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Former Paterson Housing Inspector  
Sentenced to 12 Months in Prison for Taking Bribes

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NEWARK – A former housing inspector for the City of Paterson was sentenced today to 12 months and one day in prison for accepting and agreeing to accept bribes for performing housing inspections and other official assistance, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Jose L. Linares also ordered Lee Holland, 61, of Paterson, to pay a \$3,000 fine and to serve two years of supervised release upon completion of his prison sentence. Judge Linares ordered Holland to surrender to the federal Bureau of Prisons by Dec. 10.

Holland was a housing inspector for the City of Paterson when he took \$600 in cash from a local property manager who was in fact cooperating with the FBI and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General in a corruption investigation. Holland was initially arrested and charged in March.

Holland pleaded guilty on July 19, 2007, to one count of soliciting and accepting cash bribes in exchange for official action or influence. He admitted then that he met with the property manager on multiple occasions and, in January 2006, negotiated a fee of \$200 per week in exchange for performing prompt housing inspections and for providing other official assistance as the need arose.

Holland admitted that he accepted \$200 on Jan. 27, 2006, and \$400 on Feb. 15., 2006. Holland admitted that he also agreed to contact the property manager if Holland learned of any problems or complaints with the manager's properties.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI's Garret Mountain Resident Agency in West Paterson, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun; and Special Agents from HUD OIG, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Rene Febles, with the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Hope Olds of the Office's Special Prosecutions Division, who is prosecuting this case.

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