

## Is DC Solar a Ponzi scheme?

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- An owner of DC Solar, a Benicia-based company, was sentenced today for a billion-dollar Ponzi scheme-- the biggest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the Eastern District of California, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

#### Where is DC Solar located?

Flush with Geico's money,DC Solar moved its headquarters,in the summer of 2016,from a back road in Concord to a modern hilltop facility 10 miles north,in Benicia,overlooking the rush of commuters on I-680.

#### What happened at DC Solar headquarters?

At about 9:30 a.m.,the agents swarmedDC Solar headquarters,while a SWAT team broke down the front door of the Carpoffs' hillside home. Agents found nearly \$1.7 million in cash in Carpoff's office safe. The agents pressed employees for the location of his cars. They were pointed down the street,to a trio of pristinely maintained warehouses.

#### What if DC Solar succeeded?

If DC Solar succeeded, Carpoff swore, he'd buy them all Harleys. One of the professionals in the room, a financial modeler named Gary Knapp, helped introduce Carpoff to the law firm Nixon Peabody, which had a well-known tax-credits practice.

## Would DC Solar defraud new buyers?

DC Solar wouldn't just defraud new buyers to pay earlier ones. By holding itself out as a legitimate solar company, it would give all of them--new and old--cover to drain millions of dollars of tax credits from the U.S. Treasury. The American taxpayer, that is, would subsidize the scam.

## Did DC Solar rob the American people?

Because those corporations had used the investment tax credit to deduct roughly that entire sum from their taxes,DC Solar had effectively robbed the American people. The corporations are expected to return their ill-gotten tax breaks to the U.S. Treasury.

The owner of a California-based solar energy company has been sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for bilking investors in a billion-dollar Ponzi scheme, prosecutors say.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- On Oct. 5, 2023, a federal grand jury returned a 23-count indictment against Ari J. Lauer, 59, of Lafayette, charging him with conspiracy to commit wire and bank fraud, bank fraud, and wire fraud affecting a financial institution, for his role in the biggest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the Eastern District of California, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. ...



The husband-and-wife owners of DC Solar, a California solar company that caused Warren Buffett"s Berkshire Hathaway Inc to take a \$377 million charge last year, pleaded guilty on Friday to ...

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A licensed attorney in California, Lauer, from approximately 2009 to January 2019, was outside counsel to DC Solar, which had offices in Solano and Yolo counties and elsewhere in Northern California.

DC Solar Attorney Indicted in the DC Solar Billion Dollar Ponzi Scheme. Tuesday, October 10, 2023. For Immediate Release. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California. ...

U.S. Attorney''s Office, Eastern District of California SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Robert A. Karmann, 55, of Clayton, was sentenced today to six years in prison and ordered to pay \$624 million in restitution for participating in a billion-dollar Ponzi scheme involving DC Solar, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

Alan Hansen, 50, of Vacaville, a former employee of a company that DC Solar purported to do business with, pleaded guilty to participating in the fraud scheme and accepting a \$1 million bribe to ...

On Nov. 16, 2021, Joseph W. Bayliss, 46, of Martinez, was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$481.3 million in restitution for securities fraud and ...

MARTINEZ (CBS SF) - An electrician from Martinez has been ordered to pay \$481 million in restitution and was sentenced to three years in federal prison in connection with a \$1 billion Ponzi scheme.

The selection put DC Solar in the company of far better-known partners, including Amazon Web Services, Alphabet''s Sidewalk Labs, and Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen''s Vulcan Inc., all of which ...

The assets were seized in the fraud prosecution of the owners of DC Solar, a Benicia-based company, who pleaded guilty in January to charges related to a billion dollar Ponzi scheme. Monday''s order follows an earlier order, on March 24, ordering the final forfeiture of 83 seized assets worth more than \$50 million. ... Eastern District of ...

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Estate of DC Solar Sols., 2:19-cv-02544-JAM-DB, see flags on bad law, and search Casetext"s comprehensive legal database ... Court: United States District Court, Eastern District of California. Date published: Feb 4, 2022. Citations Copy Citation. ... and managing member of various limited liability companies ("LLCs") that



purchased ...

In what the Department of Justice described as "the largest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the Eastern District of California," Jeff Carpoff has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. ... At the time, DC Solar"s parent company was claiming \$1-10 billion in assets and minimal ...

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Ryan Guidry, 45, of Pleasant Hill, was sentenced today to six years and six months in prison and ordered to pay \$619,415,950 in restitution for ...

According to the SEC"s complaint, Jeffrey and Paulette Carpoff raised approximately \$910 million from 17 investors between 2011 and 2018 by offering securities in the form of investment contracts through their two solar generator companies, DC Solar Solutions Inc. and DC Solar Distribution Inc.

Second DC Solar Defendant Sentenced to 3 Years in Prison for Billion Dollar Ponzi Scheme. Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Share. Facebook; X; LinkedIn; ... Eastern District of California: Sacramento Main Office 501 I Street, Suite 10-100 Sacramento, CA. 95814. Email USAO-E DCA. Telephone: (916) 554-2700 Fax Line: (916) 554-2900. Stay Connected.

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By Craig Clough. Law360 (November 9, 2021, 8:45 PM EST) -- A California judge sentenced an owner of DC Solar to 30 years in prison Tuesday for masterminding a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors ...

A lawyer for the shuttered DC Solar company at the heart of a nearly \$1 billion fraud case has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Sacramento. ... The allegations were brought for his role in the biggest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the Eastern District of California, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert said in a press release. A ...

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The Department of Justice in Eastern California reported last week that DC Solar was busted in the largest Ponzi scheme in eastern California history. The owners of DC Solar, a Benicia-based ...

Washington, DC - The U.S. Marshals are holding a live auction in Woodland, California, at 9 a.m. PDT Saturday, Oct. 26, for approximately 149 classic, luxury and performance vehicles from a federal civil case involving the owners of the defunct DC Solar company in the Eastern District of California.. The auction will be held at Apple Towing, 550 N. Pioneer Ave., ...



From the DOJ FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, January 24, 2020 Top Executives Plead Guilty to Participating in a Billion Dollar Ponzi Scheme--the Biggest Criminal Fraud Scheme in the History of the Eastern District of California SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The owners of DC Solar, a Benicia-based company, pleaded guilty today to charges related to a ...

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DC Solar sold same generators to different buyers. The scale of the Carpoffs" wealth did not mean DC Solar was successful, however. Prosecutors say the company started out as a legitimate solar ...

"The Chief Operating Officer of DC Solar, Paulette Carpoff, who indulged herself in luxury goods while engaged in lies and deceit, is not an innocent spouse but rather an active conspirator who played a significant and integral role in the largest Ponzi scheme in the Eastern District of California," said IRS Criminal Investigation Special ...

Prosecutors called the criminal fraud scheme the largest in the Eastern District of California, which includes Sacramento. They said that from 2011 to 2018, DC Solar entered \$2.5 billion of transactions to sell mobile solar generators meant to provide emergency power to cellphone towers and lighting at sports events, attracting investors with associated federal tax ...

She served as chief operating office of DC Solar Solutions and participated with her husband and other company officials in what federal prosecutors say was a nearly \$1 billion fraud scheme, the ...

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. Tuesday, June 28, 2022. DC Solar Owner Sentenced to Over 11 Years in Prison for Billion Dollar Ponzi Scheme. SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- U.S. District Judge John A. Mendez sentenced Paulette Carpoff, 51, of Martinez, to 11 years and three months in prison for her role in the biggest criminal fraud scheme in the history of the ...

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