

FBI Probes United Leasing

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Apr. 4--FBI agents hauled boxes of material from the office of a Mechanicsville firm yesterday morning.

The agents carried box after box from the offices of United Leasing Corp. and placed them in the back of a dark-colored van parked outside the front door.

United Leasing is a 35-year-old Richmond-area company that provides lease financing for business equipment primarily for small businesses and startups. The company, whose offices are at Chamberlayne and Atlee Station roads, also has an affiliated business, United Truck Sales, according to its Web site.

Asked about the activity at his office, Raymond Cullen, the company's president, offered this statement: "United Leasing has been made aware, as of this morning, of a criminal investigation, and we have told the investigating authorities that we will cooperate in any way, shape or form in the course of their investigation in order to resolve the issues outstanding."

Lawrence Barry, an FBI spokesman, said he could make no comment about the bureau's presence at the company's office. The U.S. attorney's office in Richmond also had no comment.

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