

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
v. : Crim. No. 06-
JOSEPH SCARPELLI : 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a) & 2

INFORMATION

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

Accepting and Agreeing to Accept
Cash Payments in Exchange for Official Action

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

(A) defendant JOSEPH SCARPELLI was the Mayor of Brick Township, New Jersey. In his capacity as Mayor of Brick Township, defendant JOSEPH SCARPELLI worked and interacted with various Brick Township public officials, including, but not limited to, members of the Township Council, the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustments. Defendant JOSEPH SCARPELLI also had authority over financial matters affecting Brick Township, such as budget appropriations and the award of contracts to vendors.

(B) there was a real-estate developer in Brick Township (hereinafter, "the Developer") whose company was engaged in interstate commerce and who sought Township approval for certain development projects within the Township.

(C) from in or about 1998 to in or about late 2003, defendant JOSEPH SCARPELLI accepted at least approximately \$5,000 in cash payments from the Developer, personally and through others, in exchange for defendant JOSEPH SCARPELLI's agreement to use his official position in Brick Township to assist the Developer with obtaining Township approval for the Developer's projects in the Township.

The Charge

2. From in or about 1998 to in or about late 2003, in Ocean County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH SCARPELLI

knowingly and willfully did obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extortion under color of official right--that is, accepting and agreeing to accept cash payments directly and indirectly from the Developer, with the Developer's consent, in exchange for agreeing to exercise official action and influence on behalf of the Developer as opportunities arose.

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

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