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2014[2]ConvictionsConspiracy to defraud the United States, felon in possession of a firearmCriminal penalty4 years in federal prisonEfraim Diveroli (born December 20, 1985)[3] is an American former arms dealer, convicted fraudster, and author.[4] Diveroli controlled AEY, Inc., a company that secured significant contracts as a major weapons
contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense. AEY was suspended by the U.S. government due to contractual violations. AEY had supplied Chinese ammunition to Afghanistan, attempting to conceal its origin by repackaging it as Albanian. Although this did not violate the American arms embargo against China, because the ammo was manufactured
pre 1989, it was a violation of their contract with the government which said no Chinese ammo at all. Concealing its origin then became an act of fraud.[5][6][7] This incident prompted the United States Army to initiate a review of its contracting procedures.[6] Efraim Diveroli, at the age of 21, and his partner, David Packouz, at 25, gained notoriety
for their involvement in the high-profile ammunition deal. Subsequently, Diveroli was sentenced to four years in federal prison.[8] Diveroli and Miles Teller portrayed Packouz. Additionally, a memoir co-authored by Diveroli and Matthew
Cox was published in 2016.[10]Diveroli was born on December 20, 1985, in Miami Beach, Florida, the son of Ateret and Michael Diveroli. His family was Orthodox Jewish, strictly observing all traditional Jewish laws. He studied at Hebrew Academy in Miami Beach. His Iranian-born grandfather, Yoav Botach, was one of the wealthiest property owners
in Los Angeles, and his uncle is celebrity rabbi Shmuley Boteach.[11][12]Diveroli returned home to Miami Beach, Florida in March 2001 at the age of fifteen. After an argument with his uncle, he told his father he wanted to open a business specializing in arms, ammunition trading, and defense contracts with the U.S. government. He convinced his
father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father had incorporated as a small printing business, but had not done anything with for years.[4] Diveroli's success in arms dealing quickly attracted attention within the industry,[8] he was labeled as an "arms wunderkind" by the Miami Herald
and as a "stoner arms dealer" by Rolling Stone as a result of Diveroli's drug use.[13][8]During the Cold War, the USA & USSR engaged in a protracted and massive arms race.[14] Millions of weapons were stockpiled throughout Eastern Europe. When the Cold War, the USA & USSR engaged in a protracted and massive arms race.[14] Millions of weapons were stockpiled throughout Eastern Europe.
some of these weapons.[8] The sales that followed formed the "gray market" where non-state actors (such as militia or terrorist groups) and legitimate government sales.[15] The Pentagon wanted access to this gray market to arm the militias it was creating in Iraq and
Afghanistan. The US government therefore required intermediaries, or proxies, to undertake the more covert and intricate facets of arms-related activities. Companies such as AEY emerged as entities facilitating these operations, playing a role in executing tasks that were considered sensitive or clandestine in nature.[8]Diveroli began working during
a period of heavy arms trading as a teenager in a one-room apartment in Miami. Equipped with nothing more than a laptop, he sought to enter the industry from the comfort of his couch.[4][8] He began by bidding on small
contracts with the financial help of Ralph Merrill, with whom he did business during his time working for his uncle. By the age of eighteen, Diveroli had become a millionaire by continuing to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems."
ambition."[8]After steadily increasing the size of his contracts and developing a track record of success, Diveroli's company AEY, Inc. was awarded a $298 million contract by the United States government, Efraim Diveroli
became involved in interactions with individuals of questionable repute within the arms trade. These interactions extended to engaging with unscrupulous weapons traders, diplomatically compromised individuals, and individuals identified as soldiers of fortune. Diverbli's responsibilities further involved negotiating agreements with foreign defense
ministers, participating in meetings held at diplomatic embassies, and responding to communication from high-ranking officials within the United States Army.[8]On March 27, 2008, the U.S. government suspended AEY, Inc. for infringing upon the terms of its contract; in violation of a pre-existing arms embargo, the company was accused of
supplying ammunition manufactured in China to the Afghan National Army and police. United States Army documents showed that the company totaled more than $200 million in contracts to supply ammunition, rifles, and other weapons in 2007. As a result of publicity surrounding the contract, the United States Army began a review of its
contracting procedures.[16]The United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ruled the ammunition "unserviceable".[17] AEY had also failed to perform on numerous previous contracts, including sending potentially unsafe helmets and failure to deliver 10,000 Beretta pistols to Iraq.[18][19][20]Ammoworks, a company owned
by Diveroli, continued selling arms while he awaited trial for conspiracy. [21] In late August 2008, he pleaded guilty on one count of conspiracy, and was sentenced for possessing a weapon while out on bond [24] and had his overall sentence reduced for assisting in the
investigation of the prosecution.[clarification needed]Diveroli's former partner David Packouz was sentenced to seven months house arrest.[8]Packouz, along with Ralph Merrill, the group's former chief financier, later filed separate lawsuits against Diveroli seeking payment of millions of dollars they say they were owed in connection to the weapons
contract with the U.S. government.[25]In 2022, Diveroli opted into an exhaustive government review of his qualifications, following which the U.S. Army formally terminated his debarment and confirmed that he was fully qualified and fit to contract with the federal government once again.[26][bettersourceneeded]Main article: War Dogs (2016)
film)The story of Diveroli's arms deals is the subject of the Todd Phillips comedy/drama film War Dogs, starring Jonah Hill as Diveroli and Miles Teller as his partner, David Packouz,[9] based on the reporting done by Canadian journalist Guy Lawson for Rolling Stone. In 2016, Diveroli filed a lawsuit against Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., director
Todd Phillips, producer Bradley Cooper, and others, seeking to block release of the film. [27] Diveroli's suit against Warner Bros. claimed that the basis for the film was taken from his self-published memoir Once a Gun Runner, which Matthew Cox claims to have written while in prison with Diveroli, himself having been convicted of real estate fraud.
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life tale of two gunrunners who struck it rich when they were no older than your average frat boy seemed downright inconceivable. But the true story of War Dogs is actually even more astonishing than the movie let on. In 2007, 21-year-old arms dealer Efraim Diveroli and his 25-year-old partner David Packouz won $200 million worth of government
contracts for their fledgling company AEY. And they were not shy about showing off their newfound riches. Efraim Diveroli oozed excess from every pore. The cool shirts, the new car, the confident swagger all shouted easy money. After all, he was still a kid and hed already made a name for himself as a gunrunner who crossed the country and
amassed a small fortune, which he positively loved to flaunt. Rolling Stone The two young men behind the story of War Dogs: David Packouz, left, and Efraim Diveroli, right. Soon, his fortune would grow exponentially and his trade would stretch from Miami to China, Eastern Europe, and war-torn Afghanistan. He had it all, but lost it just as quickly all
before he could legally buy a drink. This is the true story of War Dogs and Efraim Diveroli, a tale thats even more outlandish than Hollywood made it seem. How Efraim Diveroli future path was not a surprise. As a child, he delighted in pushing boundaries and
breaking rules endless pranks, alcohol, marijuana. I loved it and went strong on the good herb for the next ten-plus years, he remembered. And his streak for pushing for greater and greater highs extended from one green into another: money. And what brought him money was guns. Since he was a teenager, Diveroli had been exposed to arms and
munitions while working for his uncle in Los Angeles at Botach Tactical. The younger Diveroli and his father, Michael Diveroli children) take aim at arms dealing on their own when they realized there were lucrative government contracts to be scooped up. The elder Diveroli incorporated AEY (taken from the initials of the Diveroli children)
in 1999. Efraim Diveroli subsequently became an officer at 18 and then president by 19.Diverolis AEY started small by nabbing federal contracts that bigger companies werent interested in. He drafted an old friend from synagogue, David Packouz, to help with the complicated contracts, and another childhood pal, Alex Podrizki, took on the on-the-
ground operations abroad. The company operated mostly out of a Miami apartment, meaning the overhead was minimal, which made their bids smaller, and this was precisely what the American government wanted. The True Story Of War Dogs Public DomainThe true story behind War Dogs saw arms dealers Efraim Diveroli (pictured in the mugshot
above) and David Packouz win $200 million worth of weapons contracts when they were only in their twenties. The Bush administration began to prioritize smaller contractors to supply arms and ammunition. Diverolis company was thus the perfect supplier. Diverolis charm and persuasion made him ideal for these situations, as did his relentless drive
and competition. Those same traits made him apt to lose focus on the bigger picture, however. A scene from War Dogs. Packouz remembered: When he was trying to get a deal, his voice would start shaking. He was about to lose a deal, his voice would start shaking. He was about to lose a deal, his voice would start shaking. He was trying to get a deal, his voice would start shaking.
