







PUBLIC CORRUPTION DEFENDANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS

Most of those arrested were charged with conspiracy, including three mayors, two state legislators and a number of appointed officials. Attorneys currently representing those defendants, based on information from the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Attorney's Office, are listed below.

DEFENDANT	POSITION	CHARGE	ATTORNEY	RÉSUMÉ/BIG CASES
Moshe Altman, 39, Monsey, N.Y.	Hudson County real estate developer	Conspiracy and money laundering	Howard Brownstein	Union City defense lawyer, represented public officials and contractors accused of bribery or misconduct. Clients included former Monmouth County Freeholder Director Harry Larrison Jr., who faced federal bribery charges; Roxbury police officers charged with running a gambling casino; and former Union City Commissioner Manuel "Manny" Diaz on charges of writing \$100,000 in bad checks.
Charlie Ammon, 33, Lakewood	Property manager	Conspiracy	Attorney not assigned	
Leona Beldini, 74, Jersey City	Jersey City deputy mayor	Conspiracy	Brian Neary	Offices in Bergen and Hudson counties, noted for defense of professional athletes, entertainers, public officials and other lawyers. He represented former Nets star Jayson Williams in a 1994 case in which the basketball player avoided prosecution on a weapons charge. Other clients: rhythm-and-blues singer Wilson Pickett, charged with cocaine possession in 1997 in Bergen County, and rap star DMX, who faced weapons and drugs charges in 1999.
 Peter Cammarano III, 32, Hoboken	Mayor of Hoboken	Conspiracy	 Joseph Hayden	Former prosecutor, now senior partner in the law firm of Walder, Hayden & Brogan in Roseland. Currently is representing Jayson Williams, who is facing a retrial in the 2002 shooting death of a limousine driver at his former New Jersey estate. In 1996, Hayden represented a West Orange woman who was cleared of trying to arrange the hit-man murder of a stalking ex-beau.
Joseph Cardwell, 68, Jersey City	Hudson County political operative	Agreeing to bribe a public official	Henry Klingeman	Former federal prosecutor, won a conviction against penny stock tycoon Robert E. Brennan. Now a Newark-based defense lawyer, clients have included a former adviser to Assemblyman Joseph Vas charged with illegally funneling money to Vas' congressional campaign, also represented a former Newark police detective charged with helping a drug dealer launder drug money.
Joseph Castagna, 53, Jersey City	Jersey City health officer	Conspiracy	Anthony Kress	Longtime Hackensack defense lawyer. Clients included: former mayor and councilman of Guttenberg who were cleared by a federal appeals court after being convicted in 1994 on charges they traded municipal jobs for political support.
Guy Catrillo, 54 Jersey City	Jersey City planning aide	Attempted extortion	Michael P. Koribanics	Former Hudson County prosecutor and Clifton-based lawyer who specializes in criminal work, including bribery and public corruption cases. Clients include a Roxbury man whose 20-year-old sexual assault conviction was overturned last year, also won drug charge acquittals for an East Orange couple whose sons had used their home for cocaine sales.
Edward Cheatam, 61, Jersey City	Commissioner with Jersey City Housing Authority and affirmative action officer for Hudson County	Conspiracy and attempted extortion	John J. Collins	Jersey City solo practitioner, employed as assistant public defender in Jersey City Municipal Court, serves as planning board attorney for Hudson County, appointed special litigation counsel to the city of Hoboken and worked as a business law professor in 2006 for Hudson County Community College.
Dennis Elwell, 64, Secaucus	Mayor of Secaucus	Conspiracy	Thomas Cammarata and Jeffrey Garrigan	Cammarata, Jersey City lawyer, one-time Hudson County assistant prosecutor, represented alleged Genovese crime family member Michael Coppola. Often represents police officers in departmental and criminal matters. Garrigan, his partner, was also an assistant prosecutor who handled several big homicide cases.
Itzak Friedlander, 41, Union City	Associate of Altman	Money laundering and conspiracy	Fred M. Zemel	Newark solo practitioner who, in 1987, represented a would-be "folk artist" in Newark against city efforts to dismantle an 80-ton wooden ark she built in the rear of her Central Ward property and, in 2002, represented a Fair Lawn rabbi convicted of sexually abusing two teenage girls at an Ocean Township religious school where he was principal.
Richard Greene, 45, Jersey City	Aide to Assemblyman L. Harvey Smith	Conspiracy	Chester Keller	Federal public defender. Represented Theodore Kaczynski, the admitted Unabomber.
John Guarini, 59, Bayonne	Former Jersey City building inspector	Conspiracy	Federal public defender	
Shimon Haber, 34, Brooklyn	Associate of Altman	Money laundering conspiracy	Federal public defender	
