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## Former Atlantic City Mayor Sentenced to Probation For Defrauding the Veterans Benefits Administration

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CAMDEN – A former mayor of Atlantic City was sentenced to three years of probation today for defrauding the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of approximately \$25,000 in benefits, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle also ordered Robert W. Levy, Sr., 61, of Atlantic City, to pay a \$5,000 fine and restitution in the amount of \$25,198 to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Levy, who resigned as mayor on Oct. 10, 2007, pleaded guilty on Nov. 1, 2007, to a one-count Information that charged him with making false and fraudulent statements and representations concerning his military service during the application process for veteran's benefits to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), which is a component of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

At his plea hearing, Levy admitted that in January 2003 he submitted an application that contained false and fraudulent statements to the VBA in support of his claim for financial benefits. Levy admitted that he falsely claimed that he twice was abandoned during battle by his South Vietnamese troops and left alone in the jungle for several weeks, which caused him to suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Levy admitted that he falsely stated that he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Parachutist's Badge.

Furthermore, Levy falsely claimed that he had successfully completed Airborne School and that during the course of his military service successfully parachuted up to 100 times. Levy admitted that he falsely claimed to have injured his shoulder during Airborne School and while participating in military operations. Levy stated that he never completed Airborne School and that he never parachuted from an aircraft during his military service.

Christie credited the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Jeffery G. Hughes, North East Field Office, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason M. Richardson of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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