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Jerome Whittington

In October 2018, Jerome Arthur Whittington was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for conspiracy, wire fraud and passport fraud. The court ordered Whittington to pay \$1.7 million in restitution to his victims. In the various fraud schemes, Whittington posed as a former federal prosecutor, a successful attorney, a special agent with the FBI, and a wealthy real estate investor.

The judge in the case called Whittington's criminal conduct exceptional, saying "the sheer volume and breadth of his fraudulent conduct is unlike anything I've seen from the bench." One victim told the court that Whittington "ruined" his life by stealing retirement savings he had built up during a 40-year career.

Whittington routed victims' funds through TARP recipient banks. SIGTARP was joined in the investigation by the FBI. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California prosecuted the case.