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White collar Crimes

There was a case of White Collar Crime that occured in Washington, January 2020, where two Washington locals attempted an insurance-fraud scheme by staging a total of seven accidents ranging from falls, to automobile accidents, to even boating accidents. In terms of damages, the two locals stole nearly $1.5 million. Of course the suspects were charged by the U.S. Attorney’s Office Eastern District of Washington, in combination, of healthcare fraud, mail and wire fraud conspiracy. The defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 10 and 13 months in prison based on the sums stolen. I found that this crime’s damage was devastating because of the amount of money they stole, $1.5 million. The party that was affected the most was the insurance companies and I’m not too sure how I would mitigate these crimes. Insurance fraud is really common, and with more restrictions may cause an adverse effect on people who need it. Maybe keeping track of specific people who commoningly get into accidents?

Another case of White Collar Crime occurred in Colorado, March 2020, by a mother and daughter duo. In this case they were arrested for selling body parts, at times entire bodies without the permission of the body’s family members. They claimed to charge families for cremation services but instead took those bodies and sold them, To make matters more complex they created a non-profit donor service organization which they used a third-party to transfer said bodies. Disgustingly, they even transidered infectious ridden bodies claiming they were certified disease-free. Not only did they do damages to the associated family’s mentality, they did potential damages to those they sold the body parts to. They were charged with 20 year in prison. I found that the crime’s damage was both immortal and devastating. They stole dead bodies and sold them without any care, including bodies that were diseased. The people most affected were the families and hospitals that gained the bodies. I would mitigate this by having more strict restrictions with licensing funeral housing.

In April 2020, Media executives attempted to bribe a soccer official. The reason behind this was they were aware of bidding behind the games and wanted a specific team to win. They were charged with wire fraud, money laundering, and racketeering conspiracy. Each defendant could face a maximum of 20 years in prison. In terms of how devastating the damages were by this white-collar crime, it’s hard for me to fully understand. I know that gambling in sports is a big deal, but I don’t know to what extent. This affects the people who bid on the soccer game, and the moral code of the competitive sports of soccer. I would mitigate by having a greater punishment for attempted bribery and pay soccer officials better for keeping the game clean.

In Santa Monica, in May 2020, there was a man who was charged for using a personal relationship to defraud women out of their money. Conning them to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars into a fake company. The man used dating apps to target women and pretended to have grand accomplishments. Then he’d develop relationships and con them. In terms of damages, in terms of damages it was great ruining these women’s financially, it wasn’t that devastating. For one, he conned these women for a long time, so I would assume that there should have been plenty of red flags. Personally, I don’t see ways to mitigate these kinds of crime, it just cracks down on social/life experience.

A Florida man falsely identified themself as a representative of a Disco band. He stole the band’s check for $12,500 from an Oregon-based casino. He was charged with wire fraud. In this case I don’t think the crime was that devastating. He only stole a small amount of money but was immediately caught for doing the act. The people affected the most was the band, but they got the money at the end of the day. I would mitigate this type of crime by just identifying who the band’s leader is next time.

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