

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
v. : Crim. No. 07-
LEE HOLLAND : 18 U.S.C. §§ 666(a)(1)(B) and 2

INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

**Soliciting, Demanding, Accepting and Agreeing to Accept
Cash Payments in Exchange for Official Action and Influence**

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

(A) Defendant LEE HOLLAND was a housing inspector for the City of Paterson in Paterson, New Jersey. As a housing inspector, the duties of defendant HOLLAND included the inspection of rental apartments leased or to be leased by individuals receiving Section 8 housing benefits, the issuance of violation orders providing notice of housing code violations at such properties, and if necessary, the initiation of legal action against those landlords who failed to take prompt corrective action in response to a violation order.

(B) The C.W. was an individual who was known in Paterson to be engaged in the real estate business, specifically, helping buyers to purchase residential properties in Paterson.

The C.W. "managed" these properties for the buyers by renting them to recipients of Section 8 housing benefits. The C.W. retained the rent payments for the properties, which exceeded \$5,000 per year.

(C) The City of Paterson was a local government that received benefits in excess of \$10,000 under a federal program involving federal assistance during the relevant one-year period.

2. On or about January 16, 2006, defendant LEE HOLLAND met with the C.W. in Paterson, New Jersey and agreed that the C.W. would pay defendant HOLLAND \$200 per week in exchange for defendant HOLLAND's continued official assistance to the C.W., to include providing favorable inspections of the C.W.'s properties and assisting the C.W. in resolving legal actions initiated by the City of Paterson as a result of tenant complaints regarding housing code violations.

3. On or about January 27, 2006, defendant LEE HOLLAND solicited and accepted a payment of \$200 from the C.W. in exchange for defendant HOLLAND's continued assistance to the C.W. in defendant HOLLAND's official capacity.

4. On or about February 15, 2006, defendant LEE HOLLAND solicited and accepted a payment of \$400 from the C.W. and agreed to contact the C.W. if he learned of any problems with the C.W.'s apartments.

5. On or about March 24, 2006, defendant LEE HOLLAND met with the C.W. and they discussed certain properties for which

the C.W. needed "re-rental" certificates which were required before a Section 8 property could be rented to a new Section 8 tenant. Defendant HOLLAND agreed to be of assistance with respect to obtaining these certificates.

6. From in or about January 2006 to in or about March 2006, in Passaic County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

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knowingly and willfully did corruptly solicit and demand for the benefit of himself, and accept and agree to accept cash payments from another, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of a local government, involving a thing of value of \$5,000 and more.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 666(a)(1)(B) and 2.

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