

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Criminal No.
	:	
v.	:	18 U.S.C. §§ 1951 (a) and 2
	:	
GIBB JONES	:	

INFORMATION

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

Extortion Under Color of Official Right

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
 - a. Defendant GIBB JONES served as a member of the City Council of Atlantic City (the “City Council”).
 - b. The City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, conducted business that affected interstate commerce.
 - c. Individuals identified herein as “Businessman 1” and “Businessman 2” sought various business contracts with the City of Atlantic City which required the City Council’s approval. Both Businessman 1 and Businessman 2 stood to benefit, and in fact did benefit, from the contracts.
2. At various times in or about 2003, defendant GIBB JONES received more than \$5,000 cash from Businessman 1, in return for defendant GIBB JONES’s official support for Businessman 2 to gain contracts he sought, and subsequently obtained, from Atlantic City. During the same period when defendant GIBB JONES received the cash payments from

Businessman 1, Businessman 1 asked GIBB JONES to vote in favor of Businessman 2 on matters pending before the City Council, which GIBB JONES did.

3. In or about 2003, in Atlantic County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

GIBB JONES

did knowingly and willfully obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extortion – that is, by accepting and agreeing to accept from Businessman 1 more than \$5,000, in exchange for defendant GIBB JONES's agreement to exercise official action and influence to assist Businessman 2 in obtaining contracts with Atlantic City.

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

CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE
United States Attorney