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Murphy Anderson PLLC & Whistleblower Gregory Rudolph Announce \$ 61 Million False Claims Act Settlement with RPM International, Inc. and Tremco, Inc.

Today, a Washington, DC judge unsealed a **\$60,058,963** Department of Justice settlement with **RPM International, Inc.**, and **Tremco, Inc.** RPM, a **Medina, Ohio** publicly-owned company, and Tremco, its wholly-owned subsidiary, paid \$61 million (with interest) to settle claims that Tremco knowingly submitted or caused to be submitted false claims to the United States, from January 2002 to March 2011.

Gregory Rudolph, Rocky River, Ohio, filed his whistleblower suit in 2010 alleging that Tremco illegally sold roofing materials and overcharged government agencies for roofing products and services, via the federal Government Services Administration (GSA) purchasing system. The United States investigated and intervened in his False Claims Act *qui tam* complaint. The United States will share 17.9% of the \$ 61 million settlement with Rudolph.

Greg Rudolph voluntarily quit his position as a Tremco vice president so that he could honestly report the scheme. During the investigation, Rudolph educated federal attorneys and investigators about roofing issues. Meanwhile, his new small roofing consulting business, **Raw Solutions, Inc.**, struggled in a down economy—aiming to provide quality, fairly-priced roofing and reputable roofing consultants.

If Greg Rudolph had not quit Tremco and courageously reported to investigators, the Government would not have known of the claims and could not have recovered the \$ 61 million. His brave efforts saved taxpayers millions of dollars. Greg Rudolph's actions demonstrate that government contractors must play by the rules when selling products and services to the Government.

Attorneys Ann Luginbill of **Cincinnati** and **Mark Hanna**, both with **Murphy Anderson PLLC's D.C.** office, represented **Greg Rudolph**, with **Ann-Marie Ahern of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal and Liffman, Co., LPA**. **Ms. Luginbill** co-authored two books, *False Claims Act: Whistleblower Litigation* and *Representing the Terminated Employee in Ohio*. Government attorneys include **Beverly M. Russell**, D.C. Assistant United States Attorney and **Arnold M. Auerhan**, United States Department of Justice Commercial Litigation Branch/Civil Division.

Murphy Anderson is a public interest law firm. The firm's clients include whistleblowers in healthcare, construction, GSA fraud, and government procurement cases. The whistleblower practice includes international whistleblowing fraud schemes, due in part to the firm's foreign language expertise. **Murphy Anderson** represented whistleblower, **Glenn DeMott**, of **Columbus, Ohio**, who participated in the record-breaking **\$ 2.3 billion Pfizer 2009 settlement**. **Murphy Anderson** attorneys have counseled dozens of successful False Claims Act whistleblowers.

The False Claims Act works by paying a bounty to whistleblowers who voluntarily file confidential whistleblower suits and work in partnership with the U.S. Government to recover funds from fraudulent contractors. The Act has recovered over \$25 billion from fraudulent contractors since 1986.