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**FORMER TURNPIKE CHAIRMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**

PHILADELPHIA – Mitchell Rubin, 58, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to five years' probation, with the first six months to be served in home confinement with electronic monitoring, 150 hours community service, and was ordered to pay \$150,000 to the Senate of Pennsylvania after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice in connection with the grand jury investigation of former State Senator Vincent J. Fumo, announced Acting United States Attorney Virginia Gibson. Rubin is the former chairman of the Pennsylvania Turnpike commission, an owner of B&R Professional Services, Inc. ("B&R"), in Philadelphia, and husband of Ruth Arnao, a co-defendant in the case against Fumo.

Rubin admitted that during a March 23, 2006 interview with federal investigators, he obstructed justice by withholding material facts and other information with regard to an annual Senate contract awarded to B&R from 1999 to 2004. The investigators were questioning Rubin as part of a federal grand jury investigation, that began in 2003, into whether Vincent Fumo abused his authority regarding the use of Senate funds in awarding the \$30,000 annual contract to B&R. Rubin was a 50% shareholder in B&R. The interviewers were attempting to determine whether the contract was for legitimate tasks related to the performance of Senate business or was an improper payment of public money. At Fumo's trial, a federal jury found that the contract was, in fact, a fraudulent abuse of authority by the former state senator who is now serving a 55 month prison sentence.

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

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