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Antoine Robert

Robert Antoine was a former official of the Republic of Haiti's state-owned national telecommunications company, Telecommunications D'Haiti (better known as Haiti Teleco). On May 12th, 2010, he pled guilty to a money laundering conspiracy charge in connection with a foreign bribery scheme, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division; U. S. Attorney Jeffrey H. Sloman of the Southern District of Florida; and Daniel W. Auer, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) Miami Field Office.

While holding the position of director of international affairs for Haiti Teleco, Mr. Robert's job was to build and maintain relations between U.S. telecommunications companies and Haiti Teleco. In his guilty plea, Antoine confessed to receiving bribes from three different U.S. telecommunications businesses and defrauding Haiti Teleco. Antoine also admitted to laundering the funds through intermediary companies, employees of which have pled guilty to money laundering among other charges, as a means to conceal the funds origins.

Mr. Robert's faces up to 20 years in prison as well as a fine of either \$250,000 or twice the value of the transaction, whichever is greater.