifice to defraud a financial institution, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises.
- 18 USCA § 1344.

# Wire Fraud

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- An act of fraud using electronic communications, as by making false representations on the telephone to obtain money.
- 18 USCA § 1343.



# Mail Fraud

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- An act of fraud using the U.S. Postal Service, as in making false representations through the mail to obtain an economic advantage (money).
- 8 USCA §§ 1341–1347.

# Money Laundering

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- The act of transferring illegally obtained money through legitimate people or accounts so that its original source cannot be traced.
- 18 USCA § 1956



# Bankruptcy Fraud

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- A fraudulent act connected to a bankruptcy case; any of several proscribed acts performed knowingly and fraudulently in a bankruptcy case.
- 18 USCA § 152.

# Structuring

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- The act of structuring transactions to evade reporting requirements.
- 31 U.S.C. § 5324
- 31 CFR 1010.311



# Marriage Fraud

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- Also known as “Green Card Marriage”
- A sham marriage in which a U.S. citizen marries a foreign citizen for the sole purpose of allowing the foreign citizen to become a permanent U.S. resident.
- 8 USCA §§ 1154 (h), 1255(e)
- 18 USCA § 1325(c).