in the bank. He said that if the deal fell through he was going to be ruined. He was going to lose his house. His wife and kids were going to go hungry. He would literally cry. I didnt know if it was psychosis or acting, but he absolutely believed what he was saying. Diveroli was driven by a winner-takes-all mentality: If he didnt walk away with
everything, there was no point. Packouz painted the picture of a man for whom winning wasnt enough, he also wanted someone to lose. If the other guy is happy, theres still money on the table, Packouz recalled. Thats the type of guy he is. It was May 2007 and the war in Afghanistan was by all accounts going poorly when Diveroli seized his greatest
chance to win. AEY underbid the nearest competition by around $50 million and managed to sign a $300 million arms contract with the Pentagon. The gun runners toasted their good fortune with a fair amount of bubbly, which Diveroli was just barely able to drink legally, and cocaine. Then they got down to business to source the precious AK47s. The
high of this contract didnt last long, though. The young men had trouble finding the promised goods and eventually turned to contraband Chinese supplies. Efraim Diverolis propensity for fudging the rules came through. They repackaged the arms into plainer containers, removed any taint of Chinese characters that would belie their origins. AEY
eventually delivered these illegal products to the government. The Dramatic Downfall Of Efraim Diveroli And David Packouz and Podrizki were folded into the same character. Similarly, Ralph Merill, their financial backer of Mormon background who had
also worked in arms manufacturing, was rewritten as a Jewish dry cleaner. The reckless trek that the film version of Diveroli and Packouz embarked on from Jordan to Iraq never happened though the two were certainly daring, they were not suicidal. But, for the most part, the true story behind War Dogs was there, especially in Diverolis single-minded
ambition, as played by Jonah Hill. According to Packouz, Efraim Diveroli became gradually more difficult to work with and even accused the AEY president of withholding money from him. Packouz flipped on his former partner to the Feds, but Diveroli played down Packouzs part in the company and claimed that he was merely a part-time employee
who only closed one very small deal, with my help, and dropped the ball on a dozen others. NYPostEfraim Diverolis mugshot. Nonetheless, the lifetime of breaking rules caught up to Diveroli. In 2008, he pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy to defraud the US government. He was 23 years old. I have had many experiences in my short life, Diveroli said
before Judge Joan Lenard in court, I have done more than most people can dream of. But I would have done it differently. All the notoriety in my industry and all the good times and there were some cannot make up for the damage. Before he could even be sentenced, Diveroli couldn't help himself but handle a few firearms in the meantime. Upon his
sentencing, for which he was already bound to receive four years in prison, he got a further two years of supervised release. His partners received lesser punishments for cooperating with the investigation. True to his personal brand, Diveroli continued to wheel and deal while in jail and looked for shorter prison time and more power. As he explained
to his father: The only way for one chicken to leave the farm is for another chicken to come in If [this guy] has to go to prison for life so that I can get one year off my sentence that is what is going to happen! Since then, Diveroli hasnt stayed clear of the law. He sued Warner Bros. for defamation in War Dogs but the lawsuit was thrown out. Then he
became entangled in a court battle with the man who co-authored his memoir, Once a Gun Runner. Diveroli also started a media company named Incarcerated Entertainment. In all, he seems to be doing well for himself as of late. According to former AEY investor Ralph Merrill, Efraim Diveroli lives in a condo with a locked gate, and drives a BMW.
After this look at Efraim Diveroli and the true story of War Dogs, check out more behind-the-movie true stories for fascinating characters like Lee Israel and Leo Sharp. War Dogs: What Happened To The Real Efraim Diveroli & David
Packouz and Efraim Diveroli. The movie takes creative liberties but stays true to the backstories and motivations of the characters, depicting their arms dealings with the US government. David Packouz received a more lenient sentence due to his cooperation with authorities, while Efraim Diveroli served time in federal prison. War Dogs follows two
low-level arms dealers, David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli, who won a $300 million contract from the Pentagon to arm America's allies in Afghanistan, yet the movie doesn't go into detail about what happened to the pair after film ends. The 2016 crime comedy explored the ethics of weapons manufacturing and profiting off war. It was directed by
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friendly armies in the Middle East on behalf of the US government. Its a wild ride of drugs, guns and stacks of Benjamins. But the real tale looked a little different. At the center of it all is Efraim Diveroli (played by Jonah Hill), just 18 when the gambit kicked into gear, who learned the weapons business while working with his gun-selling uncle in Los
Angeles at age 14. After a spat over money, he returned home to Florida and launched a company called AEY. Here I was, dealing with matters of international security, and I was half-baked. I didnt know anything about the situation in that part of the world. David Packouz (played by Miles Teller)
to handle the logistics of shipping weapons from the Eastern Bloc to the Middle East. Business boomed as the American government contracted them to send Russian-designed machine quns and grenades to allies in the worlds most volatile hot zones. The real Packouz has explained that Diverolis talent as an expert liar made him a natural for arms
dealing. Even while high. He would be toasted, but you would never know it, Packouz told Rolling Stone. He was about to lose a deal, his voice would start shaking. He would literally cry. I didnt know if it was psychosis or acting, but he absolutely believed what he was saying. Backing AEY was Ralph Merrill, now 73,
who invested his life savings with the gun-running stoners. Merrill and Diveroli met through business in 2003. Back then, Merrill, a Mormon based in Utah, made his living by producing and selling automatic weapons for hobbyists. The real-life Efraim Diveroli (right) and David Packouz. Courtesy of War Dogs by Guy Lawson I ordered stuff from
[Diverolis uncle] and Efraim became my rep, says Merrill. The movie didnt touch on that, but everything else about Merrill is pretty much wrong: [My character is] Jewish, lives in Miami and [is] a dry cleaner. In January 2007, Diveroli landed his career-making deal to supply the Afghan army with $298 million worth of gear. Their order included mortan
shells, rocket grenades and 93 million rounds of AK-47 ammo. Though Merrill tells The Post that they got the contract by coming in at around $50 million below the nearest bidder, it still promised to make everyone rich. But complications arose. Most critically, their AK-47 ammunition was manufactured in China, which the government says made it
illicit for US-based arms dealers to trade. But a volley of e-mails between AEY and collaborators in Albania ensured that the origins would be masked. Ralph Merrill, who invested his life savings into backing the duos company, AEY. HandoutThen came an incident in Kyrgyzstan, where the local government took AEYs ammo-loaded 747 hostage as it
refueled. It was surreal, Packouz, a former massage therapist, explained to War Dogs author Guy Lawson. Here I was, dealing with matters of international security, and I was half-baked. I didnt know anything about the situation in that part of the world. Luckily for Packouz, US government reps intervened, and AEYs coffers bulged with millions of
dollars in Pentagon money. Once air-bound, delivery to Afghanistan was no simple feat. You had to be a little crazy to get it in there, says Merrill. You could easily get shot down by rocket grenades. Merrill says that things unraveled when what he characterizes as a whisper campaign launched by an entrenched arms-selling competitor alleged that AEY
was bringing Chinese rifles into Montenegro and replacing the markings with those from the Eastern Bloc. It apparently put AEY on the Defense Departments radar. In August 2007, AEY headquarters was raided and computer hard-drives seized. There was no evidence of gun tampering, but there were plenty of incriminating e-mails about masking