Denis Jaslow, 46, Wall	Investigator for Hudson County Board of Elections	Conspiracy	Federal public defender	
Maher A. Khalil, 39, Jersey City	Former member of Jersey City Zoning Board of Adjustment	Conspiracy and attempted extortion	Federal public defender	
James P. "Jimmy" King, 67, Jersey City	Former head of Jersey City Parking Authority	Conspiracy	Arthur Abrams	Jersey City defense lawyer, represented a Union City woman accused of human trafficking. Last year represented one of two men who killed a Jersey City Heights bodega owner during a robbery in 2006. Also defended a man accused of attacking a cast member from HBO's award-winning series "The Sopranos."
Louis Manzo, 54, Jersey City	Former Democratic assemblyman who ran for mayor in Jersey City	Conspiracy	John David Lynch	Union City attorney. Has represented a number of Hudson County public officials in past corruption probes.
Michael Manzo, 53, Jersey City	Democrat who lost bid for city council in May	Conspiracy	Sam DeLuca	Jersey City defense lawyer. Clients include former United States figure-skating champion Nicole Bobek, charged this year with being involved in a major Hudson County methamphetamine ring; alleged mobsters as well as police officers.
Ronald Manzo, 65, Bayonne	Brother of Louis Manzo and political advisor	Conspiracy	Sam DeLuca	See above
Michael Schaffer, 58, Hoboken	Commissioner on North Hudson Utilities Authority	Conspiracy	Federal public defender	
Lori Serrano, 37, Jersey City	Former chairwoman of Jersey City Housing Authority who ran for mayor	Conspiracy	Raymond L. Hamlin and Terry Ridley	Hamlin represented Terrance Everett, falsely accused of killing Orange police officer Joyce Carnegie. Ridley represented former Newark Councilwoman Dana Rone after she was charged with obstruction of justice in connection with a police traffic stop involving her nephew.
Jack Shaw, 61, Jersey City	Political consultant who died days after being charged	Conspiracy	Federal public defender	
 L. Harvey Smith, 60, Jersey City	State assemblyman and former mayor of Jersey City	Conspiracy	 Peter Willis	Represented former Hudson County Freeholder Nidia Dávila Colón in a corruption case, pro bono, also a cardiologist who allegedly took a high-paying, no-work job at the state's medical university and a former Orange police officer who was sentenced to nine years in federal prison for his role in the death of an East Orange man beaten by officers who mistook him for a cop-killer.
 Anthony R. Suarez, 42, Ridgefield	Mayor of Ridgewood	Conspiracy	 Michael Critchley	Former Essex County prosecutor and assistant counsel to Gov. Brendan Byrne. Clients included penny stock tycoon Robert E. Brennan. Also handled the cases of teenage child-killer Samuel Manzie, the 1992 acquittal of a Newark police officer charged with murdering his estranged wife's lover, and a lawsuit filed on behalf of four boys against the state after they were abused and starved by a Collingswood couple who adopted them.
Vincent Tabbachino, 68, Fairview	Owner of a tax preparation business	Conspiracy and money laundering	Anthony Kress	See Castagna
Daniel M. Van Pelt, 44, Waretown	State assemblyman and former mayor of Ocean Township.	Attempted extortion	Michael Gilberti and Robert R. Fuggi	Former Assistant U.S. attorney turned defense lawyer. Clients included JCP&L employee who stole \$3.7 million as part of a scheme that drained \$11.5 million from an energy rebate program funded by customers. Robert Fuggi has practiced as a municipal prosecutor and specializes in workers compensation complaints.
Mariano Vega, 59, Jersey City	President of Jersey City Council	Conspiracy	Christopher Patella	Bayonne lawyer, longtime assistant city attorney often involved in city politics and campaigns. In 2005 represented a New Jersey Turnpike Authority official who shook down a towing operator for kickbacks.
Lavern Webb-Washington, 60, Jersey City	Housing activist who lost a race for Jersey City Council	Conspiracy	Federal public defender	
Jeffrey Williamson, 57, Lakewood	Housing inspector in Lakewood	Attempted extortion	Angelo Servidio	Nutley-based criminal defense lawyer: Cases: 2002 federal prosecution of a social worker and four others accused of luring teenage Mexican girls to the country and forcing them into prostitution; also a Monmouth County man who admitted that, when he was 14 years old, set the 1977 Sea Bright boarding house blaze that killed four mentally handicapped men.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, the conspiracy charges listed here are "Conspiracy to commit extortion under color of official right." "Under color of official right" is a legal term referring to the wrongful use of official power, usually to force the taking of money or property.

SOURCES: U.S. Attorney's Office; U.S. District Court; Published reports

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