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## AUTISM RESEARCHER INDICTED FOR STEALING GRANT MONEY

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### *Thorsen Allegedly Absconded With Over \$1 Million*

ATLANTA, GA - POUL THORSEN, 49, of Denmark, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of wire fraud and money laundering based on a scheme to steal grant money the CDC had awarded to governmental agencies in Denmark for autism research.

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said of the case, "Grant money for disease research is a precious commodity. When grant funds are stolen, we lose not only the money, but also the opportunity to better understand and cure debilitating diseases. This defendant is alleged to have orchestrated a scheme to steal over \$1 million in CDC grant money earmarked for autism research. We will now seek the defendant's extradition for him to face federal charges in the United States."

"Stealing research grant money to line his pockets, as Poul Thorsen stands accused of here today, cheats U.S. taxpayers and will simply not be tolerated," said Derrick L. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Region for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health & Human Services. "HHS/OIG will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to bring these criminals to justice."

Reginael D. McDaniel, Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Region for Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation said, "Today's global economy demands a high-level coordinated approach by multiple agencies and authorities in the investigation of financial crimes. While schemes often become more sophisticated over time, fortunately, so do our investigative techniques. IRS Criminal Investigation is proud to have shared its hallmark expertise in following the money trail in the scheme alleged in this indictment."

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: In the 1990s, THORSEN worked as a visiting scientist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, when the CDC was soliciting grant applications for research related to infant disabilities. THORSEN successfully promoted the idea of awarding the grant to Denmark and provided input and guidance for the research to be conducted. From 2000 to 2009, the CDC awarded over \$11 million to two governmental agencies in Denmark to study the relationship between autism and exposure to vaccines, between cerebral palsy and infection during pregnancy, and between childhood development and fetal alcohol exposure. In 2002, THORSEN moved to Denmark and became the principal investigator for the grant, responsible for administering the research money awarded by the CDC.

Once in Denmark, THORSEN allegedly began stealing the grant money by submitting fraudulent documents to have expenses supposedly related to the Danish studies be paid with the grant money. He provided the documents to the Danish government, and to Aarhus University and Odense University Hospital, where scientists performed research under the grant. From February 2004 through June 2008, THORSEN allegedly submitted over a dozen fraudulent invoices, purportedly signed by a laboratory section chief at the CDC, for reimbursement of expenses that THORSEN claimed were incurred in connection with the CDC grant. The invoices falsely claimed that a CDC laboratory had performed work and was owed grant money. Based on these invoices, Aarhus University, where THORSEN also held a

faculty position, transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars to bank accounts held at the CDC Federal Credit Union in Atlanta, accounts which Aarhus University believed belonged to the CDC. In truth, the CDC Federal Credit Union accounts were personal accounts held by THORSEN. After the money was transferred, THORSEN allegedly withdrew it for his own personal use, buying a home in Atlanta, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and Audi and Honda vehicles, and obtaining numerous cashier's checks, from the fraud proceeds. THORSEN allegedly absconded with over \$1 million from the scheme.

The indictment charges THORSEN with 13 counts of wire fraud and 9 counts of money laundering. The wire fraud counts each carry a maximum of 20 years in prison, and the money laundering counts each carry a maximum of 10 years in prison, with a fine of up to \$250,000 for each count. The indictment also contains a forfeiture provision seeking forfeiture of all property derived from the offenses, including an Atlanta residence, two cars, and a Harley Davidson motorcycle. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health & Human Services and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorneys Stephen H. McClain and Michael J. Brown are prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

For further information please contact Sally Q. Yates, United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is [www.justice.gov/usao/gan](http://www.justice.gov/usao/gan).

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Denmark International Extradition Treaty with the United States

June 22, 1972, Date-Signed

July 31, 1974, Date-In-Force

Treaty signed at Copenhagen June 22, 1972; Ratification was advised by the Senate of the United States of America on March 29, 1974. It was Ratified by the President of the United States of America on April 17, 1974. Ratified by Denmark on June 10, 1974. Ratifications were exchanged at Washington on July 1, 1974. It was Proclaimed by the President of the United States of America on July 18, 1974. It Entered into force on July 31, 1974.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

CONSIDERING THAT:

The Treaty on Extradition between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark was signed at Copenhagen on June 22, 1972, the original of which Treaty is hereto annexed;

The Senate of the United States of America by its resolution of March 29, 1974, two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein, gave its advice and consent to ratification of the Treaty;

The Treaty was ratified by the President of the United States of America on April 17, 1974, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, and has been duly ratified on the part of the Kingdom of Denmark;

The respective instruments of ratification were exchanged at Washington on July 1, 1974;

It is provided in Article 21 of the Treaty that the Treaty shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, proclaim and make public the Treaty to the end that it shall be observed and fulfilled with good faith on and after July 31, 1974 by the United States of America and by the citizens of the United States of America and all other persons subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed this proclamation and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

RICHARD NIXON

By the President:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

Secretary of State

## TREATY ON EXTRADITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

The United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark, desiring to make more effective the cooperation of the two countries for the reciprocal extradition of offenders, agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

Each Contracting State agrees to extradite to the other, in the circumstances and subject to the conditions described in this Treaty, persons found in its territory who have been charged with or convicted of any of the offenses mentioned in Article 3 committed within the territory of the other or outside thereof under the conditions specified in Article 4.

### ARTICLE 2

The requested State shall, pursuant to the provisions of this Treaty, extradite a person charged with or convicted of any offense mentioned in Article 3 only when both of the following conditions exist:

1. The law of the requesting State, in force when the offense was committed, provides a possible penalty of deprivation of liberty for a period of more than one year; and
2. The law in force in the requested State generally provides a possible penalty of deprivation of liberty for a period of more than one year which would be applicable if the offense were committed in the territory of the requested State.

When the person sought has been sentenced in the requesting State, the detention imposed must have been for a period of at least four months.

### ARTICLE 3

Extradition shall be granted, subject to the provisions of Article 2, for the following offenses:

1. Murder; voluntary manslaughter; assault with intent to commit murder.
2. Aggravated injury or assault; injuring with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.
3. Unlawful throwing or application of any corrosive or injurious substances upon the person of another.



4. Rape; indecent assault; sodomy accompanied by use of force or threat; sexual intercourse and other unlawful sexual relations with or upon children under the age specified by the laws of both the requesting and requested States.

5. Unlawful abortion.

6. Procuration; inciting or assisting a person under 21 years of age to carry on sexual immorality as a profession; contributing to the transportation out of the country of a person under 21 years of age or at the time ignorant of the purpose in order that such person shall carry on sexual immorality as a profession abroad or shall be used for such immoral purpose; promoting of sexual immorality by acting as an intermediary repeatedly or for the purpose of gain; profiting from the activities of any person carrying on sexual immorality as a profession.

7. Kidnapping; child stealing; abduction; false imprisonment.

8. Robbery; assault with intent to rob.

9. Burglary.

10. Larceny.

11. Embezzlement.

12. Obtaining property, money or valuable securities: by false pretenses or by threat of force, by defrauding any governmental body, the public or any person by deceit, falsehood, use of the mails or other means of communication in connection with schemes intended to deceive or defraud, or by any other fraudulent means.

13. Bribery, including soliciting, offering and accepting.

14. Extortion.

15. Receiving or transporting any money, valuable securities or other property knowing the same to have been unlawfully obtained.

16. Fraud by a bailee, banker, agent, factor, trustee, executor, administrator or by a director or officer of any company.