the Chinese ammo. Diverolis mugshot after the trio were charged with fraud in 2007. Diveroli was sentenced to four years in prison in 2011. Pakouz spent seven months on house arrest. Merrill is appealing his four-year sentence. Spalsh News Packouz, Diveroli and Merrill were charged with multiple counts of fraud. Packouz turned states evidence,
never received his millions from Diveroli, and spent seven months under house arrest. Diveroli copped a plea and negotiated four years in prison. Merrill maintains his innocence I didnt do anything wrong, he insists, despite a federal indictment having it that he told the Albanians how to remove Chinese markings from [ammo] containers but was
anticipates litigating against Diveroli as well. Diveroli is suing nine parties (including director Todd Phillips) involved with these guys. He fumes over the fact that Diveroli lives in a condo
with a locked gate. He drives his Beamer while I live off Social Security Merrill lost his life savings of $1.5 million in the venture. The world is a cynical place. View this post on InstagramA post shared by David Packouz (@davidpackouz) Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt
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use the material. Efraim Diveroli is a businessman, dealmaker, and expert in securing government contracts, best known for his success in the arms trade at a young age. As the founder of AEY Inc., Diveroli built a multimillion-dollar enterprise specializing in defense contracting, securing a $300 million U.S. government contract to supply weapons
and ammunition to Afghan security forces when he was just 21 years old. Currently, Diveroli is the co-founder of StrongHeart Energy, a company specializing in providing direct investment into non-operational wellbore interests in the United States. StrongHeart Energy focuses on opportunities near the drilling or completion stages of the wellbore
lifecycle, targeting wellbores with proven successparticularly those adjacent to offset wells that have yielded exceptional returns for stakeholders. The company prioritizes investments in fields with verified, extensive oil and gas reserves, ensuring substantial potential with minimal risk. In addition to leading multiple ventures in the oil and gas
industry, Diveroli advises organizations on navigating complex procurement processes and government bidding systems. Leveraging his deep expertise in contract acquisition and regulatory compliance, he continues to be a sought-after consultant and entrepreneur in highly regulated industries. A natural negotiator, Diveroli demonstrated exceptional
skill in navigating complex procurement processes and government bidding systems. His ability to identify lucrative opportunities and broker high-stakes deals set him apart in the competitive world of defense contracting. However, his rapid rise came under scrutiny when AEY was falsely accused of violating the America arms embargo against China
Despide Diverolis arguments that all Chinese ammunition was bought from an Albanian supplier despite being produced by Chine before 1989; Diverolis character, his debarment from working with the US Government was terminated earlier. Despite legal setbacks, Diverolis
story remains a testament to his entrepreneurial drive and expertise in government contracting. His experiences inspired the 2016 film War Dogs, in which Jonah Hill portrayed a character based on him. He later shared his perspective in his memoir, Once a Gun Runner, providing an insiders look into the high-stakes world of arms dealing and
government procurement. War Dogs explores the ethics of arms dealing and government contracts, based on the true story of David Packouz received a more
after film ends. The 2016 crime comedy explored the ethics of weapons manufacturing and profiting off war. It was directed by Todd Phillips, known for The Hangover and Joker, and stars Jonah Hill and Miles Teller. War Dogs embellishes certain
elements, most notably the action-packed sequences and dangerous situations that the characters find themselves. Even the kidnapping of Packouz by a character played by Bradley Cooper did not actually happen. Yet War Dogs is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories, motivations, and the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made. It remains true to the backstories is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever made is not among the most inaccurate "true story" movies ever movies ever
characterization of Packouz and Diveroli, who were dealing arms and secured lucrative deals with the US government. Here's what happened to the real David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli, who were dealing arms and secured lucrative deals with the work. Related War Dogs is a 2016 comedy-drama from director Todd Philips and here's the origin of Jonah Hill's character
distinct laugh in the film. Efraim Diveroli's Prison Sentenced To Four Years In Federal Prison in January 2011 Efraim Diveroli was sentenced to four years in federal prison for his role in supplying Chinese ammunition to Afghanistan under the guise of Albanian origin, violating the American arms embargo against China
Diveroli operated AEY, Inc., a major weapons contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense, which was suspended by the U.S. government on March 27, 2008, for these contracting procedures and brought Diveroli and his partner, David Packouz, into the public eye
(Diveroli) pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in August 2008 and was sentenced in January 2011, with additional penalties for possessing a weapon while out on bond. AEY, Inc. had secured over $200 million in contracts in 2007 to supply ammunition, rifles, and other weapons, but the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
deemed much of the ammunition "unserviceable." AEY had also failed to fulfill several other contracts. Despite awaiting trial, Diveroli continued selling arms through another company, Ammoworks. He pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in August 2008 and was sentenced in January 2011, with additional penalties for possessing a weapon while
out on bond. His cooperation with the investigation led to a reduced sentence. Despite being charged with fraud and conspiracy alongside Efraim Diveroli, David Packouz's cooperation with the authorities. In an interview with The Rolling
Stone, Packouz admitted, "I realized I was going to get caught no matter what I did, so I turned myself in." By assisting in the investigation and providing crucial information about AEY, Inc.'s operations and Diveroli's actions, Packouz helped the prosecution build a case against Diveroli. His cooperation was a significant factor in the court's decision to
impose house arrest rather than a prison sentence. David Packouz received a notably lighter sentence of seven months of house arrest due to his cooperation was seen as a mitigating factor that distinguished his level of culpability from Diveroli's. While Diveroli, as the primary operator of AEY
Inc., faced a harsher penalty of four years in prison, Packouz's willingness to testify and assist in the legal proceedings showcased his lesser involvement in the scheme's most egregious aspects. In addition to cooperating with authorities, Packouz expressed remorse for the "embarrassment, stress and heartache that I have caused" (via Rolling Stone)
a sentiment that also affected his sentence. Related Miles Teller's career was on an upward trajectory long before playing Rooster in Top Gun: Maverick. Here are the 10 best Miles Teller movies ranked. Following the release of War Dogs, David Packouz co-founded War Dogs Academy, an online educational platform tailored to those interested in
government contracting. Alongside Packouz are Logan Gross and James Sciales, who, like Packouz, achieved notable success in securing millions of dollars in U.S. government contracts in their early twenties. War Dogs Academy positions itself as a community-driven initiative, offering step-by-step guidance on navigating the complexities of
government contracting. According to the War Dogs Academy website, the company's mission is "to be the leading community based, step by step guide on government, find opportunities, and submit and win proposals to the U.S. government." Although
Packouz plays a prominent role in the business, Diveroli has no involvement despite the pair's shared history. Despite differing paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their post-arms-dealing lives with varied levels of public engagement. A decade later, David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli have diverged in their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, but have diverged in their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, but have diverged in their paths since their days as arms feeling paths, but have diverged in their paths since their days as arms feeling paths.
