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The Coast Guard firefighters boarded the stricken fishing vessel and began dewatering it to keep it from cap-

"We were initially the first in, so once we were relieved, we went to medical monitoring with Cape May city; basiing with Cape May city; basi-cally at that time, you get checked out by the EMS make sure everybody's good to go before sending you back into the staging area," Geraghty said. "We did go back on a second time to do the down second time to do the dewa-tering and check for hot spots, because there were hot spots everywhere."

Firefighter GS7 Nate Hulme and Petty Officers 2nd Class Jamie Kosakowski and Edward Nicholas were the Coast Guard fighters who prepped the pumps and got them running for the dewatering process. There was also a vacuum truck used at the scene as well, keeping oil and other chemicals out of the water. This was Nicholas' first time responding to a fire.

"As we were rolling up, we could see the fire when we turned on to Ocean Drive," he said. "It was good experience - it's definitely a shame what happened to the boat, but it was good for experience. I work with a good bunch of guys and all the other departments that came do a great job too. Everyone works well together."

ČWO Donnie Brzuska said the Coast Guard firefighters' quick response helped prevent damage to a fishing vessel that was moored next to My Girl and prevented the fire from spreading to the Atlantic Cape Fisheries mari-

The New Jersey State Police Marine Division is still investigating how the fire began, but Geraghty said it seemed as though there was maintenance being done on the vessel.

"It looked like they had been doing some work on the boat but the investigation will show what really happened,' he said.

Kosakowski said there was initial concern of people being aboard the boat, but luckily it was found there were not when boarding. Cape May City Fire Chief Jerry Inderwies said one of his firefighters was injured during the blaze, sustaining a second-degree burn on the wrist. Inderwies said the firefighter is recovering nicely. He said the fire was reported by a fisherman near the

bridge on Ocean Drive. Numerous local agen-cies participated in the response including Erma Volunteer Fire Department, Rio Grande Volunteer Fire Department, Villas Volunteer Fire Department, Town Bank Volunteer Fire Department and the Cape May Fire Department.

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Above, left to right, are GS7 Firefighter Nate Hulme, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jamie Kosakowski, Fireman James Schwader, Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Geraghty and 2nd Class Petty Officer Zach Walden

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from five states have been charged in New Jersey for alleged roles in a \$15 million mortgage fraud scam that used phony documents and "straw buyers" to make illegal profits on overbuilt condos, including a defendant who attempted to murder a witness to the scheme.

New Jersey U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced the arrest of Willie W. Richardson, 64, of Bloomfield; Sean A. Souels, 42, of Philadelphia; Nancy E. Wolf-Fels, 55, of Toms River; Deborah L. Hanson, 49, of Voorhees; Fuscellaro of Wildwood Crest; Larry L. Fullenwider, 61, of Millburn; and Angela L. Celli, 41, of Somerset, Mass. The indi-viduals were in federal custody following their arrests last week by special agents

of the FBI and IRS-Criminal then caused the sales prices Investigation.

Dwayne K. Onque, 44, of Belleville surrendered to authorities July 19. Timothy D. Ricks, 44, of East Orange and Orlando Allen, 47, of Fayetteville, Ga., were expected to surrender to federal authorities later the same day. Kinard J. Henson, 40, of Ventress, Ala., was already in federal custody in Alabama.

All 11 defendants were charged with conspir-acy to commit wire fraud. Additionally, Ricks, Henson, Richardson, Allen and Onque are charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering. Henson was also charged with the attempted murder of a straw buyer who was a witness to the mortgage fraud scheme.

"According to the indictment, these defendants created false documents and used straw buyers to convince lenders to give them \$15 mil-lion for properties that were worth far less," Fishman said. "Members of the scheme were willing to launder money – and even to kill – in order to get their hands on the profits and cover their tracks. This case illustrates not only the seriousness of mortgage fraud, but also our focus on eliminating the criminal element from our mar-kets to protect the health of our wider economy."

The U.S. Attorney's Office alleges Ricks and his co-conspirators located oceanfront condominiums overbuilt during the booming real estate market of the early part of the

for the properties - located in Wildwood Crest and North Wildwood, other locations in New Jersey and in Naples, Fla. – to be much higher than the buyout price to ensure large proceeds. Celli and Fuscellaro allegedly helped conceal the true sales prices of certain properties through inflated sales contracts and sale and finder fee agreements.

The Attorney's Office said Ricks, Henson, Allen, and Souels recruited straw buyers, such as Fullenwider and Onque, to purchase those properties at the inflated rates. Fishman said the straw buyers had good credit scores but lacked the financial resources to qualify for mort-gage loans. The conspirators created false documents such as fake W-2 forms, pay stubs, bank statements and investment statements to make the straw buyers appear more creditworthy than they actually were in order to induce the lenders to make the loans.

Once the loans were approved and the mortgage lenders sent the loan proceeds in connection with real estate closings on the properties, Ricks and his conspirators allegedly took a portion of the proceeds, having funds wired or checks deposited into various accounts they controlled. They also distributed a portion of the proceeds to other members of the conspiracy for their respective roles.

Henson learned of a subpoena seeking documents in connection with a straw buy-

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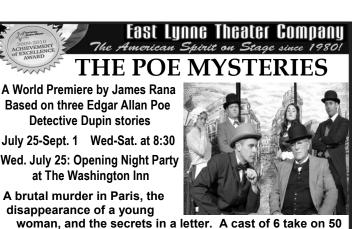
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er's purchases of real estate properties shortly after it was served by federal law enforcement agents on a mortgage brokerage firm. Henson, who had recruited the straw buyer, contacted another individual to kill the straw buyer. They then lured the straw buyer to a wooded area in Mobile, Ala. At Henson's direction and using Henson's firearm, the other individual shot the straw buyer multiple times, Fishman said.

Wire fraud conspiracy charge carries a maximum potential penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. The money laundering conspiracy charge carries a maximum potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The attempted murder of a witness charge carries a maximum potential penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.