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Tim Donaghy Sentenced to 15 Months in Prison

Washington, D.C., July 29, 2008 – After a year-long Federal investigation, Tim Donaghy was sentenced today to a term of 15 months in prison followed by three years probation by US District Judge Carol Amon. Last week, his co-conspirators, James Battista and Thomas Martino, were sentenced to 15 months and one year, respectively. The court also ordered the three men to pay restitution to the NBA totaling approximately \$217,000.

“Though we believe no sentence would ever be able to repair or justify the damage caused by this criminal and scoundrel, we are glad to finally put this behind us,” said Lamell McMorris, spokesperson for the National Basketball Referees Association.

Prior to his sentencing, Donaghy made numerous allegations regarding the NBA and the league’s referees. “Those allegations were intended by Tim to curry favor with the prosecutors. Those same prosecutors stated in court that Tim’s allegations could not be substantiated and did not help the government’s investigation in any way.”

The sentencing brings closure to the investigations and questioning that have taken place since Tim Donaghy plead guilty to betting on games he officiated and providing inside information to others.

“Tim acted in a completely selfish and unforgivable way, and has forever compromised the way people look at sports and officiating. However, NBA referees will continue to officiate with the highest level of integrity and professionalism.” McMorris said.

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