

# **‘Landmark Settlement’ With Justice Companies Over Unpaid Safety Penalties**

“Coal companies owned by Gov. Jim Justice and his family have settled with federal agencies to satisfy more than \$5 million in unpaid penalties for violations of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act,” reports Brad McElhinny in *MetroNews the Voice of West Virginia*.

“Although it’s a settlement, the federal officials say the 23 named defendants agreed to pay the full amounts of the assessed civil penalties, plus interest and penalties.”

“Federal officials sued almost two dozen Justice companies almost a year ago over millions of dollars in unpaid safety violation penalties dating back years.”

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