17. An offense against the laws relating to counterfeiting or forgery.

18. False statements made before a court or to a government agency or official, including under United States law perjury and subornation of perjury.

19. Arson.

20. An offense against any law relating to the protection of the life or health of persons from: a shortage of drinking water; poisoned, contaminated, unsafe or unwholesome drinking water, substances or products.

21. Any act done with intent to endanger the safety of any person traveling upon a railway, or in any aircraft or vessel or bus or other means of transportation, or any act which impairs the safe operation of such means of transportation.

22. Piracy; mutiny or revolt on board an aircraft against the authority of the commander of such aircraft; any seizure or exercise of control, by force or violence or threat of force or violence, of an aircraft.

23. An offense against the laws relating to damage to property.

24. a. Offenses against the laws relating to importation, exportation or transit of goods, articles, or merchandise.

b. Offenses relating to willful evasion of taxes and duties.

c. Offenses against the laws relating to international transfers of funds.

25. An offense relating to bankruptcy law.

26. An offense against the laws relating to narcotic drugs, cannabis sativa L, psychotropic drugs, cocaine and its derivatives, and other dangerous drugs and chemicals.

27. An offense relating to the:

a. spreading of false intelligence likely to affect the prices of commodities, valuable securities or any other similar interests; or

b. making of incorrect or misleading statements concerning the economic conditions of such commercial undertakings as joint-stock companies, corporations, co-operative societies or similar undertakings through channels of public communications, in reports, in statements of accounts or in declarations to the general meeting or any proper official of a company, in notifications to, or registration with, any commission, agency or officer having supervisory or regulatory authority over corporations, joint-stock companies, or other forms of commercial undertakings or in any invitation to the establishment of those commercial undertakings or to the subscription of shares.

28. Unlawful abuse of official authority which results in grievous bodily injury or deprivation of the life, liberty or property of any person.

Extradition shall also be granted for attempts to commit, conspiracy to commit, or participation in, any of the offenses mentioned in this Article.

Extradition shall also be granted for any offense of which one of the above mentioned offenses is the substantial element, when, for purposes of granting Federal jurisdiction to the United States Government, such elements as transporting, transportation, the use of the mails or interstate facilities may also be elements of the specific offense.

Upon receipt of the request for extradition, such request may be denied by the appropriate executive authority in the requested State if that authority considers that the courts in the requested State would not impose a sentence of detention exceeding four months for the offense for which extradition has been requested.

#### ARTICLE 4

A reference in this Treaty to the territory of a Contracting State is a reference to all the territory under the jurisdiction of that Contracting State, including airspace and territorial waters and vessels and aircraft registered in that Contracting State if any such aircraft is in flight or if any such vessel is on the high seas when the offense is committed. For the purposes of this Treaty an aircraft shall be considered to be in flight from the moment when power is applied for the purpose of take-off until the moment when the landing run ends.

When the offense for which extradition has been requested has been committed outside the territory of the requesting State, the executive authority of the United States or the competent authority of Denmark, as appropriate, shall have the power to grant extradition if the laws of the requested State provide for the punishment of such an offense committed in similar circumstances.

#### ARTICLE 5

The United States shall not be bound to deliver up its own nationals and Denmark shall not be bound to deliver up nationals of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden, but the executive authority of the requested State shall, if not prevented by the laws of that State, extradite such nationals if, in its discretion, it be deemed proper to do so.

If extradition is not granted pursuant to this Article, the requested State shall submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution.

#### ARTICLE 6

Extradition shall be granted only if the evidence be found sufficient, according to the laws of the place where the person sought shall be found, either to justify his committal for trial if the offense of which he is accused had been committed in that place or to prove that he is the identical person convicted by the courts of the requesting State.

In the case of a request made to the Government of Denmark, the Danish authorities, in accordance with Danish extradition law, shall have the right to request evidence to establish a presumption of guilt of a person previously convicted. Extradition may be refused if such additional evidence is found to be insufficient.

## ARTICLE 7

Extradition shall not be granted in any of the following circumstances:

1. When the person whose surrender is sought is being proceeded against or has been tried and discharged or punished in the territory of the requested State for the offense for which his extradition is requested. If the charge against a person sought in Denmark has been waived, extradition may be granted only if the conditions of applicable Danish law permit.
2. When the person whose surrender is sought has been tried and acquitted or has undergone his punishment in a third State for the offense for which his extradition is requested.
3. When the prosecution or the enforcement of the penalty for the offense has become barred by lapse of time according to the laws of either of the Contracting States.
4. If the offense for which his extradition is requested is a political offense or an offense connected with a political offense, or if the requested State has reason to assume that the requisition for his surrender has, in fact, been made with a view to try or punish him for a political offense or an offense connected with a political offense. If any question arises as to whether a case comes within the provisions of this subparagraph, it shall be decided by the authorities of the requested State.
5. If in special circumstances, having particular regard to the age, health or other personal conditions of the person concerned, the requested State has reason to believe that extradition will be incompatible with humanitarian considerations.
6. In respect of a military offense.

Extradition may be refused on any other ground which is specified by the law of the requested State.

## ARTICLE 8

When the offense for which the extradition is requested is punishable by death under the laws of the requesting State and the laws of the requested State do not permit such punishment for that offense, extradition may be refused unless the requesting State provides such assurances as the requested State considers sufficient that the death penalty shall not be imposed, or, if imposed, shall not be executed.

## ARTICLE 9

When the person whose extradition is requested is being proceeded against or is lawfully detained in the territory of the requested State for an offense other than that for which extradition has been requested, the decision whether or not to extradite him may be deferred until the conclusion of the proceedings and the full execution of any punishment he may be or may have

been awarded.

## ARTICLE 10

The determination that extradition based upon the request therefor should or should not be granted shall be made in accordance with the law of the requested State and the person whose extradition is sought shall have the right to use such remedies and recourses as are provided by such law.

## ARTICLE 11

The request for extradition shall be made through the diplomatic channel.

The request shall be accompanied by a description of the person sought, information as to his nationality and residence if available, a statement of the facts of the case, the text of the applicable laws of the requesting State including the law defining the offense, the law prescribing the punishment for the offense, and a statement that the legal proceedings or the enforcement of the penalty for the offense have not been barred by lapse of time.

When the request relates to a person who has not yet been convicted or has been convicted and not yet sentenced, it must also be accompanied by a warrant of arrest issued by a judge or other judicial officer of the requesting State and by such evidence as, according to the laws of the requested State, would justify his arrest and committal for trial if the offense has been committed there, including evidence proving the person requested is the person to whom the warrant of arrest refers.

When the request relates to a person already convicted and sentenced, it must be accompanied by the judgment of conviction and sentence passed against him in the territory of the requesting State, by a statement showing how much of the sentence has not been served, and by evidence proving that the person requested is the person to whom the sentence refers.

The warrant of arrest and deposition or other evidence, given under oath, and the judicial documents establishing the existence of the conviction as well as any supplementary evidence demanded by the Danish authorities under Article 6 paragraph 2, or certified copies of these documents, shall be admitted in evidence in the examination of the request for extradition when, in the case of a request emanating from Denmark, they bear the signature or are accompanied by the attestation of a judge, magistrate or other official or are authenticated by the official seal of the Ministry of Justice and, in any case, are certified by the principal diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in Denmark, or when, in the case of a request emanating from the United States, they are signed by or certified by a judge, magistrate or officer of the United States and they are sealed by the official seal of the Department of State. Any deposition or other evidence which has not been given under oath but which otherwise meets the requirements set forth in this paragraph shall be admitted in evidence as a deposition or evidence given under oath when there is an indication that the person, prior to deposing before the judicial authorities of the requesting State, was informed by those authorities of the penal sanctions to which he would be subject in the case of false or incomplete statements.

