

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
v. : Crim. No. 07-
ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK : 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a) and 2

INFORMATION

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

Attempted Extortion Under Color of Official Right

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

(A) Defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK was employed by the Passaic Valley Water Commission (the "PVWC"). As a PVWC employee, defendant SCHWEIDEREICK was responsible for, among other duties, activating water service for new apartment tenants in Paterson, New Jersey, and turning off water service at those apartments where the responsible party had failed to timely pay the applicable water bills.

(B) There was a cooperating witness (the "C.W.") who was engaged in the real estate business, specifically, assisting buyers inside and outside New Jersey to purchase various residential properties in Paterson as "investments" for the buyers. In order to purchase the properties, the C.W. and others assisted the buyers to apply for loans from mortgage lenders

located both inside and outside New Jersey. The C.W. then managed these properties for the buyers by renting them to recipients of Section 8 housing benefits.

(C) There was another individual who was employed by the PVWC (the "PVWC Employee").

2. On or about January 25, 2006, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK met with the C.W. in Paterson, New Jersey. During the meeting, defendant SCHWEIDEREICK accepted a \$100 cash payment from the C.W. for turning on or keeping water service on at two locations defendant SCHWEIDEREICK believed were managed by the C.W., pursuant to their agreement.

3. On or about February 1, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK and the PVWC Employee met with the C.W. Defendant SCHWEIDEREICK indicated to the C.W., in substance and in part, that the C.W. owed him \$50 and that he needed a new list of the C.W.'s apartments.

4. On or about February 8, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK accepted a cash payment in the amount of \$50 from the C.W. for keeping the water on at one property.

5. On or about February 21, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK accepted a cash payment in the amount of \$100 from the C.W. for keeping the water on at two properties that defendant SCHWEIDEREICK believed were managed by the C.W.

6. On or about February 23, 2006, in Paterson, defendant

ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK accepted a cash payment in the amount of \$30 from the C.W. to pass on to another PVWC employee for the employee's official assistance.

7. On or about April 7, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK accepted a cash payment in the amount of \$50 from the C.W. for keeping the water on at a property defendant SCHWEIDEREICK believed was managed by the C.W.

8. On or about May 2, 2006, the C.W. made a telephone call to defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK. During the telephone call, defendant SCHWEIDEREICK provided the C.W. with a list of properties at which the water was scheduled to be turned off by the PVWC, telling the C.W., in substance and in part, that he intended to turn the water off at those properties unless the C.W. instructed him to keep it on. Defendant SCHWEIDEREICK further informed the C.W., in substance and in part, that he had turned the water on at four of the C.W.'s properties in the previous week, that the C.W. owed him a total of \$300, and that the C.W. owed the PVWC Employee a total of \$50.

9. On or about May 5, 2006, the C.W. made a telephone call to defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK during which defendant SCHWEIDEREICK provided the addresses of various properties where he did not shut the water off. Defendant SCHWEIDEREICK further advised the C.W. that the C.W. owed him \$350 and \$50 for the PVWC Employee.

10. On or about May 5, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK and the PVWC Employee met with the C.W. Defendant SCHWEIDEREICK and the other PVWC employee accepted \$400 in cash from the C.W., for their official assistance, which they counted and divided between them.

11. On or about May 25, 2006, in Paterson, defendant ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK solicited and accepted \$150 in cash from the C.W. for turning or keeping the water on at three properties defendant SCHWEIDEREICK believed to be the C.W's.

The Charge

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

ROBERT SCHWEIDEREICK

knowingly and willfully did attempt to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extortion under color of official right by demanding, obtaining and agreeing to obtain corrupt payments that were paid by the C.W. with consent, for defendant SCHWEIDEREICK's official assistance as specific opportunities arose.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY