Roundup Plaintiffs' Lawyer Arrested on Extortion Charges



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Bloomberg **reports** that federal officials have arrested a Virginia lawyer accused of trying to extort a chemical manufacturer in connection with litigation over a common weedkiller.

Timothy Litzenburg was arrested for allegedly threatening "to inflict substantial financial and reputational harm" if an unnamed company didn't provide a $200 million payment disguised as a "consulting agreement," according to a Justice Department complaint.

Litzenburg – charged with attempted extortion, transmitting interstate communications with the intent to extort, and conspiracy – was one of the lawyers who represented a plaintiff who won jury verdict against Bayer AG in 2018 after alleging that the company's product, Roundup, caused his terminal non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Read the Bloomberg article.