The requested State may require that the documents in support of the request for extradition be translated into the language of the requested State.

## ARTICLE 12

In case of urgency a Contracting State may apply for the provisional arrest of the person sought pending the presentation of the request for extradition through the diplomatic channel. This application may be made either through the diplomatic channel or directly between the United States Department of Justice and the Danish Ministry of Justice. The application shall contain a description of the person sought, an indication of intention to request the extradition of the person sought and a statement of the existence of a warrant of arrest or, if convicted and sentenced, a judgment of conviction against that person, and such further information, if any, as would be necessary to justify the issue of a warrant of arrest had the offense been committed, or the person sought been convicted, in the territory of the requested State.

On receipt of such an application the requested State shall take the necessary steps to secure the arrest of the person claimed.

A person arrested upon such an application may be set at liberty upon the expiration of thirty days from the date of his arrest if a request for his extradition accompanied by the documents specified in Article 11 shall not have been received. The requesting State may request, specifying the reasons therefor, an extension of the period of detention for a period not to exceed thirty days, and the appropriate judicial authority of the requested State shall have the authority to extend the period of detention. The release from custody pursuant to this provision shall not prevent the institution of proceedings with a view to extraditing the person sought if the request is subsequently received.

## ARTICLE 13

If the requested State requires additional evidence or information to enable it to decide on the request for extradition, such evidence or information shall be submitted to it within such time as that State shall require.

If the person sought is under arrest and the additional evidence or information submitted as aforesaid is not sufficient, or if such evidence or information is not received within the period specified by the requested State, he shall be discharged from custody. Such discharge shall not bar the requesting State from submitting another request in respect of the same offense.

## ARTICLE 14

A person extradited under the present Treaty shall not be detained, tried or punished in the territory of the requesting State for an offense other than that for which extradition has been granted nor be extradited by that State to a third State unless:

1. He has left the territory of the requesting State after his extradition and has voluntarily

returned to it;

2. He has not left the territory of the requesting State within forty-five days after being free to do so; or

3. The requested State has consented to his detention, trial, punishment or to his extradition to a third State for an offense other than that for which extradition was granted.

A person who has been set at liberty, shall be informed of the consequences to which his stay in the territory of the requesting State may subject him.

These stipulations shall not apply to offenses committed after the extradition.

## ARTICLE 15

A requested State upon receiving two or more requests for the extradition of the same person either for the same offense, or for different offenses, shall determine to which of the requesting States it will extradite the person sought, taking into consideration the circumstances and particularly the possibility of a later extradition between the requesting States, the seriousness of each offense, the place where the offense was committed, the nationality and residence of the person sought, the dates upon which the requests were received and the provisions of any extradition agreements between the requested State and the other requesting State or States.

## ARTICLE 16

The requested State shall promptly communicate to the requesting State through the diplomatic channel the decision on the request for extradition, and, if granted, the period the person sought has been under detention pursuant to the request for extradition.

If the extradition has been granted, the authorities of the requesting and the requested States shall agree upon the time and place of surrender of the person sought.

If the extradition has not been effected, the requested State may set the person sought at liberty within such time as required by the law of the requested State, and the requested State may subsequently refuse to extradite that person for the same offense.

## ARTICLE 17

To the extent permitted under the law of the requested State and subject to the rights of third parties, which shall be duly respected, all articles acquired as a result of the offense or which may be required as evidence shall, if found, be surrendered if extradition is granted.

Subject to the qualifications of the first paragraph, the above-mentioned articles shall be returned to the requesting State even if the extradition, having been agreed to, cannot be effected owing to the death or escape of the person sought.

## ARTICLE 18

The right to transport through the territory of one of the Contracting States a person surrendered to the other Contracting State by a third State shall be granted on request made through the diplomatic channel, provided that conditions are present which would warrant extradition of such person by the State of transit and reasons of public order are not opposed to the transit.

The State to which the person has been extradited shall reimburse the State through whose territory such person is transported for any expenses incurred by the latter in connection with such transportation.

## ARTICLE 19

Expenses related to the translation of documents and to the transportation of the person sought shall be paid by the requesting State. The appropriate legal officers of the requested State shall, by all legal means within their power, assist the officers of the requesting State before the respective judges and magistrates. No pecuniary claim, arising out of the arrest, detention, examination and surrender of persons sought under the terms of this Treaty, shall be made by the requested State against the requesting State.

## ARTICLE 20

This Treaty shall apply to offenses mentioned in Article 3 committed before as well as after the date this Treaty enters into force, provided that no extradition shall be granted for an offense committed before the date this Treaty enters into force which was not an offense under the laws of both States at the time of its commission.

## ARTICLE 21

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

This Treaty shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification. It may be terminated by either Contracting State giving notice of termination to the other Contracting State at any time and the termination shall be effective six months after the State of receipt of such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Treaty.

DONE in duplicate, in the English and Danish languages, both equally authentic, at Copenhagen this twenty-second day of June, 1972.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Fred J. Russell



FOR THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK:

K. B. Andersen



To whom it may concern

STATEMENT

**Statement regarding Dr. Poul Thorsen's involvement in Aarhus University projects**

Aarhus University has decided to issue this statement in response to a number of requests on the part of CDC Denmark project partners.

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Issue: The extent and nature of Dr. Poul Thorsen's continued involvement in the CDC Denmark project for which he once provided primary scientific and administrative oversight, as well as of his continued relation to Aarhus University.

Background: The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI) has been a grant recipient as part of a cooperative agreement with the US National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, CDC, since 2001. The grant has been administered by Odense University Hospital and Aarhus University (AU) under the direction of Dr. Poul Thorsen. The grant has multiple components and involves collaborators at other institutions in Denmark, including the University of Copenhagen and SSI (Statens Serum Institut). This successful collaboration has resulted in numerous valuable scientific results, and many more are forthcoming.

Unfortunately, a considerable shortfall in funding at Aarhus University associated with the CDC grant was discovered. In investigating the shortfalls associated with the grant, DASTI and Aarhus University became aware of two alleged CDC funding documents as well as a letter regarding funding commitments allegedly written by Randolph B. Williams of CDC's Procurement Grants Office which was used to secure advances from Aarhus University. Upon investigation by CDC, a suspicion arose that the documents are forgeries.

DASTI conducted an internal investigation of the authenticity of the documents and have filed a police report with no specific person named in the filing. A police investigation is ongoing.



In March 2009, Dr. Thorsen resigned his faculty position at Aarhus University. In the meantime, it has come to the attention of Aarhus University that Dr Thomsen has continued to act in such a manner as to create the impression that he still retains a connection to Aarhus University after the termination of his employment by the university. Furthermore, it has come to the attention of Aarhus University that Dr Poul Thorsen has held full-time positions at both Emory University and Aarhus University simultaneously. Dr Thorsens double Full-time employment was unauthorised by Aarhus University, and he engaged in this employment situation despite the express prohibition of Aarhus University.

Conclusion: Aarhus University wishes to confirm that Dr Poul Thorsen no longer has any connection to Aarhus University, and that Aarhus University will not be able to collaborate with Poul Thorsen in the future. To the extent that other parties collaborating with Aarhus University wish to draw on Poul Thorsen's expertise, Aarhus University will only accept such collaboration if it has the purpose of securing data or protecting the interests of participating researchers and funding agencies.

