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**ANTHONY COLOMBO PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD CHARGE**  
**IN CONNECTION WITH "NO-SHOW" JOB AT**  
**MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANTHONY COLOMBO pleaded guilty today in Manhattan federal court to participating in a scheme to defraud a Manhattan construction company by obtaining a no-show job for an associate, PHILIP DIOGUARDI.

An Indictment previously filed against COLOMBO alleged that he was a member of the Colombo Brothers Crew, a spin-off of the Colombo Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra. According to statements at COLOMBO'S guilty plea proceedings in Manhattan federal court and the felony Information to which he pleaded:

COLOMBO, from 1999 through 2001, engaged in a scheme to defraud EDP -- a Manhattan construction company -- by arranging a no-show job for DIOGUARDI, so that he would be paid for hours that he did not work as an employee at EDP.

During his guilty plea, ANTHONY COLOMBO admitted that, from 1999 to 2001, "I assisted PHILIP DIOGUARDI in obtaining a job with EDP entities knowing that he did not actually perform at all times the work he was paid for."

ANTHONY COLOMBO faces a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment and maximum fine of \$250,000. He is scheduled to be sentenced before United States District Judge NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD on November 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. GARCIA praised the combined investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Labor, the New York State Attorney General's Office Organized Crime Task Force, and the New York State Police, for their work on this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys LISA A. BARONI and  
JASON P.W. HALPERIN are in charge of the prosecution.

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