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UPDATE: Men Sentenced In Beef Theft

UPDATE: A California man who tried to steal a truckload of beef from a southwest Kansas slaughterhouse has been sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Monti Belot sentenced Oganeg Nagapetian on Monday for conspiracy to commit interstate shipment fraud.

But the judge gave Tigran Nagapetian a probationary sentence for the less serious crime of hiding a felony for lying to authorities and concealing his brother's actions. Both are from North Hollywood, Calif.

The brothers are accused of trying to steal nearly \$88,000 worth of beef from Tyson Fresh Meats in Holcomb by posing as legitimate freight haulers.

Prosecutors say cargo thefts using trucker identities involve a sophisticated scheme, but Oganeg Nagapetian is not the brains behind the operation.

Two California brothers who tried to steal a truckload of beef from a southwest Kansas slaughterhouse are facing sentencing in federal court.

Oganeg Nagapetian has asked for leniency at Monday's hearing. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit interstate shipment fraud.

Tigran Nagapetian pleaded guilty to the less serious crime of hiding a felony for lying to authorities and concealing his brother's actions. Both are from North Hollywood, Calif.

The brothers were charged with trying to steal nearly \$88,000 worth of packaged beef from Tyson Fresh Meats in Holcomb by posing as legitimate freight haulers. Authorities say the case exemplifies a relatively new form of identity theft.

The Kansas indictment linked Oganeg Nagapetian to cargo thefts in California, but he has not been charged in those cases.

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