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# **BREAKING NEWS: DANISH HIGH COURT DISMISSES CASE OF GROSS TAX EVASION AGAINST FORMER DANISH AUTISM RESEARCHER POUL THORSEN**

March 26, 2012

**BREAKING NEWS: DANISH HIGH COURT DISMISSES CASE OF GROSS TAX EVASION AGAINST FORMER DANISH AUTISM RESEARCHER POUL THORSEN**

By Ulla Danielsen, journalist, DK-Copenhagen

Danish High Court (Vestre Landsret) on March 23, 2012 decided, that the case against former Danish autism researcher Poul Thorsen for gross tax evasion should be dismissed.

The case should have started at the citycourt in Aarhus in the spring of 2011, but it was postponed altogether three times last year.

This year the case has been postponed three times, culminating with a victory to the defence of Poul Thorsen, when Danish High Court on Friday decided to turn the indictment against Poul Thorsen down for technical reasons.

The prosecutor, police assessor Lars Petersen, from the police of Eastern Jutland, who investigated the case of gross tax evasion, explains that the indictment was turned down, because it did not contain "the things" an indictment must contain according to the Danish law of the administration of the justice. In other words because of technical deficits in the indictment.

Most recently the tax-case was scheduled for March 29 at the citycourt in Aarhus.

In 2009, the prosecution charged former Danish autism researcher Poul Thorsen with gross tax evasion in the amount of more than 6,4 million DKK.

For this deed, the Prosecution claimed, that Poul Thorsen should be punished with prison. Poul Thorsen on the other hand – according to a news agency – claimed that he was not guilty.

The indictment stated that, during the years 2001-2005, Poul Thorsen evaded income tax on 6,430,768 DKK from fees, salary or the like.

By these illegal acts, the Danish tax authority was deprived of 3,470,020 DKK that it was owed.

Further, the defendant had been accused of intentionally evading 514,455 DKK in contributions to the labour market taxes owed to the Danish tax authority during the period from 2001 through 2005.

This indictment has now been overruled by Danish High Court. Poul Thorsen's defender is lawyer Jan Schneider from the lawfirm Tommy V. Christiansen in Aarhus.

Thorsen's name will ring familiar to many, as his autism research was sponsored substantially by the American health agency Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Danish daily INFORMATION in 2010 reported, that Poul Thorsen's research center Nanea at Aarhus University in 2000 received a grant of 7,8 million dollar from the American health institution Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The grant was administered by Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI) under the direction of Poul Thorsen.

In 2007 the project was prolonged by a new grant from CDC of 8,2 million dollar.

This is the financial context that makes the now overruled case of gross tax evasion a matter of public interest.

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# DANISH HIGH-PROFILE TAX CASE POSTPONED AGAIN

March 14, 2012

DANISH HIGH-PROFILE TAX CASE POSTPONED AGAIN

By Ulla Danielsen, journalist, DK-Copenhagen

A Danish case of gross tax evasion is being postponed one time after another.

The defendant in the case is former autism researcher at Aarhus University (AU) Poul Thorsen.

Thorsen's name will ring familiar to many, as his autism research was sponsored substantially by the American health agency Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Danish daily INFORMATION in 2010 reported, that Poul Thorsen's research center Nanea at Aarhus University in 2000 received a grant of 7,8 million dollar from the American health institution Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The grant was administered by Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI) under the direction of Poul Thorsen.

In 2007 the project was prolonged by a new grant from CDC of 8,2 million dollar.

This is the financial context that makes the case of gross tax evasion a matter of public interest.

Moreover in 2011 the tax-case was postponed three times. This year there has also been delays.

Of late it was scheduled for March 9 and afterwards for March 15. However, this does not mean that the proceedings will begin on March 15.



In February the city court in Aarhus rejected a claim by the defence to have the case dismissed.

The defence claimed that the indictment was imprecise.

Next step for the defence was to appeal the city court's decision to Danish High Court.

And now, in spite of the case being on schedule the High Court has not yet made up its mind.

According to police assessor Lars Petersen from the police of Eastern Jutland, as late as Tuesday 13, no order had been issued.

The city court in Aarhus has adapted to this somewhat awkward situation by postponing the case that now, maybe, will begin on March 29.

Poul Thorsen's counsel for the defence is lawyer Jan Schneider from the Danish lawfirm of Tommy V. Christiansen. This firm specializes in tax matters.

In 2009, the prosecution charged Poul Thorsen with gross tax evasion in the amount of more than 6,4 million DKK.

For this deed, the Prosecution claims, that Poul Thorsen must be punished with prison. Poul Thorsen on the other hand – according to a Danish news agency – claims that he is not guilty.

The indictment states that, during the years 2001-2005, Poul Thorsen evaded income tax on 6,430,768 DKK from fees, salary or the like.

By these illegal acts, the Danish tax authority was deprived of 3,470,020 DKK that it was owed.

Further, the defendant has been accused of intentionally evading 514,455 DKK in contributions to the labour market taxes owed to the Danish tax authority during the period from 2001 through 2005.

Four days have been allocated for the proceedings. However, everything depends on the ruling of Danish High Court.

Hopefully the High Court will at least peripherally consider the recent revisions recommended by The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an international body that addresses financial issues. An increased focus on tax crimes was one of the FATF's recent key recommendations.

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Exhibit 6

**Denmark Grantee Autism/CP Call**  
**November 10, 2009**  
**8 am Eastern/2pm Denmark**

**Call Participants**

**CDC:**

Coleen Boyle, Director, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (DBDDD), CDC  
Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp, Medical Epidemiologist, Chief, Developmental Disabilities Branch (DDB)  
Diana Schendel, Epidemiology Team Lead, DDB  
Kim Van Naarden Braun, Surveillance Team Lead, DDB  
Cathy Rice, Epidemiologist, Surveillance Team, DDB  
Joanne Wojcik, Public Health Analyst, DDB  
Bob Vogt, National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) Laboratory (could not attend this call; but is interested)

**Denmark, Aarhus University:**

Søren Kjaergaard, Head of Institute, Principal Investigator on Cooperative Agreement  
Eric Parner, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of Biostatistics  
Carsten Obel, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of General Medicine  
Nils Anderson, Technical Coordinator

Poul Thorsen, USA, Atlanta

**Editorial Note:** It would be very beneficial for future calls if during the course of conversation individuals identified themselves. This will greatly assist with capturing appropriate call notes and task lists.

**Future Conference Calls:** Future calls will be scheduled every two weeks. After today's call Marshalyn reviewed her calendar and found that she had multiple conflicts with the every other Tuesday, 8am (eastern) day/time. Santrell Green, the CDC/DDB Secretary has sent out a query, through 'Doodle', to identify best possible ongoing date/time for continued conference calls (calls to be scheduled every other week).

**Action List/To Do Items (consolidated listing):**

1. Søren and Carsten to provide an SSI update on our next call.
2. Poul is requested to provide Aarhus University a copy of all permissions in his files ASAP.

3. Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.

4. Marshalyn will contact Peter Uldall regarding the CP registers.

5. Søren, Erik and Carsten will also connect with Peter Uldall regarding the continuation for 2009 and the completion of the data collection (CP register).

6. Aarhus University to provide an update on a future call regarding the DNBC Based Studies.

**Coleen/Update:** Coleen provided an update to the group. From her perspective it appears most of the below activities have been completed. She sees this as a very productive project. The initiation of this bi-weekly call schedule can also be seen as a second phase of the project. This will allow other CDC folks to collaborate in this project. Additional Denmark individuals may also engage in the project.

