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## Second US Attorney Death in Novation Medicare Fraud Case"

*US Attorney Shannon Ross, the second death in the Ft. Worth, TX US Attorney office connected to the governments investigation of Novation, GE and other GHX members for Medicare fraud*

Kansas City, MO (PRWEB) September 17, 2004 -- Assistant US Attorney for Texas, Shannon Ross died on Monday September 13th, 2004. Shannon Ross, who supervised 70 US Justice Department prosecutors, had issued the criminal subpoenas to healthcare suppliers General Electric in addition to other members of GHX, LLC that do business with Novation, the largest healthcare GPO, under the investigation that sparked the New York Times article Wide U.S. Inquiry Into Purchasing For Health Care" on Saturday August 21, 2004.

Sam Lipari, President of Medical Supply Chain, Inc. stated that Ms. Ross was a courageous believer in the rule of law and that the Ft. Worth, TX Office of the US Attorney was the first to actually obtain manufacturer records and compare them to the monopolist suppliers and their client hospitals. Medical Supply Chain, Inc. has alleged that Medicare is overcharged by sum 40% through Sherman Act prohibited supplier cartels in the \$1.8 Trillion dollar healthcare industry and is civilly prosecuting Novations joint venture partners GE and US Bancorp Piper Jaffray for conspiring to keep its more efficient web based marketplace from providing lower cost products to hospitals.

Shannon Ross death was preceded by the death of Thelma Quince Colbert on July 20th, also of the Ft. Worth US Attorneys office and the head of a special civil litigation unit that prosecuted companies for defrauding government-funded programs.

**About Medical Supply Chain**  
Medical Supply Chain, Inc. (MSCI) is a Health System service center providing supply chain resources and technology to the health system (hospital) and their trading partners. MSCI supports and complements the work and goals of the supply chain professional in their pursuit to strategically direct supply-chain activities and relationships. When this occurs real supply-chain value will find its way into healthcare and only then will the layers of cost and inefficiencies be removed. MSCI transforms health systems with empowerment to control their own supply chain costs.

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