

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 06-
:
v. : 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951 (a) and 2
:
ALI SLOAN EL :

INFORMATION

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

Attempted Extortion Under Color of Official Right

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
 - a. Defendant ALI SLOAN EL was an elected member of the City Council in Camden, New Jersey.
 - b. An undercover FBI agent ("UC-1"), posed as a "Wall Street financier" and investor, who claimed to be involved in many interstate construction projects, and who was backing an Atlantic City, New Jersey area contractor ("Contractor 1") involved in interstate commerce, who was interested in obtaining development and construction work in Camden, New Jersey.
 - c. The City of Camden was a municipality in Camden County, New Jersey, that was involved in capital improvement projects that affected interstate commerce.
2. On different occasions in or about 2003 and 2004, defendant ALI SLOAN EL represented to Contractor 1 that as a City Council member he was in a position to influence, and did influence, official action on behalf of the City of Camden in the hiring of contractors to

perform services for, and development work in, Camden.

3. On or about October 1, 2003, in a meeting consensually recording by law enforcement, defendant ALI SLOAN EL accepted \$13,000 from UC - 1 in exchange for agreeing to steer work in Camden to Contractor 1. The money was offered in return for Defendant ALI SLOAN EL's official support for Contractor 1 to obtain construction work in the City of Camden. At that meeting, defendant ALI SLOAN EL, Contractor 1 and UC - 1 discussed that defendant ALI SLOAN EL was to use \$3,000 of the payment to pay taxes on the remaining \$10,000, in an effort to avoid suspicion regarding the nature of the funds.

4. On or about October 1, 2003, in Camden County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

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did knowingly and willfully attempt to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extortion--that is, by accepting and agreeing to accept from UC -1 with his consent approximately \$13,000 in exchange for defendant ALI SLOAN EL'S agreement to exercise official action and influence to assist Contractor 1 relating to construction work in Camden, New Jersey.

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

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United States Attorney