dealers. Packouz, recruited by Diveroli into the business, has since transitioned to a different life. He resides in Florida, where he operates BeatBuddy, a company selling electronic drum machines. Alongside his music ventures, Packouz has explored other projects like Instafloss and Singular Sound. Despite occasional involvement in the War Dogs
movie as a consultant, Packouz mainly focuses on his entrepreneurial pursuits. His estimated net worth is $2.9 million (via Wealthy Gorilla), stemming from his music business and involvement in War Dogs. In contrast, Efraim Diveroli's post-arms dealing endeavors have been tumultuous. He wrote a memoir titled Once a Gun Runner..., documenting
his life and sued the producers of War Dogs for alleged story theft. Diveroli's net worth is estimated between $15 to $25 million, attributed to his memoir's success and various business ventures like Incarcerated Entertainment, Diveroli's activities remain less transparent. He ventured into government
subcontracting through Medlink but faced federal contracting restrictions until 2025 due to legal issues. Despite differing paths, both Packouz and Diveroli maintain their post-arms-dealing lives with varied levels of public engagement. In 2005, David's life takes a turn when he joins his friend Efraim's arms-dealing business to support his growing
family. As they navigate risky deals and betrayals, David faces moral dilemmas and learns the true cost of their actions. With his loyalty tested and secrets exposed, David must confront his conscience amidst escalating tensions. The story culminates in a thrilling climax as David grapples with the consequences of his choices, leading to unexpected
outcomes and a poignant resolution. Sources: The Independent, The Huffington Post, The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Bustle, Wealthy Gorilla, and War Dogs Academy. American author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and former arms dealerEfraim DiveroliBorn (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.[1] Occupation(s) Author and Florida (1985-12-20) December 20, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) December 30, 1985 (age 39) Miami Beach, Florida (1985-12-20) Miami Beach, Flori
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significant contracts as a major weapons contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense. AEY was suspended by the U.S. government due to contractual violations. Although this did not violate the American arms embargo against
China, because the ammo was manufactured pre 1989, it was a violation of their contract with the government which said no Chinese ammo at all. Concealing its origin then became an act of fraud.[5][6][7] This incident prompted the United States Army to initiate a review of its contracting procedures.[6] Efraim Diversity and historian contract with the government which said no Chinese ammo at all.
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memoir co-authored by Diveroli and Matthew Cox was published in 2016.[10]Diveroli was born on December 20, 1985, in Miami Beach, Florida, the son of Ateret and Michael Diveroli. His family was Orthodox Jewish, strictly observing all traditional Jewish laws. He studied at Hebrew Academy in Miami Beach. His Iranian-born grandfather, Yoav
Botach, was one of the wealthiest property owners in Los Angeles, and his uncle is celebrity rabbi Shmuley Boteach.[11][12]Diveroli returned home to Miami Beach, Florida in March 2001 at the age of fifteen. After an argument with his uncle, he told his father he wanted to open a business specializing in arms, ammunition trading, and defense
contracts with the U.S. government. He convinced his father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father had incorporated as a small printing business, but had not done anything with for years.[4]
labeled as an "arms wunderkind" by the Miami Herald and as a "stoner arms dealer" by Rolling Stone as a result of Diveroli's drug use.[13][8]During the Cold War, the USA & USSR engaged in a protracted and massive arms race.[14] Millions of weapons were stockpiled throughout Eastern Europe. When the Cold War ended, and the immediate
threat of violence subsided, arms dealers started moving some of these weapons.[8] The sales that followed formed the "gray market" where non-state actors (such as militia or terrorist groups) and legitimate government-sanctioned buyers could procure arms through illegal foreign government sales.[15] The Pentagon wanted access to this gray
market to arm the militias it was creating in Iraq and Afghanistan. The US government therefore required intermediaries, or proxies, to undertake the more covert and intricate facets of arms-related activities. Companies such as AEY emerged as entities facilitating these operations, playing a role in executing tasks that were considered sensitive or
clandestine in nature.[8]Diveroli began working during a period of heavy arms trading as a teenager in a one-room apartment in Miami. Equipped with nothing more than a laptop, he sought to enter the industry from the comfort of his couch.[4][8] He began surfing solicitations on fbo.gov (now sam.gov), or FedBizOpps, a government website where
contracts are posted. He began by bidding on small contracts with the financial help of Ralph Merrill, with whom he did business during for his uncle. By the age of eighteen, Diveroli had become a millionaire by continuing to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling
Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring ambition." [8] After steadily increasing the size of his contracts and developing a track record of success, Diveroli's company AEY, Inc. was awarded a $298 million contract by the Pentagon to provide arms and munitions to the allied forces in Afghanistan. [4] In meeting the contractual
obligations set by the United States government, Efraim Diveroli became involved in interactions with individuals of questionable repute within the arms trade. These interactions extended to engaging with unscrupulous weapons traders, diplomatically compromised individuals, and individuals identified as soldiers of fortune. Diversli's
responsibilities further involved negotiating agreements with foreign defense ministers, participating in meetings held at diplomatic embassies, and responding to communication from high-ranking officials within the United States Army.[8]On March 27, 2008, the U.S. government suspended AEY, Inc. for infringing upon the terms of its contract; in
violation of a pre-existing arms embargo, the company was accused of supplying ammunition manufactured in China to the Afghan National Army and police. United States Army documents showed that the company totaled more than $200 million in contracts to supply ammunition, rifles, and other weapons in 2007. As a result of publicity
surrounding the contract, the United States Army began a review of its contracting procedures.[16]The United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ruled the ammunition "unserviceable".[17] AEY had also failed to perform on numerous previous contracts, including sending potentially unsafe helmets and failure to deliver
10,000 Beretta pistols to Iraq.[18][19][20]Ammoworks, a company owned by Diveroli, continued selling arms while he awaited trial for conspiracy, and was sentenced to four years in prison on January 4, 2011.[22][23] He was further sentenced for possessing a weapon while out or
bond[24] and had his overall sentence reduced for assisting in the investigation of the prosecution. [clarification needed] Diveroli's former partner David Packouz was sentenced to seven months house arrest. [8] Packouz, along with Ralph Merrill, the group's former chief financier, later filed separate lawsuits against Diveroli seeking payment of millions
of dollars they say they were owed in connection to the weapons contract with the U.S. government. [25]In 2022, Diveroli opted into an exhaustive government and confirmed that he was fully qualified and fit to contract with the federal government once
again.[26][bettersourceneeded]Main article: War Dogs, starring Jonah Hill as Diveroli's arms deals is the subject of the Todd Phillips comedy/drama film War Dogs, starring Jonah Hill as Diveroli and Miles Teller as his partner, David Packouz,[9] based on the reporting done by Canadian journalist Guy Lawson for Rolling Stone. In 2016, Diveroli filed
a lawsuit against Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., director Todd Phillips, producer Bradley Cooper, and others, seeking to block release of the film was taken from his self-published memoir Once a Gun Runner, which Matthew Cox claims to have written while in prison with
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also put the lives of Afghan soldiers and American troops at risk. This true story of deception unveils how their fraudulent activities led them to face jail time and Sheds light on the severe repercussions of compromising integrity for personal gain. Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz were convicted of defrauding the United States by selling defective
weapons and ammunition to the Afghan National Army, endangering the lives of Afghan National Army, endangering the lives of Afghan National Army, compromising their safety and combat effectiveness. American troops were put at risk due to the unreliable and
potentially harmful weapons and ammunition, increasing the likelihood of malfunctions and endangering their lives during operations. Diveroli and Packouz deceived the United States government by selling defective
weapons and ammunition while falsely claiming they were new, undermining trust and integrity. The pair engaged in document falsification and information manipulation to conceal their fraudulent activities and generate illicit profits, further exacerbating the severity of their actions. What Did They Do in War Dogs That Was Illegal? Why Did the Guys
from War Dogs Go to Jail? Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz, the real-life characters portrayed in the movie War Dogs, were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government by selling faulty weapons and ammunition to the Afghan National Army. This illegal act endangered Afghan and American soldiers by compromising their safety
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ammunition sold by Diveroli and Packouz compromised the safety and combat effectiveness of Afghan and American soldiers, leading to increased risks of malfunctions and endangering lives during operations. Legal Implications and endangering lives during operations.
