

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on October 4, 2001, Jay Ronnie Roffman, former owner of Esoteric Testing Laboratory in Indiana, entered into a plea agreement in the Western District of Missouri. On December 14, 2000, Roffman was indicted on 40 counts of mail fraud and 1 conspiracy charge by a Federal grand jury. As part of the plea agreement, Roffman pled guilty to one count of mail fraud.

The indictment alleges the fraudulent scheme caused a loss of more than \$1.5 million to the Medicare and TRICARE programs. Using multiple companies in Indiana and Missouri, Roffman tested blood samples for allergens and submitted fraudulent claims to Government medical insurance programs, including Medicare and Tricare.

Roffman faces a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 at sentencing.