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Other (Letter of Interest)

Bernd Rind

Bernd Rind (Rind) was the owner of B&T Trust LLC (B&T), a financing company based in Miami, Florida. Rind, through B&T, operated an “advance fee” fraud scheme that involved the misuse documents B&T received from the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank), as well as the fabrication of fraudulent EXIM Bank documents. Rind tricked would-be investors in overseas construction projects into paying him hundreds of thousands of dollars in up front “retainer fees” in order to receive non-existent EXIM Bank financing. On November 27, 2018, Rind was indicted in the Southern District of Florida for Aggravated Identity Theft and Wire Fraud as part of this investigation. Rind subsequently pled guilty, was sentenced to 66 months in prison followed by 36 months of supervised release and ordered to pay \$217,315 in restitution.