convictions, and prison sentences. Their actions violated multiple laws and regulations government contracting, and financial transactions. Lessons LearnedThe case of Diveroli and Packouz serves as a stern reminder of the importance of integrity, transparency, and compliance in government contracting and arms sales. It
underscores the need for rigorous oversight and enforcement to prevent fraud, protect national security, and ensure the safety of military personnel. Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz Provided Weapons to Foreign Governments Without a License. Why did the guys from War Dogs go to jail? It all began with two childhood friends, Efraim Diveroli and
David Packouz, diving into the lucrative world of arms dealing. Their ambition led them to acquire a government contract worth $300 million to supply arms to the Afghan National Army. However, their pursuit of quick riches through illegal arms sales and fraud eventually landed them in prison. Diveroli and Packouz, fueled by their success with the
government contract, ventured into unauthorized arms sales to foreign entities without a license, violating international regulations. Their illegal dealings ranged from smuggling war dogs across borders to selling them to unauthorized individuals or groups. The consequences of their actions were severe. Their involvement in the illegal arms trade
posed a significant threat to national and regional security. The war dogs they sold could potentially fall into the hands of terrorists or criminals, escalating violence and endangering innocent lives. Their fraudulent activities also caused financial losses to the US government, costing millions of dollars in scrapped weapons. The faulty weapons they sold
to the Afghan National Army jeopardized the lives of soldiers, undermining the stability of the region. Additionally, they made illegal profits and falsified documents to secure government contracts, further exacerbating their crimes. In the end, the law caught up with Diveroli and Packouz. They were prosecuted and convicted for their involvement in
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Related to Illegal Weapon TransactionsIn a shocking turn of events, the individuals behind the controversial arms dealing company, War Dogs, found themselves entangled in a web of legal troubles, ultimately leading to their downfall. Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz, the central figures in this illicit enterprise, faced serious consequences for their
actions. At the heart of the matter were extortion charges stemming from illegal weapon transactions. The War Dogs scandal was centered around the illegal trade of weapons, often defective or substandard, to the Afghan National Army. This deceitful act not only compromised the safety of both American and Afghan soldiers but also constituted a
gross violation of the law. Their fraudulent scheme extended beyond the battlefield, as they falsified documents to secure government contracts, misrepresenting the guality of the weapons, further adding to the financial burden on
the U.S. government. The consequences for Diveroli and Packouz were severe. The prosecution pursued charges against them for their involvement in illicit activities, including smuggling, false documentation, and military contract fraud. These charges reflected the gravity of their crimes, which had far-reaching implications beyond their personal
actions. Their fraudulent scheme resulted in a significant financial burden on the U.S. government, which had to bear the costs of the scrapped weapons. The War Dogs scandal serves as a cautionary tale about the devastating consequences of engaging in illegal weapon trade. The actions of Diveroli and Packouz not only endangered lives but also
undermined the integrity of military contracts and resulted in substantial financial losses for the government. This case highlights the importance of adhering to ethical standards and operating within the boundaries of the law, emphasizing the severe repercussions that await those who engage in such illicit activities. Charges of Fraud and Conspiracy
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faulty weapons from various illegal sources and presented them as new and legitimate products. To further their fraudulent scheme, Diveroli and Packouz falsified documents and lied about the origin and quality of the weapons. This resulted in the U.S. government unknowingly purchasing and delivering defective weapons to the Afghan National
Army, putting American and Afghan soldiers at risk. The consequences of their actions were severe. Not only did the fraudulent scheme cost the U.S. military and its efforts in Afghanistan. In 2015, Diveroli and Packouz were arrested and charged with
multiple counts of fraud, conspiracy, and making false statements. After a lengthy trial, they were convicted and sentenced to prison terms. Diveroli and Packouz sent a strong message to those who engage in fraudulent
activities involving government contracts. It emphasized the importance of integrity and transparency in dealing with the U.S. government and its agencies. Did Efraim Diverolis Betrayal and the Downfall of AEY Inc. In the world of international arms dealing, the names David
Packouz and Efraim Diveroli were once synonymous with success. Their company, AEY Inc., had secured a lucrative $298 million contract to supply ammunition to Afghan forces, a deal that promised to make them both exceedingly wealthy. However, their rise to prominence was built on a foundation of deceit and illegality, and it would ultimately
lead to their downfall and imprisonment. The unraveling of AEY Inc. began with Efraim Diverolis arrest in Albania in 2007. Diveroli, a former US Marine with a knack for languages and a thirst for adventure, had traveled to the Balkan nation to procure the ammunition needed to fulfill the companys contract. However, his attempt to purchase weapons
without a license caught the attention of Albanian authorities, who promptly arrested him. Diverolis arrest sent shockwaves through AEY Inc. and the US government launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deal. It soon
became clear that AEY Inc. had engaged in a series of illegal activities, including falsifying documents and smuggling weapons. At the center of these illicit activities was Efraim Diveroli. It emerged that he had misled his business partner, David Packouz, about the source of the ammunition, claiming that it was coming from a legitimate supplier in
Bulgaria. In reality, Diveroli had purchased the weapons from a shadowy network of arms dealers, some of whom were operating in conflict zones. Diverolis betrayal not only led to the arrest and imprisonment of both himself and Packouz but also cost the US government millions of dollars. The faulty weapons provided by AEY Inc. had caused
numerous malfunctions and accidents, putting the lives of Afghan soldiers at risk. The US government was forced to cancel the contract with AEY Inc. and seek alternative suppliers, resulting in substantial financial losses. In the end, Efraim Diverolis greed and deception brought about the demise of AEY Inc. and resulted in the imprisonment of both
him and his business partner. Their story serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of cutting corners and engaging in illegal activities in pursuit of profit. What Happened to Efraim Diveroli? Why did the guys from War Dogs go to jail? Efraim Diveroli and his partner. Their story serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of cutting corners and engaging in illegal activities in pursuit of profit. What Happened to Efraim Diveroli? Why did the guys from War Dogs go to jail? Efraim Diveroli and his partner.
