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DOJ Unseals Day & Johns Suit Against U.S. Security Contractor Triple Canopy
Suit Alleges Unqualified Contractor Guards Left U.S. Bases in Iraq Unprotected

FAIRFAX, VA -- The United States Department of Justice yesterday announced it will intervene in a False Claims Act case filed by Day & Johns, PLLC of Fairfax, Virginia against Reston-based Triple Canopy Inc., a security contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Day & Johns suit alleges false statements or records regarding the training, qualifications, and fitness for duty of security personnel Triple Canopy provided under contract to the United States Government for the protection of U.S. military bases in Iraq. The complaint, brought by Army veteran and Bronze Star recipient Omar Badr, alleges Triple Canopy knowingly provided hundreds of unqualified Ugandan guards that did not meet the U.S. Army's minimum marksman requirements, at five different U.S. bases in Iraq. The complaint continues that Triple Canopy falsified the guards' shooting scores to hide their incompetency.

The evidence Day & Johns supplied led the Department of Justice to intervene and prosecute one of the five counts in Badr's suit. The federal government intervenes in less than a quarter of the whistleblower suits filed annually.

"We are extremely pleased the Department of Justice, after thoroughly investigating the claims, has intervened in this case," stated Milt Johns of Day & Johns, PLLC. "The alleged misconduct is a serious case of a government contractor putting our U.S. military personnel and allied personnel at risk."

Triple Canopy's potential exposure in the suit exceeds \$20 million and could result in disbarment from federal contracting. The case is anticipated to go to trial in early 2014 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia – Alexandria Division.

The suit is being handled by Day & Johns attorneys Milt Johns, Trey Mayfield, and Chris Day.

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Day & Johns PLLC is located in Fairfax, Virginia and includes attorneys with private law experience in both large and small firms licensed to practice in Virginia, California, and the District of Columbia. Additional information can be found at www.dayjohns.com.