**Current Funding:** Currently funds are allocated for the continuation of the laboratory work (David Hougaard) and to support the analyses of the data currently in hand (support to the CP Registry and Autism activities).

**Søren/Update:** David H is working on some important activities at SSI. Carsten will be meeting w/David H soon to get some additional information on the project; Carsten will provide an update at our next phone call.

**TO DO:** Søren to provide an SSI update on our next call.

**CP Registry.** Søren believes that the data collection will be completed this funding period. In the future recommend we use some of the meeting time to discuss how to use this data in future analyses.

Carsten and Eric have been through quite a few discussions to understand the projects. Søren asks Poul's help to identify the 'original' permissions for these projects.

**TO DO:** Poul is requested to provide Aarhus U a copy of all permissions in his files.

The discussion now focused on the various projects:

### **CP Update**

Marshalyn had talked about the number of cases yesterday. She realizes it is a small number. Initial thought would be maybe do all spastic cases (271 spastic cases).

Coleen asked if there are data dictionaries available. It was confirmed by Diana that there is a CP case control list and a variable list, which could be retrieved upon request.

A general question was asked if there were any additional analyses possible? Diana mentioned she can share information on any additional risk factors that may be worth exploring. She mentioned one area not explored at all is maternal medications received during pregnancy. Sample was on gestational age – not birth years. The sample started in 1982; the last year was 1990. Note – this information was gathered for only the eastern part of Denmark. There are cases in the western part of Denmark but they are not a part of this study.

### **CP registry data**

Coleen asked if we needed permissions if we just wanted to just review the CP registry data. Søren is certain that the CP Registry has received approval. Per Diana they received individual approval for the cases and controls. Per Poul approval from the committee was received every year up until 2005.

Marshallyn asked about a detailed variable listing from the CP Registry. It was noted that Peter Uldall can provide this listing. Poul also stated he may have a copy. Poul also mentioned that he had also developed a code book.

### **CP biomarker data**

Søren asked where the data are for these projects? He wants to be sure that the data are at Aarhus University and safe and to ensure that all permissions are updated and that there should be established a steering committee including members from CDC as well as Aarhus. Søren asked this question of Poul and Diana to provide a historical perspective. Carsten stated he does not have the data. It was noted that SSI manages the biological data since it falls under their responsibility. SSI has the original files at their facilities.

Coleen asked if Aarhus University has access to the case control study data? Søren is not sure right now.

Coleen believes the data should be kept secure in one place. Søren believes that the data should be kept in Aarhus University unless the permissions do not allow it. Søren wants to have the data permissions and data management organized and be secured on the Citrix server.

### **Permissions**

Carsten mentioned that additional permissions need to be received if the western part of Denmark data would be used in additional analyses. It was noted that the original project was approved by the Denmark committee in 1991. At this point they need to request an additional approval. The permission is required from the Scientific Ethical Commitee (this organization is outside of Aarhus University).

Poul mentioned the original PI (Jes Vestergaard), who has the permission to the project on inflammatory biomarkers and CP. He is currently in Norway. The permission now needs to be transferred to someone else. Poul believes the permission will be given to David Hougaard/SSI (permission transfer ongoing).

**TO DO:** Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.

**TO DO:** Marshalyn will contact Peter Uldall regarding the CP registers. Søren believes that contact is a good idea. It was also suggested that when Marshalyn contacts Peter Uldall request she also keep Carsten and Eric as cc's on correspondence to keep them in the loop.

**TO DO:** Søren will also connect with Peter Uldall regarding the continuation for 2009 and the completion of the data collection.

### **Autism Update**

#### **Autism register data**

Marshalyn asked if Aarhus University can work with Danish Psychiatric Data. Poul stated that this is the registry based data regarding vaccines. Permission should already be in place from the National Board of Health since this was initiated in 1999. Marshalyn verified that we can get all new permissions for anything related to autism. Eric and Carsten will be working hard to ensure we get all needed permissions.

#### **Danish National Birth Cohort (DNBC) Based Studies**

Marshalyn had questions regarding these studies. She verified that there was no medical abstraction of the autism perinatal records. She asked what is available from the DNBC?

Carsten verified that there was no abstraction of the perinatal data (on autism). Only the CP and some of the controls are finalized and only the registry data available. All of the data in the DNBC are available.

Coleen verified that they have finished the CP abstraction and are working on the controls. Anything from the DNBC is available (interview data).

Diana asked for an update of the subcohort (control) for CP the case-control study.

Carsten and Eric report that in total 162 children with CP were selected to have their medical record abstracted, of which 127 have been abstracted. A total of 1330 controls were selected of which 1203 have been abstracted.

**TO DO:** Aarhus University to provide an update regarding the DNBC Based Studies on a future call – especially on the abstractions performed at Skejby Hospital - QDOCS.

#### **Laboratory biomarker panel development:**

##### **Permissions**

Diana noted that no permission is required. She would appreciate an update from David Hougaard. Carsten mentioned that they would need a permission for access to a certain patient group.

Carsten has not found the original approval for completing this study. He is looking for Poul for original approvals for the Autism studies. Poul mentioned that there were multiple studies put together in one package. Poul cannot find the original permissions. It was noted that the data protection agency approval is in place.

Carsten cannot find any permission on the biomarker study. It was noted that Kristine Svedgaard has send them a letter suggesting that this study received its permission in 2003. Poul stated that if folks are in doubt about the permissions then Aarhus University should secure new permissions.

Poul believes that there has been confusion on the permissions. Carsten believes we do not have permissions for the autism disorder case control study.

Poul suggested that Aarhus University may want to check with Kristine regarding the permissions; she may have tried to secure permission.

##### **Other possibilities:**

Marshallyn mentioned these calls will be ongoing. The tasks right now are to gain an understanding of the current status of the activities. At this point we cannot talk about what additional analyses to be completed without a more thorough understanding of the various projects.

Diana would like to talk with David regarding the panel development and regarding what analytes he's prepared. She would also like to know what samples would be available for future studies.

Søren would like an update regarding what David's next step will be regarding the use of these biomarkers.



*Denmark Grantee Autism/CP Call*  
November 30, 2009  
8 am Eastern/2pm Denmark

12/14  
**Call Participants**

**CDC:**

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- ✓ Marshelyn Yeargin-Allsopp, Medical Epidemiologist, Chief, Developmental Disabilities Branch (DDB)
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- ✓ Eric Parner, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of Biostatistics
- ✓ Carsten Obel, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of General Medicine
- ✓ Nils Anderson, Technical Coordinator

Review of Action Items from the last call (some updates provided in Carsten/Erik's document).

**Action List (consolidated listing from the November 10, 2009 call):**

1. Søren and Carsten to provide an SSI update on our next call.

**Comments:** Update provided below by Carsten and Eric. Søren will ensure that David Hougaard is included in future calls.

2. Poul is requested to provide Aarhus University a copy of all permissions in his files ASAP.

**Comments:** Email note from Poul 11/30/09 – "The approvals for the studies, which I have on hand, have been revealed to Carsten and Erik previously and can be found on <http://www.datatilsynet.dk/english/>. As I have stated before to Carsten and Erik, I have not been able to locate the ethical approval for the autism pilot study. I recommend that new approvals are requested just as stated in the notes from the last conference call."

3. Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.

**Comments:** Carsten and Eric provided an update below.

4. Marshalyn will contact Peter Uldall regarding the CP registers.

**Comments:** Marshalyn attempting to contact Peter.

5. Søren, Erik and Carsten will also connect with Peter Uldall regarding the continuation for 2009 and the completion of the data collection (CP register).