dog-training equipment to the military in Afghanistan. Diverolis company, AEY Inc., won a contract to supply ammunition to Afghan forces, Instead of purchasing the ammunition from a reputable supplier, he bought it from a third-party in Albania without the
proper licenses and at substandard prices. He then falsified customs documents and inspection certificates to make it appear that the ammunition met U.S. military standards. The fraud was discovered after one of the dogs supplied by AEY Inc. was killed in Afghanistan because its protective vest was defective. An investigation revealed that Diversli
had been selling substandard and counterfeit dog training equipment to the military for years. Diveroli and Packouz were arrested and charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, wire fraud, and illegal arms dealing. Packouz were arrested and charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, wire fraud, and illegal arms dealing. Packouz were arrested and charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, wire fraud, and illegal arms dealing.
years in prison. The War Dogs scandal led to reforms in the way the U.S. military procures goods and services. It also served as the basis for a 2016 film starring Jonah Hill and Miles Teller. What Happened to the Real Guys in War Dogs? Why Did the Guys from War Dogs? Why Did the Guys from War Dogs? Why Did the Guys in War Dogs? Why Did the Guys from War Dogs? Why Did the Guys fr
notorious duo depicted in the film War Dogs, found themselves behind bars due to their involvement in a multi-million dollar fraud scheme. Their actions, driven by greed and a lack of regard for the consequences, led to their downfall and ultimately landed them in prison. Packouz, portrayed by Miles Teller in the movie, received a 7-month prison.
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enforcement. His audacious attempts to acquire weapons without the necessary license raised red flags, prompting an investigation that ultimately led to his arrest. The investigation uncovered a trail of illicit activities and fraudulent documentation, meticulously crafted to deceive the U.S. government. The consequences were severe, costing the
government the entire $298 million contract. In 2011, Diveroli faced justice for his actions. He was found guilty of defrauding the U.S. military in Afghanistan. His schemes involved inflating equipment prices, forging documents, and shipping defective protective
vests and dog food. The substandard equipment provided to the U.S. military not only failed to meet the required standards but also resulted in the tragic death of a dog in Afghanistan. This incident sparked an investigation that unveiled Diverolis fraudulent operations. Diverolis quest for a reduced sentence through early release was denied due to his and the tragic death of a dog in Afghanistan.
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criminal sophistication and intent to profit illegally from government contracts. In 2019, he faced additional legal troubles, receiving a 33-month prison sentence for violating the terms of his supervised release. The consequences faced by Packouz and Diveroli serve as a stark reminder of the severe repercussions of fraudulent activities. Their desire for quick profits blinded them to the ethical and legal implications of their actions, leading to their downfall and imprisonment. False Documentation and Identities Used to Obtain Weapons. Why Did the Guys from War Dogs Go to Jail? Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz, the central figures in the film War Dogs, engaged in a series of illegal activities that ultimately led to their imprisonment. Their scheme involved using false documentation and identities to obtain weapons and ammunition from the U.S. government through a military contract through their company, AEY Inc. This contract was intended to supply ammunition to Afghanistan. However, Diverolis actions raised suspicions, triggering an investigation revealed a pattern of fraud and deceit, with Diveroli and Packouz using fake companies and falsified documents to acquire

weapons. Diverolis fraudulent activities extended beyond the U.S. military contract. He also engaged in the sale of substandard and counterfeit dog training equipment to the U.S. government. Packouz, Diverolis partner in crime, also faced legal consequences for his involvement in the illegal arms trade. He received a 7-month federal prison sentence and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. Diverolis attempts to evade justice did not end with his initial prison sentence. In 2019, he violated the terms of his supervised release, leading to an additional 33-month prison sentence. The story of War Dogs highlights the severe repercussions of using false documentation and identities to obtain weapons illegally. Diverbli and Packouzs actions not only defrauded the U.S. government but also undermined the integrity of the military supply chain. Their imprisonment serves as a warning to others who consider engaging in similar illegal activities. Illegal Weapon Sales in Violation of UN Arms Embargoes. Why Did the Guys From War Dogs Go to Jail? Unveiling the Illicit Arms Sales ScandalIn the realm of international arms trade, laws and regulations stand firm to ensure responsible and controlled transactions. However, the story of War Dogs, a real-life drama brought to the silver screen, reveals the consequences of illegal weapon sales in violation of UN arms embargoes. David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli, the central figures in this tale, found themselves behind bars due to their illicit activities. Breaching International Arms Trade Laws: The Genesis of Their DownfallThe defendants involvement in illegal arms trafficking and conspiracy to defraud the US government constituted a blatant violation of international arms trade laws. Their actions extended beyond mere breaches of regulations; they posed a serious threat to national arms trade laws. Their actions extended beyond mere breaches of weapons to unauthorized buyers, including black market dealers and rebel groups, exacerbated conflicts and fueled violence. Igniting Regional Instability: The Ripple Effects of Unlawful Arms TradeThe defendants reckless actions contributed to the proliferation of illicit arms, fueling a cycle of violence and escalating the risk of terrorism, arms proliferation, and regional instability. Their involvement in such activities not only violated UN arms embargoes but also undermined the efforts of responsible arms traders and governments striving to maintain peace and security. Jail Time as a Deterrent: Sending a Strong Message Against Arms TraffickingThe imposition of jail time for the defendants serves as a powerful deterrent. emphasizing the severe consequences of illegal arms trade activities. This serves as a stern warning to potential offenders, making it clear that such breaches will not go unpunished. Individual Consequences: The Fall of Packouz and DiveroliPackouz and Diveroli, once entwined in a lucrative arms trade venture, found themselves on a path toward ruin. Diveroli, the mastermind behind their illegal activities, received a four-year prison sentence for defrauding the U.S. government, while Packouz faced a 7-month federal prison sentence and 3 years of supervised release for his role in the conspiracy. Diverolis early release request was denied in 2019, leading to an additional 33-month prison sentence for violating his supervised release terms. A Call for Responsible Arms Trade: Learning from Past MistakesThe story of War Dogs offers a cautionary tale about the devastating consequences of illegal arms trade. It underscores the importance of adhering to international laws and regulations governing arms sales, as breaches can have far-reaching implications for global security. The world demands responsible arms trade practices, ensuring that weapons are transferred only to authorized entities and not into the hands of those who seek to inflict harm. Knowing Sale of Arms to Terrorist Organizations. Why Were War Dogs David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli Jailed? Uncovering the Consequences of Illicit Arms TradeIn the murky world of international arms dealing, the sale of weapons to terrorist organizations poses a grave threat. Tradically, two individuals associated with the company War Dogs, David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli, found themselves ensured in a web of illegality, leading to their incarceration. Their actions not only breached arms trade laws but also contributed to the proliferation of illicit arms, ultimately fueling violence and instability. In 2007, Packouz and Diveroli, through their company AEY Inc., secured a \$298 million US military contract, a seemingly lucrative opportunity. However, Diverolis questionable actions sparked an investigation that laid bare a series of offenses, leading to his arrest