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Borrower Defrauding TARP Banks in Short Sale Property Scheme Sentenced by Federal Court

In November 2019, Nani Isaac was sentenced to time served by a federal court for her role in a short sale scheme. Isaac and two other defendants, Jyoteshna Karan and Praveen Singh, were convicted in July 2019 of conspiracy, bank fraud and mail fraud. Two additional defendants in the case, Martin Bahrami and Mahendra Prasad, pleaded guilty to false statements to a lending institution and mail fraud in 2015 and 2017, respectively.

In June 2015, SIGTARP special agents and our law enforcement partners arrested or served summons on the defendants for defrauding financial institutions out of millions of dollars through a short sale scheme, including multiple banks that were bailed out by TARP. Karan and Singh are scheduled to be sentenced in federal court later this year; and Bahrami and Prasad were sentenced earlier in 2019 and 2017, respectively.

SIGTARP was joined in the investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of the Inspector General, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General, and the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California is prosecuting the case.