**Comments:** Denmark folks also attempting to connect with Peter.

6. Aarhus University to provide an update on a future call regarding the DNBC Based Studies.

**Action List/ACTION ITEM Items (consolidated listing from today's call (November 30, 2009)):**

1. Diana will review the referenced Buttenschon paper (reference 1) and get back to the group.
2. Carsten will provide the Permission Committee quarterly meeting schedule for the next call.
3. Carsten will provide the workgroup a description of the Denmark permission process in English.
4. Søren will review and provide an update re the abstraction. He had thought it was ongoing.
5. Joanne to reattach Diana's update sheet to the next minutes.

**Comments:** Joanne emailed document to group 11/30/09.

6. Søren will send David Hougaard an invite for future calls. If the day/time does not work with David's schedule another call time will need to be identified.

It was confirmed that the below day/time works for the call participants.

Proposed calls are from 8am-9am EST on the following bi-weekly dates through March.

December 14 (one call in December due to the Christmas holiday)

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 8, 22

Carsten and Eric provided the below short report for today's call (*in italics*).

## **Overall progress**

### **CP registry**

*We have had meetings with Peter Uldall from the CP registry and the abstraction team (Gija Rackauskaite and Annette Bang Rasmussen) to arrange for completion of the CP registry of cases in western Denmark for birth year 1995-2003. The abstraction to the CP registry is expected to be finalized by February 1th 2010. Further, the medical birth record abstraction is expected to be finalized by April 1th 2010. A new agreement of collaboration between Institute of Public Health, AU, and the CP registry is being set up.*

### **Q- docs./Danish National Birth Cohort (DNBC) Based Studies**

*A total 162 children with CP were selected to have their medical record abstracted, of which 127 have been abstracted. A total of 1330 controls were selected of which 1203 have been abstracted.*

### **Biomarker panel**

*We had a meeting with David Hougaard. He is willing to discuss new projects using the inflammatory panel and say that we (CDC/Aarhus University) if we have specific ideas have the first right to use the panel for these purposes. He and his people also use the panel for other purposes that he believes do not interfere with our areas of interest. He thinks that testing 1000 persons costs about \$20,000. He estimated that CDC/Aarhus University has financed on third of the cost of developing the panel. He is ready to start developing the new panel but awaits the financing from CDC.*

**Comments:** Marshalyn is unclear about "developing the new panels". Per Carsten, he met with David Hougaard and they were discussing the possibility of using the already developed panel. David Hougaard is interested in new projects since the panels are now developed. It was mentioned that if another group of research subjects were to be used there would need to be another clearance from the Ethical Review Panel. Marshalyn asked Diana if there are any new questions that could be answered based on the inflammatory biomarker panel? Diana stated there could be some additional analyses completed.

Coleen thought that David Hougaard was working on the new panel and he had an additional year of work to complete this activity. Diana mentioned the new panel is an autism panel. Carsten will re-review his notes (may not have captured information appropriately). Carsten mentioned the inflammatory panel is completed and quite inexpensive to now run on samples. Søren believes David Hougaard has started on the second panel. Coleen would also like Søren to review the budget for FY 2009.

## **Permissions**

### **The CP registry data**

*The eastern Denmark registry is a national register and the permission for western Denmark should be covered by this permission (originally given to Peter Uldall)*

### **Bio- and genetic markers and CP**

*A permission from Jes Vestergaard from the Ethical Committee is currently being transferred to David Hougaard and extended to include genetics. A new permission from the Data Protection Agency is also needed. Then all permissions for bio- and genetic marker and CP are in place.*

**Comments:** Per Carsten these permissions will be moved to David Hougaard. It should not take that long to get the permission moved; should take approximately 1-2 months.

### **Bio- and genetic markers and autism**

*We have not been able to find a permission from ethical committee that covers both bio- and genetic markers and autism. As far as we understand only one paper has been published using these data<sup>1</sup> and Diana will soon be submitting another. Apart from the letter from the EC in our region (attached) we have not been able to locate the permission for abstraction of the psychiatric records, and it is likely that it does not exist. We are currently working on an application for bio- and genetic markers to the Ethical Committee (EC) and Data Protection Agency that will cover both CP and autism.*

**Comments:** Carsten believes one paper has been published using this dataset. Appears there is no permission to conduct this activity. They will apply for a new permission and mention that something was completed without permission. Diana mentioned that there was more than one paper completed. Carsten asked Diana to provide any additional papers published under this activity. Diana does not believe there were any papers published. Diana is not sure if the below paper was a part of this dataset.

**ACTION ITEM:** Diana will review the referenced Buttenschon paper (reference 1) and get back to the group.

Buttenschon HN, Lauritsen MB, El DA et al. A population-based association study of glutamate decarboxylase 1 as a candidate gene for autism. *J Neural Transm* 2009;116(3):381-388.

Carsten wants to be sure that the permission is received prior to the publication of Diana's inflammatory biomarkers paper. Søren had met previously with David Hougaard months ago and he referred to Poul with the needed permissions.

Diana mentioned individual permission was received for the CP biobank data. For the autism dataset Diana remembers individual permission was not required of each participant. Individual permissions were received in the case control study.

The Danish Agency has permission reviews four times a year. They are attempting to keep these activities on track to get permissions as soon as possible.

Per Søren there should be no challenge to get it cleared. Coleen asked if we could continue the analyses? Coleen asked if there is a record of permission sought in the past? Eric asked the ethical committee if there were any previous permissions; none were found. Per Diana at the time the Danish Data Protection Agency was only required. No additional permission had been needed. Per Carsten he believes permission should have been sought previously by the ethical committee. Per Eric he has seen a similar application since the 1990's.

Carsten and Eric are attempting to gather all of the various permissions into one application package. Per Marshalyn it appears the rules are in the U.S. where you can access some data without individual consent. Carsten and Eric will be preparing the permissions application to the committee. Autism, CP and ADHD will be combined into one permission.

**ACTION ITEM:** Carsten will provide the Permission Committee quarterly meeting schedule for the next call.

Diana offered to provide additional scientific content information. They will provide Diana and Marshalyn with a copy of the protocol.

#### **Autism database**

*One paper has been published describing these data<sup>2</sup> and another describing the use of patient files<sup>3</sup>. At the time the psychiatric records were abstracted permission from the Danish National Board of Health (DNBH) should have been applied for. However, there was at that time confusion among scientists if the permission should come from the EC or DNBH or if it was really necessary. In fact EC gave permissions in this period. Although it probably is possible to get such a permission from DNBH that covers future projects, it seem like it will be difficult - probably impossible - to get a permission that covers ongoing or finalized project (back in time). We believe, however, that we have found a possible solution to this problem by extending a related permission from Ethical Committee that was given to a colleague at our institute (Rikke Maimburg). This project was approved in 2000 (title ' Obstetric factors and autism', the permission that covers one of the papers Diana is in charge of) and used mother's obstetric files. It is hoped that it is possible to extend this project to include psychiatric patient files for validating the Psychiatric Register diagnosis.*

**Comments:** Carsten stated there should have been an application to the National Board of Health; not from the Ethical Committee. It is difficult to get the permission back in time. Data have been used for a couple of studies. The medical records mentioned in the paper were referring to the validation study. According to the law the National Board of

Health should have been asked. Per Diana she believes the permissions were in place for the below paper. They had to get permission from each hospital and doctor to review the records. Diana does not recall the specifics for the administrative permissions for the below paper. Diana mentioned that at the time the thought was to establish an autism registry similar to the CP registry.

