

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on April 17, 2001, Dr. John A. Campa, III, M.D., a practicing physician, formerly of Nashville, TN, entered a plea of guilty after four days of trial in the Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN. Dr. Campa pled guilty to the indictment less one count. Dr. Campa was charged with 57 counts of mail fraud, 15 counts of health care fraud and 6 counts of false statements in connection with a health care matter. A sentencing date has not been set.

The guilty plea comes after a five year long, multi-agency Federal task force investigation focusing on health care fraud in Middle and Eastern Tennessee. The investigation disclosed Dr. Campa submitted false claims for reimbursement to Federal health care benefit programs, including TRICARE, and private insurance plans. Campa owned and operated Nashville Neuro-Pain Corporation and was the sole medical practitioner associated with the business. Campa submitted claims for services and supplies not provided and also disguised the true nature of other procedures by using unrelated billing codes with higher reimbursement rates.