



**Office of Inspector General
Office of Investigations**

Export Credit Insurance

Identity Theft by Unknown Ugandan Company

This case was based on a claim for \$533,188 filed with the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank) by a petroleum company in Louisiana. The petroleum company received an order from a Ugandan company. The petroleum company exported the shipment under an EXIM Bank insurance policy and, after failing to receive payment from the Ugandan company, filed their claim. Once EXIM Bank assumed the loss under the policy, claims recovery officials attempted to recover the loss amount from the Ugandan company, but learned that the company had not placed the order. The investigation determined that unknown persons had posed as the Ugandan company to place the order and claimed the shipment at the Ugandan border. The EXIM Bank Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) worked with the Office of the Legal Attaché (Legat) in Nairobi, Kenya, to request assistance Ugandan authorities. The conclusion of the Ugandan Government was that they were unable to identify suspects of the fraud identified in this investigation through the information provided by US law enforcement. Based on the Ugandan response and lack of domestic leads, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Louisiana declined the matter for prosecution and the case was closed.