

## **PRESS RELEASE**

November 21, 2007, Coudersport, PA. District Court Judge Leonard Sand yesterday denied the rule 33 motion for a new trial which was previously made by John and Tim Rigas. James Rigas commented, "the Rigas family is extremely disappointed that this decision was made without Judge Sand even holding a hearing on the issue, but the family continues to believe that the legal system as a whole will recognize and be troubled by the blatant lies told by Jim Brown, the government's main witness. We therefore intend to immediately appeal this issue to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. It is inconceivable to us that our system of justice will allow a conviction to stand when the main government witness lied on all of the major issues."

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