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FORMER STATE SENATE COMPUTER AIDE PLEADS GUILTY TO OBSTRUCTION

PHILADELPHIA - Laurie Magid, Acting United States Attorney, announced that Leonard Luchko, a former employee of Senate Democratic Computer Services, pleaded guilty today to 29 felony counts, consisting of one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice, and 28 counts of obstruction of justice. The plea was entered in a pending case in which Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent J. Fumo is also a defendant. In the plea agreement, which was filed today, Luchko agreed that he would cooperate in the government's continuing investigation and prosecution of the case. Additional details regarding Luchko's guilty plea and plea agreement are available in documents filed by the government in the District Court. Luchko, 52, is a resident of Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys John J. Pease and Robert A. Zauzmer.

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