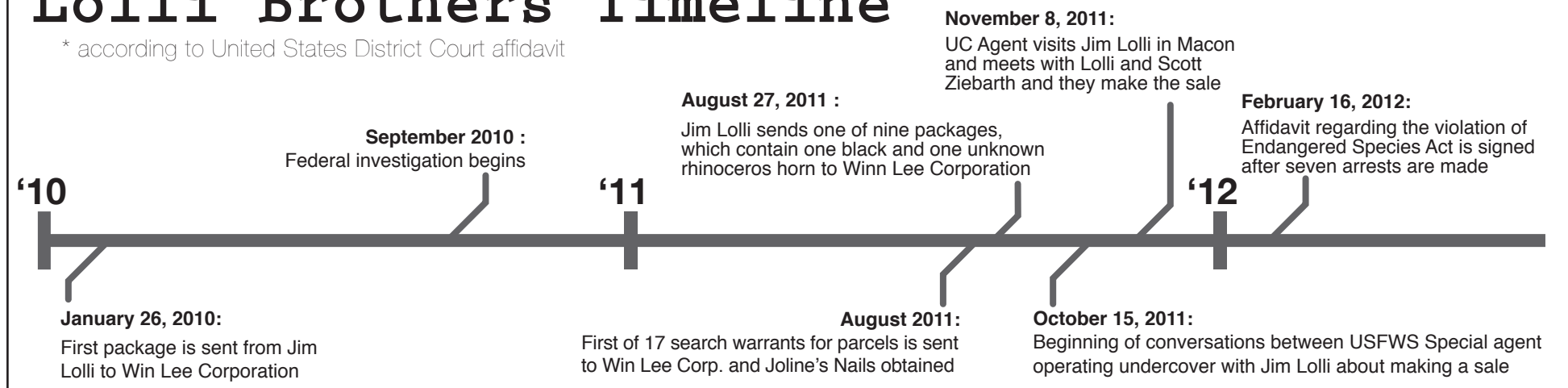


# Lolli Brothers Timeline

\* according to United States District Court affidavit



## RHINOS | The FBI is investigating Macon livestock business for illegal sales of rhinoceros horns to California

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Investigators turned their attention to Macon after noticing a large number of shipments being sent from Jim Lolli, who is running the business, to a company in California whose owners already were being investigated.

During August 2011, the first of 17 search warrants was issued for packages coming into the two California businesses. Eight of those packages came from Lolli, containing about 18 rhinoceros horns.

Three months later, an undercover USFWS agent contacted Lolli, claiming he was interested in selling a horn he had acquired, but didn't know any-

thing about how to do so. The agent eventually went to Macon directly to make the sale Nov. 8, 2011, where the agent dealt with Lolli and Ziebarth, according to the affidavit.

"I try to keep all where it's pretty near legal," Lolli said to the undercover agent, according to the affidavit.

Ziebarth paid the person to pay the agent for the horn, according to the affidavit. Macon Police Chief Steve Olinger said Ziebarth has not worked for the city of Macon since April 2002. He also said their police department is not involved in any investigations.

Grace confirmed a search warrant for Lolli Brothers has

been executed.

Rhinoceros horns cannot be traded across state lines, but it is legal within a state, according to the Endangered Species Act. Grace said how the horns are making it to the Lolli Brothers for legal or illegal sales is still under investigation.

"An individual cannot broker a sale of an endangered species," Grace said.

Cindi Darliang, Liar's Lake exotic animal sales owner in Sparta, Mo., said bad publicity hurts any business, and she fears this might apply to the current situation in Macon.

"The Lollis are one of the oldest sales in the country and arguably the largest exotic sale in

the nation," she said. "Everyone uses their sales as a foundation for their own because they help connect certain market trends."

Darliang said that during her years of experience with Lolli Brothers, she's always seen them notify people about the laws that have to do with their sales.

"If there's anything illegal happening, they haven't been flagrantly doing it in front of anyone," she said. "It's a tricky business."

The Lolli Brothers denied to comment because the investigation still is underway. More information is expected to be released as the investigation expands.

The investigation's impact reaches farther than the business located in Macon.

The Lolli Brothers Livestock Market is a hub for people who make a living from their livestock, including Kirksville resident, agriculture professor Abdo Alghamdi said.

For the spring semester, Alghamdi will take his Animal Health class to Lolli Brothers to learn about biosecurity, which is the procedure used to prevent the spread of diseases when animals are coming from numerous places.

"Their exotic sales are just a portion of what they do, so it would be a shame to see all of the other things stop because of this," he said.

## CAPITOL | Students visit Jefferson City to lobby legislators for higher education funding in the face of potential cuts

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Senior Zach Buckler said he has attended the Truman at the Capitol for four years and thinks it is a great experience. He said the event is important because it puts the University and Truman students into the minds of legislators while they are making vital decisions during a fiscally difficult time.

Buckler said that during the past, students participating in Truman at the Capitol lobbied for specific education bills and issues that could improve or expand higher education.

Every year the issues lobbied are those most pressing to students, said Laura Bates, Student Involvement and Campus Activities director. Bates said she has attended the event for three years as an adviser. She said there is even more need to lobby this year because of the cuts, but the other issues students lobby for each year are important as well.

Students met with legislators throughout the day while at the capitol and left an official Student Senate resolution with the legislators, Paulman said.

## NELY | Current president and vice president of the Student Association announce their decision to not run for re-election during April

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allows Senate to fund off-campus student events.

Nely said he will remember lobbying to have a trial wet tailgate at a football game, lobbying the Board of Governors to provide insurance benefits for same-sex faculty partners and serving on University President Troy Paino's guiding coalition.

With his remaining time in office, Nely said he hopes

to further explore expanding Pickler Memorial Library's hours — possibly to 24 hours a day — as well as other issues started earlier during the year. He said the most important thing he will do this year is discuss the budget and the future of Truman at the all-student meeting, which he scheduled for March 13.

Nely plans to organize an event for the student body,

such as having free hot dogs on The Quad, and plans to create an affordable permanent gift to Truman's grounds, such as a tree or a bench with a plaque.

Nely said he especially is appreciative of Paino and his leadership.

"He has given me so much insight into the way the University operates and has been such an inspiration," he said.



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