The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 was enacted with the purpose of deterring corporations from engaging in bribery and requiring publicly traded U.S. companies to keep accurate books and records of their transactions.

Dr. Lawson and Dr. Muriel began by researching companies who had violated the FCPA. I assisted the two in creating a database in Microsoft Excel based on research done by Sherman & Sterling LLP. I entered information regarding the companies, their individual infractions, and penalties into the database.

On February 24, 2015, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission for violating the FCPA. Goodyear failed to prevent or detect over $3.2 million in bribes of subsidiaries in sub-Saharan Africa. Goodyear also failed to keep proper records. The bribes were recorded as legitimate business transactions. As a result of these infractions, Goodyear agreed to pay over $16 million in penalties.

Other well known corporations such as Walmart and Pfizer have also encountered similar charges due to violations.


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Our research goal is to examine trends and associations among U.S. publicly traded firms that experienced an FCPA violation to help explain why companies would choose to violate the Act.

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