

# Smuggler to Repay United States

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — According to a report from the United States Department of Agriculture, Bert R. Slocum of Miami has agreed to repay the U.S. \$290,343 in indemnities paid to him in 1979 as compensation for birds destroyed because of exotic Newcastle disease.

Bert W. Hawkins, administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said in 1981 Slocum was convicted of multiple violations involving the importation and quarantine of birds that introduced exotic Newcastle disease into his privately-owned quarantine station. Shipments from that station subsequently spread the disease to 32 states and ultimately involved the destruction of some 14,000 pet birds. The cost, APHIS estimates, was \$1.8 million.

Hawkins said the USDA took action to force Slocum to repay the indemnity after his conviction in federal court. On June 4, 1981, Slocum was fined \$18,000 and sentenced to one year in prison.

Under terms of the consent agreement, Slocum will make a down payment of \$10,000 by December 17th. The balance of sum, plus interest, is to be paid in monthly installments of \$2,347.83 over a ten year period. The government also has a lien on an airplane owned by Slocum's wife. The plane is valued at \$35,000.

Slocum was found guilty of entering his quarantine station after exotic Newcastle disease had been diagnosed in a shipment of imported birds, removing birds from U.S. Customs custody, mixing these with healthy birds at his warehouse and subsequently presenting USDA with a fraudulent claim for \$290,443 in indemnities for diseased birds. ●



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