and subsequent losses amounting to the entirety of the contract. Diverolis fraudulent activities, particularly his deception of the US government, resulted in a substantial four-year prison sentence. On the other hand, Packouz, after pleading guilty, received a reduced sentence of seven months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. However, Diverolis legal troubles were far from over. His denial of early release was followed by an additional 33-month sentence due to his violation of supervised release terms. These stringent punishments serve as a stark reminder of the severe consequences associated with arms trade breaches. The War Dogs case highlights the importance of adhering to strict arms trade breaches. The War Dogs case highlights the importance of adhering to strict arms trade breaches. The War Dogs case highlights the importance of adhering to strict arms trade regulations and laws. fuels illicit arms circulation, perpetuating violence and destabilizing regions. The sentences imposed on Packouz and Diveroli not tolerated. The jail time deters future illegal arms trade activities, making perpetrators acutely aware of the ramifications of their actions. In the world of cinema, few stories blur the lines between audacity and reality quite like War Dogs. This remarkable film, inspired by true events, takes viewers on a whirlwind journey through the lives of two young men who find themselves in the unlikely world of international arms dealing. But as captivating as the movie is, the true story behind War Dogs is even more astonishing. In this comprehensive exploration, we dive deep into the factual narrative, unraveling the lives of Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz, the real-life War Dogs. From their meteoric rise to their inevitable downfall, we uncover the answers to burning questions like: What true story is War Dogs based on?, Did the real War Dogs go to jail?, and Where is Efraim Diveroli today? The Real Story Behind War Dogs is the incredible true story of two childhood friends from Miami, Efraim Diveroli and David Packouz, who exploited a government initiative allowing small businesses to bid on U.S. Military contracts. See also Is Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy a True Story? Starting small, they soon found themselves landing to legal repercussions. Efraim Diveroli was sentenced to four years in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. David Packouz received house arrest as part of his plea deal, showcasing the stark reality of their rapid ascent and the consequences that followed. Why Did Efraim Betray David? The betrayal between Efraim and David is not pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. David Packouz received house arrest as part of his pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. a pivotal point in both the film and their real-life story. The tension escalated over disputes about money and ethical boundaries, culminating in Efraims decision to cut David out of the business. This betrayal underscored the fragility of their partnership and their real-life story. The tension escalated over disputes about money and ethical boundaries, culminating in Efraim Diveroli Today? Efraim Diveroli Diveroli Today? Efraim Diveroli after serving his prison sentence, has attempted to reinvent himself as an author and entrepreneur. However, his past continues to cast a long shadow over his endeavors, making his current status a subject of public fascination and speculation. See also Sitting in Bars with Cake True Story: Friendship & Life Trials War Dogs True Story: Where Are They Now? The aftermath of their saga finds David Packouz leading a quieter life. He has ventured into business and music, seeking to distance himself from the chaos of his past. The story of the War Dogs remains a cautionary tale of ambition, friendship, and the perilous allure of easy money. Watch Movie War Dogs True Story For those looking to understand the depth of this true story, watching the movie War Dogs provides a dramatic portrayal of their journey. While the film takes creative liberties, it serves as a compelling entry point into the complex world of arms dealing and the young men who momentarily ruled it. David Packouz WifeDavid Packouzs personal life, particularly his relationship with his wife, offers a glimpse into the man beyond the scandal. His efforts to rebuild and lead a normal life post-War Dogs their once-lucrative venture. Movie War Dogs their once-lucrative venture of the events that inspired the movie. It provides factual insights into the intricate dealings and legal battles that defined the saga of Diveroli and Packouzs journey from high school friends to international arms dealers is a narrative that captivates and caution, serving as a vivid reminder of the thin line between right and wrong, and the price of chasing the American dream through unorthodox means. As we explore this incredible tale, we invite readers to delve deeper into the factual narrative, understanding the real individuals behind the headlines and the movie that brought their story to the forefront of public consciousness. For more factual deep-dives and uncovering the truths behind popular narratives, visit Is True Story, your destination for unraveling the truths behind popular narratives, visit Is True Story, your destination for unraveling the truths behind popular narratives, visit Is True Story, your destination for unraveling the stories that shape our world. I am Jeremy Jahns Your Cinematic Explorer Immerse in movie reviews, Hollywood insights, and behind-the-scenes stories. WAR DOGS *CUT TO THE CHASE* NOTE: This spoiler was submitted by Jeremy January 2008, Albania - Two masked men pull David Packouz (Miles Teller) out of a trunk and start beating him. One of the men holds a gun to David's face. We hear David's voice saying what kind of gun it is, and he adds that he is an international arms dealer. We see clips of American soldiers posing with the gear and weapons. David, that's what war is really all about - money. Anyone who says otherwise is in on it and is supposed to keep quiet. It's 2005 in Miami. David is a massage therapist making \$75 an hour, living with his girlfriend Iz (Ana De Armas). On the side, David tries to sell bedsheets to a retirement home, but he learns that "no one gives a shit about old people". At a funeral, David reunites with an old friend named Efraim Diveroli (Jonah Hill). They hang out after and try to score some weed from neighborhood drug dealers. Efraim gives them \$300 for weed, but they pocket the money and ignore Efraim, showing off a gun to make him leave. Efraim walks to his car and pulls out a bigger gun from his trunk, which he starts firing off in the air to scare the dealers away. David and Efraim discuss Efraim's new line of business. gunrunning. He explains to David how to exploit the war on terrorism for profit. David doesn't want to get involved at first, but when he learns Iz is pregnant, he figures he needs to make more money than he does now. He lies to her and Efraim are selling bedsheets to the U.S. army, which she is okay with. After learning the ins and outs of arms dealing and checking through government contracts, David and Efraim start up their own business, AEY Inc, after getting funding from Ralph Slutzky (Kevin Pollak). Soon, the guys earn themselves a contract with the United States Department of Defense to deal weapons. However, they hit a snag when they have Berettas shipped to Jordan, unaware of Italian-made guns not being permitted to be shipped. Efraim interrupts David during a dinner party with Iz and her friends. They have a conversation outside, but Iz overhears their business and learns the truth about what David is doing, leaving her pissed. David and Efraim travel to Jordan and meet with smugglers that will help them retrieve the guns. They meet a man named Marlboro (Shaun Toub), who drives the guys to their destination. They stop to get gas in Fallujah, where the guys wake up and don't see Marlboro. Efraim finds a dead body inside the station, and sees that Marlboro is siphoning gas. David gets a call from Iz, who appears to forgive David for lying to her, even though the lying does bother her. Moments later, the guys see vans approaching, with men firing guns at them. David and Efraim try to get out of there, despite having an empty tank. Marlboro runs after them and hops onto the truck, filling up the tank as they drive. The guys are saved when a U.S. chopper descends, forcing the mercenaries to stop shooting. The guys meet with Captain Santos (Patrick St. Esprit) to deliver the guys receive their payment. Pretty soon, the guys are making more contracts. They start hiring people to work for AEY, and they start doing business with a man named Henry Girard (Bradley Cooper), who is apparently a legend with closing big deals with the army. David and Iz also welcome a baby girl named Ella. However, Efraim