Lauritsen MB, Jorgensen M, Madsen KM et al. Validity of Childhood Autism in the Danish Psychiatric Central Register: Findings from a Cohort Sample Born 1990-1999. J Autism Dev Disord 2009.

Madsen KM, Hviid A, Vestergaard M et al. A population-based study of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination and autism. N Engl J Med 2002;347(19):1477-1482.

Coleen suggested we outline specific projects that we are seeking permission to provide more clarity. Marshalyn agreed Denmark is working on the best strategy to identify appropriate permissions (in retrospect). Per Søren working with the National Board of Health is a little more difficult to work through.

Coleen believes CDC has to inform the CDC IRB office to alert them of the issue of permissions not available. Coleen asked for additional clarification regarding the Denmark Permission process.

**ACTION ITEM:** Carsten will provide the workgroup a description of the Denmark Permission process in English.

Diana mentioned that the Ethical Committee is similar to the U.S. IRB Board. Per Marshalyn an approach needs to be decided before a timeline can be finalized. Marshalyn believes this permission may be more complicated.

#### ***Danish National Birth Cohort (DNBC) Based Studies***

*Permission should be ok according the DNBC secretay, since the participants have given consent to participate in on the DNBC and thus the use of data from the health system.*

#### **Comments:**

Carsten noted that the DNBC has signed individual permissions for participation in studies. Coleen suggested to Marshalyn that CDC scientists talk in house regarding CP analyses before further discussion on a future Denmark conference call. Diana agrees with this plan.

Søren mentioned the Citrix Server is working. The data will be placed on the server along with variable descriptions. This will allow all of the data to reside in one place. Will then discuss analyses and data sharing.

Coleen asked about the Quality Control for the CP Medical Record Abstraction. Coleen believes Lars Ostergard was going to setup the QC. ACTION ITEM: Søren will get an update from Lars.

**ACTION ITEM:** Søren will review and provide an update re the abstraction. He had thought it was ongoing.

**ACTION ITEM:** Joanne to reattach Diana's update sheet to the next minutes.

**Comment:** Joanne emailed Diana's update sheet to all 11/30/09.

Marshallyn would like to be sure that the David Hougaard is available for future calls.

**ACTION ITEM:** Søren will send David Hougaard an invite for future calls. If the day/time does not work with David's schedule another call time will need to be identified.

**Next Call:**

When: Monday, December 14, 2009 8:00 AM-9:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Via teleconference (Eastern Standard Time)

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Exhibit 8

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

POUL THORSEN

CRIMINAL INDICTMENT

NO. **1:11-CR-194**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNTS ONE THROUGH THIRTEEN  
(Wire Fraud)

1. Beginning on a date unknown, but at least by in or about February 2004, and continuing until in or about February 2010, in the Northern District of Georgia and elsewhere, the defendant, POUL THORSEN, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by omission of material facts, well knowing and having reason to know that said pretenses, representations, and promises were and would be false and fraudulent when made and caused to be made and that said omissions were and would be material.

2. Beginning in or about 2000, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, awarded grant money to Denmark for research involving infant disabilities, autism, genetic disorders,

and fetal alcohol syndrome. The CDC awarded the grant to fund studies of the relationship between autism and the exposure to vaccines, the relationship between cerebral palsy and infection during pregnancy, and the relationship between developmental outcomes and fetal alcohol exposure.

3. Defendant THORSEN worked as a visiting scientist at the CDC, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, when the CDC was soliciting the grant applications. Defendant THORSEN promoted the idea of awarding the grant to Denmark for studies related to infant disabilities. Defendant THORSEN scheduled meetings with the Danish Medical Research Council, Aarhus University, and Odense University Hospital about the proposed Danish research. In addition to initiating the meetings, defendant THORSEN provided guidance and ideas for the grant that the CDC ultimately awarded to Denmark.

4. The CDC initially awarded the grant to the Danish Medical Research Council and then, beginning in or about 2007, to the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI), both of which were governmental agencies in Denmark. From 2000 through 2009, the CDC awarded over \$7 million to the Danish Medical Research Council and over \$4 million to DASTI, totaling over \$11 million, for the Danish research studies.

5. Aarhus University and Odense University Hospital administered the CDC grant under the direction of a principal

investigator, who was assigned scientific and administrative oversight.

6. In 2002, after CDC awarded the grant, defendant THORSEN went to Denmark and became the principal investigator, responsible for administering the research money awarded by the CDC to Denmark. Defendant THORSEN also held a faculty position at Aarhus University, where scientists performed research under the grant. In those positions, he submitted invoices for payment to Aarhus University and Odense University Hospital for work and expenses related to the CDC grant.

7. In or about May 2007 and March 2008, defendant THORSEN submitted fraudulent letters to DASTI, purportedly signed by grant management officers at the CDC, that falsely stated that the CDC had awarded grant money, and that certain funds were available, to DASTI under the grant. Defendant THORSEN forged the CDC employees' signatures on the letters. Based on the misrepresentations in these letters, DASTI released funds for work and expenses that defendant THORSEN claimed were associated with the CDC grant.

8. From in or about February 2004 through in or about June 2008, defendant THORSEN submitted over a dozen fraudulent invoices, purportedly signed by a laboratory section chief at the CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, for reimbursement of expenses that defendant THORSEN claimed were incurred in connection with the CDC grant. The invoices falsely

claimed that a CDC laboratory had performed work under the grant for which Aarhus University owed money. Based on the misrepresentations in these invoices, Aarhus University wire transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars to accounts held at the CDC Federal Credit Union in Atlanta, Georgia. Aarhus University believed that the accounts, which were identified in the fraudulent invoices, belonged to the CDC.

9. In truth, the CDC Federal Credit Union accounts were personal accounts held by defendant THORSEN. He used the accounts to steal money under the CDC grant.

10. After the money was transferred to defendant THORSEN's accounts, he moved the money among multiple CDC Federal Credit Union accounts and eventually withdrew it for his own personal use. Defendant THORSEN purchased a home in Atlanta, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and Audi and Honda vehicles with the proceeds of his fraud. He also obtained numerous cashier's checks made out to himself from the fraudulent proceeds deposited at the CDC Federal Credit Union.

11. Defendant THORSEN obtained over \$1 million from his scheme to defraud.

12. On or about the dates set forth below, in the Northern District of Georgia and elsewhere, the defendant, POUL THORSEN, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, and for the purpose of executing the aforementioned scheme and

artifice to defraud, transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, and sounds, that is, wire transfers in the following amounts from accounts held by Aarhus University in Denmark to accounts held by defendant THORSEN at the CDC Federal Credit Union in Atlanta, Georgia:

COUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
1	12/4/2006	\$24,708.00
2	1/16/2007	\$43,406.00
3	2/22/2007	\$30,409.00
4	3/15/2007	\$56,506.00
5	3/22/2007	\$17,520.00
6	6/18/2007	\$121,961.00
7	1/16/2008	\$47,171.76
8	4/1/2008	\$47,219.00
9	5/2/2008	\$65,928.00
10	6/26/2008	\$23,602.00
11	6/26/2008	\$23,602.00
12	10/29/2008	\$23,602.00
13	10/29/2008	\$23,602.00

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

**COUNTS FOURTEEN THROUGH TWENTY-TWO**  
**(Money Laundering)**

13. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Indictment as if fully set forth

herein.

