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◆ The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts said March 5 it has filed a False Claims Act **complaint** against SpineFrontier Inc., Impartial Medical Experts LLC (IME), and three of their executives for allegedly paying more than \$8 million in kickbacks to surgeons to induce them to use SpineFrontier's devices in spinal surgeries.<sup>[1]</sup> The alleged kickbacks were "in the form of sham consulting fees via a sham third-party, IME," the U.S. Attorney's Office said. The executives are Kingsley Chin, the founder and CEO of SpineFrontier; Aditya Humad, the CFO of SpineFrontier; and Vanessa Dudley, Chin's wife and IME's business administrator. The U.S. Attorney's Office also announced it has settled civil fraud claims with three orthopedic surgeons and two neurosurgeons who took kickbacks from SpineFrontier. They settled for amounts ranging from \$105,149 to \$486,985.

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