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CHARGES ALLEGE FRAUD ON THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Barry Jones was charged today by information¹ with one count of mail fraud, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The information charges Jones, the president of Mara Management Services Inc. (“Mara”), with devising and executing a scheme to defraud the City of Philadelphia out of more than \$1.2 million by knowingly submitting false bills in connection with a series of computer services contracts that Mara had entered into with City agencies.

From at least July 2004 through June 2008, Mara had contracts to provide computer programming, maintenance, and consulting services to multiple agencies, including the City’s revenue and water departments, and Community Behavioral Health (“CBH”), a charitable corporation contracted by the City to provide mental health and substance abuse services for Philadelphia County Medicaid recipients. Mara hired subcontractors to perform much of the work on these contracts but, according to the information, defendant Jones repeatedly overstated the number of hours that these subcontractors worked on the projects in order to get inflated monthly payments from the City’s agencies and CBH.

The information alleges that Jones also overstated the number of hours that he was working on the contracted-for projects and that between 2006 and 2008, he even sought and received compensation from the City for work by a subcontractor who had stopped working on the projects in 2005. In total, Jones caused the City to make payments to Mara totaling more than \$5.9 million between January 1, 2005 and June 30, 2008, in connection with Mara’s contracts with the Revenue Department, the Water Department, and CBH. Of that total, Jones kept approximately \$2.7 million for himself, which allegedly exceeded the amount he was entitled to receive from the City.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Barry Jones	Philadelphia, PA	65

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, a fine of \$250,000, and a \$100 statutory assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the City of Philadelphia's Office of the Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark B. Dubnoff.

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