14. On or about the dates set forth below, in the Northern District of Georgia and elsewhere, the defendant, POUL THORSEN, aided and abetted by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly engaged in and attempted to engage in the monetary transactions described below in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, consisting of the deposit, withdrawal, transfer, and exchange, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, of funds and monetary instruments by, through, and to a financial institution, such property having been derived from specified unlawful activity, that is, a scheme to defraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2:

COUNT	DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT	PAYEE
14	5/30/2006	Withdrawal by personal check from CDC Federal Credit Union (FCU) account no. ending 3353	\$33,994.57	Stone Mountain Harley Davidson
15	7/27/2006	Withdrawal by cashier's check from CDC FCU account no. ending 0698	\$52,892.25	THORSEN
16	12/5/2006	Transfer from CDC FCU account no. ending 1335	\$19,071.00	J.H. (CDC FCU account no. ending 0698)
17	1/17/2007	Transfer from CDC FCU account no. ending 1335	\$19,271.00	J.H. (CDC FCU account no. ending 0698)

18	3/16/2007	Transfer from CDC FCU account no. ending 8562	\$56,400.00	THORSEN (CDC FCU account no. ending 1335)
19	6/26/2007	Withdrawal by cashier's check from CDC FCU account no. ending 0698	\$17,338.00	THORSEN
20	5/5/2008	Transfer from CDC FCU account no. ending 1335	\$21,746.56	THORSEN (CDC FCU account no. ending 2920)
21	6/30/2008	Withdrawal by cashier's check from CDC FCU account no. ending 0698	\$11,041.00	THORSEN
22	10/29/2008	Transfer from CDC FCU account no. ending 8562	\$47,200.00	THORSEN (CDC FCU account no. ending 1335)

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 and 2.

#### FORFEITURE PROVISION

15. Upon conviction of one or more of the wire fraud offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 13 of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, the defendant, POUL THORSEN, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 1956(c)(7), and 1961(1), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offenses, including but not limited to the following:

(A) MONEY JUDGMENT

A sum of money equal to the amount of proceeds the defendant obtained as a result of the offenses.

(B) REAL PROPERTY

- (1) 2657 Briarlake Road, Atlanta, DeKalb County, Georgia 30345, and all buildings and appurtenances thereon, more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 206 of the 18th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, and being Lot 31, The Woods of Briarlake as per plat recorded in Plat Book 90, Page 72, DeKalb County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

(C) CONVEYANCES

- (1) 2008 Honda CR-V EX-L, VIN 5J6RE48728L040280.
- (2) 2004 Audi S4 Avant Quattro, VIN WAUXL68E84A145888.
- (3) 2006 FLSTFSE2 Harley Davidson motorcycle, VIN 1HD1PNF146Y955597.

16. Upon conviction of one or more of the money laundering offenses alleged in Counts 14 through 22 of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957, defendant THORSEN shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), any and all property, real or personal, involved in such offenses and all property traceable to such offenses, including but not limited to the following:

(A) MONEY JUDGMENT

A sum of money equal to the total value of property involved in each offense for which defendant THORSEN is liable.



(B) REAL PROPERTY

- (1) 2657 Briarlake Road, Atlanta, DeKalb County, Georgia 30345, and all buildings and appurtenances thereon, more particularly described as follows:

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17. If, as a result of any act or omission of defendant THORSEN, any property subject to forfeiture:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

the United States intends, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b) and/or Title 28, United States Code, Section

2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of defendant THORSEN, up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

A True BILL  
Ann C Austin  
FOREPERSON

SALLY QUILLIAN YATES  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

*Stephen H. McClain*

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Status: **Off Market**  
 Bedrooms: 4  
 Bathrooms: 5  
 Property type: **Single-Family Home**  
 Size: **2,688 sqft**  
 Lot: —  
 Year built: **1990**  
 Zip: **30345**

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Official property, sales, and tax information from county (public) records as of 11/2011:

- Single Family Residential
- 2,688 sqft
- Stories: 2 story
- Parking Spaces: 2
- Construction: Masonry
- County: DeKalb
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lot Size: 0.16 acres
- A/C
- Exterior Walls: Stucco
- Foundation: Concrete
- Tax Rate Code Area: 4
- 5 Bathrooms
- Built In 1990
- Parking: Garage
- 1 Unit
- Fireplace

## Property Taxes for 2657 Briarlake Rd NE

Year	Value	Land		Improvements	Total	Tax
2011	Market	\$160,200	+	\$386,500	= \$546,700	
2011	Assessed				\$218,680	\$7,608

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### Owner Information

<b>Tax District</b>	04 - UNINCORPORATED	<b>Zoning</b>	R50 - SF RES DIST
<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Owner</b>	EW CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	<b>Land Use</b>	101 - Residential 1 family
<b>Co-Owner</b>		<b>Land Unit</b>	1 LOT
<b>Current Owner</b>	EW CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	<b>Calculated Acreage</b>	0
<b>Co-Owner</b>		<b>Deeded Acreage</b>	0.2
<b>Owner Address</b>	6393 BANKERS WALK RIVERDALE GA 30274	<b>Neighborhood</b>	0420
<b>Property Address</b>	2657 BRIARLAKE RD	<b>Property Class</b>	R3 - RESIDENTIAL LOT

### Appeal Status

<b>Date Notice Mailed</b>	6/2/2017	<b>2016</b>	N - C.O.A. Notice
<b>Appeal Code</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	N - C.O.A. Notice
<b>Process Code</b>	N - C.O.A. Notice		
<b>Hearing Date</b>			
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### Building Characteristics

<b>Year Built</b>	1990	<b>Square Footage</b>	2,688
<b>Condition Code</b>	AVERAGE	<b>Unfinished Basement</b>	586 Sq. Ft.
<b>Quality Grade</b>	GOOD	<b>Finished Basement</b>	705 Sq. Ft.
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	YES	<b>Bedrooms</b>	4
<b>Fireplace</b>	2	<b>Bathrooms</b>	4
<b>Stories</b>	2		

### Current Appraised & Assessment Value

Tax Year	Total Appraised	Taxable Land	Taxable Imp.	Total Taxable	Total Taxable Assessment (40%)
2017	\$480,100	\$160,000	\$320,100	\$480,100	\$192,040

### Sales History

Book/Page	Sale Date	Deed Type	Sale Condition	Sale Price
25745 - 00230	7/27/2016	WD - WARRANTY DEED	9 - PUBLIC UTILITY OR GOVERNMENT	\$300,000.00
24992 - 00409	6/2/2015	WD - WARRANTY DEED	F - FORECLOSURE OR BANKRUPTCY	\$0.00
24992 - 00406	6/2/2015	DP - DEED UNDER POWER	F - FORECLOSURE OR BANKRUPTCY	\$0.00
22383 - 00449	2/2/2011	QC - QUIT CLAIM DEED	Q - QUIT CLAIM DEED	\$0.00
19035 - 00645	7/27/2006	WD - WARRANTY DEED	0 - VALID SALE FMV	\$455,000.00
09860 - 00759	2/26/1998	WD - WARRANTY DEED	0 - VALID SALE FMV	\$290,000.00
07681 - 00603	5/17/1993	WD - WARRANTY DEED	0 - VALID SALE FMV	\$269,000.00
06813 - 00556	10/9/1990	WD - WARRANTY DEED	0 - VALID SALE FMV	\$262,600.00
06641 - 00454	2/15/1990	WD - WARRANTY DEED	0 - VALID SALE FMV	\$56,800.00
06199 - 00313	7/26/1988	WD - WARRANTY DEED	S - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00

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*Stephen H. McClain*

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Assistant United States Attorney

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