becomes increasingly megalomaniacal, even firing one man on the spot just for correcting him on something. David and Efraim then score "The Afghan Deal", which would allow them to supply the Afghan army with a number of weapons and ammunition. The contract came from China, which is a problem because the U.S. army has an embargo on the Chinese military industry, so Chinese ammunition is banned. Efraim has the ammo and weapons repackaged and shipped off anyway. The guys have a falling out with their business when David and Efraim sort out their share of the payment. When David and assault him. David breaks off his partnership with Efraim, especially after Efraim refuses to pay David and Ralph back for thousands of money owed to both of them. David decides to just go back to being a massage therapist. David gets a call from a reporter regarding an investigation into the Afghan Deal. He knows he's in trouble. He heads down an elevator and meets Efraim in there. Efraim tries to make it look like he's sorry and that he considers David a friend, but David sees through the facade, which Efraim admits. David punches Efraim in the face. When they get downstairs, they are greeted by a whole team of FBI agents, and the two are arrested. David's voiceover says that Ralph was in on it with the FBI, but he gets apprehended as well. What did them in, however, was the packaging guy that Efraim never paid, so he ratted them out. Both men were charged with conspiracy and fraud. Efraim was sentenced to four years in prison, while David served seven months house arrest, allowing him to stay with Iz and Ella. The last scene has David meeting with Henry pulls out a case full of money, which he offers to David on the promise of "no more questions." *CUT TO THE CHASE* Brought to you by David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli score deals with the military to sell guns with government contracts. Their partnership dissolves due to Efraim Diveroli score deals with the military to sell guns with government contracts. Their partnership dissolves due to Efraim Diveroli score deals with the military to sell guns with government contracts. months house arrest and Efraim got 4 years in prison. In the end, David earns a nice cut of money from Henry Girard to keep quiet about their business together. American author and former arms dealerCriminal statusReleased August 2014[2]ConvictionsConspiracy to defraud the United States, felon in possession of a firearmCriminal penalty4 years in federal prisonEfraim Diveroli (born December 20, 1985)[3] is an American former arms dealer, convicted fraudster, and author.[4] Diveroli controlled AEY, Inc., a company that secured significant contracts as a major weapons contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense. AEY was suspended by the U.S. government due to contractual violations. AEY had supplied Chinese ammunition to Afghanistan, attempting to conceal its origin by repackaging it as Albanian. Although this did not violate the American arms embargo against China, because the ammo was manufactured pre 1989, it was a violation of their contract with the government which said no Chinese ammo at all. Concealing its origin then became an act of fraud.[5][6][7] This incident prompted the United States Army to initiate a review of its contracting procedures.[6] Efraim Diveroli, at the age of 21, and his partner, David Packouz, at 25, gained notoriety for their involvement in the high-profile ammunition deal. Subsequently, Diveroli was sentenced to four years in federal prison.[8] Diveroli's story became the focal point of the 2016 Todd Phillips film, War Dogs,[9] in which Jonah Hill portrayed Diveroli, and Miles Teller portrayed Packouz. Additionally, a memoir co-authored by Diveroli and Matthew Cox was published in 2016.[10]Diveroli was born on December 20, 1985, in Miami Beach, Florida, the son of Ateret and Michael Diveroli. His family was Orthodox Jewish, strictly observing all traditional Jewish laws. He studied at Hebrew Academy in Miami Beach. His Iranian-born grandfather, Yoav Botach, was one of the wealthiest property owners in Los Angeles, and his uncle is celebrity rabbi Shmuley Boteach.[11][12]Diveroli returned home to Miami Beach, Florida in March 2001 at the age of fifteen. After an argument with his uncle, he told his father he wanted to open a business specializing in arms, ammunition trading, and defense contracts with the U.S. government. He convinced his father to sell him a shell company, AEY, Inc., named after the first initials of him and his siblings, which his father had incorporated as a small printing business, but had not done anything with for years.[4] Diveroli's success in arms dealing quickly attracted attention within the industry,[8] he was labeled as an "arms wunderkind" by the Miami Herald and as a "stoner arms dealer" by Rolling Stone as a result of Diveroli's drug use.[13][8]During the Cold War, the USA & USSR engaged in a protracted and massive arms race.[14] Millions of weapons were stockpiled throughout Eastern Europe. When the Cold War ended, and the immediate threat of violence subsided, arms dealers started moving some of these weapons.[8] The sales that followed formed the "gray market" where non-state actors (such as militia or terrorist groups) and legitimate government-sanctioned buyers could procure arms through illegal foreign government sales.[15] The Pentagon wanted access to this gray market to arm the militias it was creating in Iraq and Afghanistan. The US government therefore required intermediaries, or proxies, to undertake the more covert and intricate facets of arms-related activities. Companies such as AEY emerged as entities facilitating these operations, playing a role in executing tasks that were considered sensitive or clandestine in nature.[8]Diveroli began working during a period of heavy arms trading as a teenager in a one-room apartment in Miami. Equipped with nothing more than a laptop, he sought to enter the industry from the comfort of his couch.[4][8] He began surfing solicitations on fbo.gov (now sam.gov), or FedBizOpps, a government website where contracts are posted. He began by bidding on small contracts with the financial help of Ralph Merrill, with whom he did business during his time working for his uncle. By the age of eighteen, Diveroli had become a millionaire by continuing to beat out big corporations like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and BAE Systems. In the words of Rolling Stone, Diveroli had "an appetite for risk and all-devouring ambition."[8] After steadily increasing the size of his contract by the Pentagon to provide arms and munitions to the allied forces in Afghanistan.[4] In meeting the contractual obligations set by the United States government, Efraim Diveroli became involved in interactions with individuals of questionable repute within the arms trade. These interactions extended to engaging with unscrupulous weapons traders, diplomatically compromised individuals, and individuals identified as soldiers of fortune. Diveroli's responsibilities further involved negotiating agreements with foreign defense ministers, participating in meetings held at diplomatic embassies, and responding to communication from high-ranking officials within the United States Army.[8]On March 27, 2008, the U.S. government suspended AEY, Inc. for infringing upon the terms of its contract; in violation of a pre-existing arms embargo, the company was accused of supplying ammunition manufactured in China to the Afghan National Army and police. United States Army documents showed that the company totaled more than \$200 million in contract, the United States Army began a review of its contracting procedures.[16]The United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ruled the ammunition "unserviceable".[17] AEY had also failed to perform on numerous previous contracts, including sending potentially unsafe helmets and failure to deliver 10,000 Beretta pistols to Iraq.[18][19][20]Ammoworks, a company owned by Diveroli, continued selling arms while he awaited trial for conspiracy. [21] In late August 2008, he pleaded guilty on one count of conspiracy, and was sentenced to four years in prison on January 4, 2011. [22] He was further sentenced for possessing a weapon while out on bond [24] and had his overall sentence reduced for assisting in the investigation of the prosecution.[clarification needed]Diveroli's former partner David Packouz was sentenced to seven months house arrest.[8]Packouz, along with Ralph Merrill, the group's former chief financier, later filed separate lawsuits against Diveroli seeking payment of millions of dollars they say they were owed in connection to the weapons contract with the U.S. government. [25]In 2022, Diveroli opted into an exhaustive government and confirmed that he was fully qualified and fit to contract with the federal government once again. 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