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**ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TOM MANUEL PLEADS GUILTY TO BRIBERY**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Thomas G. Manuel (age 63, of St. Johns County) today pleaded guilty to one count of bribery. Manuel faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison.

According to the plea agreement, Thomas G. Manuel, while serving on the St. Johns County Commission, accepted \$10,000 and \$50,000, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with business of the St. Johns County Commission involving something of value of \$5,000 or more.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Julie Hackenberry Savell.