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## **SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY PHYSICIAN AMONG TWO MEN ARRESTED IN MULTIMILLION DOLLAR MONEY LAUNDERING CASE**

RIVERSIDE – Two men, including a physician operating in Southwest Riverside County, have been arrested and charged in connection with a multimillion dollar scheme involving fraudulent commercial loans.

Dr. Donald Woo Lee, DOB: 8-23-65, of Newport Beach, was arrested in Mira Loma on Wednesday morning, Dec. 17, 2014. Sammy Ciling, DOB: 1-16-65, of Temecula, was arrested in Fallbrook on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16, 2014. Lee was booked at Robert Presley Detention Center in Riverside and Ciling at Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta. The men were each being held in lieu of \$3.5 million bail.

Both men have been charged with 55 counts including money laundering -- Penal Code section 186.10 (a) and grand theft. If convicted as currently charged, each of them faces up to 61 years in state prison. Ciling is scheduled to be arraigned on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 63 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside and Lee is tentatively scheduled to be arraigned on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 63.

Lee is a physician operating a medical practice with the name Prime Partners Medical Group in the Temecula and Murrieta areas of Riverside County. Ciling owns and operates several MRI and other medical imaging-related businesses in both Riverside and Los Angeles counties.

Based on the evidence in this case, Lee and Ciling are accused of fraudulently obtaining several commercial loans from various financial institutions. These fraudulently obtained loans totaled more than \$3 million.

Two other men have been charged in connection with the case. Both have warrants issued for their arrests but were not in custody at the time of this news release.

The case, RIF1404436, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Raymond Ramirez of the DA's Special Prosecution Section.