



\$3.5M scheme bankrolled N.J. lawyer's luxury car buying spree, feds say

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New Jersey U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman. (Julio Cortez | AP file photo) *(Julio Cortez)*

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TRENTON — A Mahwah man admitted Tuesday that he created a sham law firm so that he could defraud a foreign nation out of \$3.5 million – cash used to bankroll the purchase of a high-end Bentley, a Rolls Royce and a Range Rover, federal prosecutors say.

Bobby Boye, 51, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a single count of conspiring to commit **wire fraud** during an appearance Tuesday before Judge Freda Wolfson in U.S. District Court, according to New Jersey U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman.

Boye faces up to 20 years in prison.

New Jersey federal prosecutors say Boye bought up four properties in Ramsey, North Haledon, Oakland and Elizabeth as well as a 2012 silver Bentley Continental valued at \$172,000, a \$100,000 Range Rover and a 2011 Rolls Royce worth \$215,000.

Boye has agreed to forfeit the properties and the cars to pay off some \$4.2 million he owes the federal government in restitution, according to court papers filed Tuesday.

The country is not identified in court papers.

Boye was serving on a committee set up by the sovereign nation to solicit bids for a multi-million dollar contract for legal and tax accounting device, according to prosecutors.

In order to grab the contract for himself, Boye set up a law and accounting firm in Queens, N.Y. that he secretly controlled, according to prosecutors.

Boye did not tell the country's officials that he owned the company, called Opus & Best, or that he was its only employee, prosecutors say.

Based on Boye's recommendation the company awarded Opus & Best a contract valued at \$3.5 million, prosecutors say.

The money was wired to the company's checking account between June 2012 and December 2012, they say.

The investigation was led by the FBI's Garret Mountain Resident Office in Woodland Park.

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