

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**BILL OF INFORMATION FOR
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT OF PROPERTY AND
MONEY FROM A MUNICIPAL INSTITUTION RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO.

v.

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SECTION:

PETER GALVAN

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VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 371

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN

1. **PETER GALVAN** was the elected Coroner of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

2. For the years in question the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office (STPCO) received in excess of \$10,000 in federal funds per calendar year.

3. **PETER GALVAN**, as Coroner of St. Tammany Parish, was an agent of the STPCO.

B. THE CONSPIRACY

From a time unknown, but beginning in or about 2007 and continuing through in or about 2013, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, defendant **GALVAN** and other individuals known to the United States Attorney did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and take and convert to his own personal use property, and money under the care, custody and control of the St. Tammany Coroner's Office, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

C. OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the objects thereof, the defendant **GALVAN** and others committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere:

1. Beginning in or about 2007 and continuing through in or about 2013, Individual A, a STPCO employee placed in charge of leave payouts did conspire, in contravention of STPCO policies, procedures and rules, to pay **GALVAN** for unused annual and sick leave in the amount of \$111,376, when in truth and in fact as an elected official **GALVAN** did not earn annual nor sick leave.

2. Beginning in or around 2007, **GALVAN** and another STPCO employee, Individual B, did conspire, on St. Tammany Coroner's office time, to use the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office employees time to fulfill a contract with the City of Slidell Jail from which **GALVAN** profited personally. The loss to the STPCO was \$50,000.

3. In or around October, 2011, **GALVAN**, conspiring with another STPCO employee, Individual B, did use St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office funds to purchase a marine generator for **GALVAN'S** personal boat in the amount of \$9,170.

4. In or around 2009, **GALVAN** did misuse STPCO funds to purchase a life raft and several Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for his personal boat in the amount of \$4,841.

5. In or around 2008, **GALVAN**, did misuse STPCO funds to purchase a Global Positioning System (GPS) for **GALVAN**'s personal use in the amount \$2,395.

6. Beginning in 2007 and continuing to 2012, the defendant **GALVAN** did misuse the STPCO debit card to purchase meals and other personal items for himself in the amount of \$15,606.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Count 1 of this Bill of Information are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 666 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. As a result of the offense alleged in Count 1, defendant, **PETER GALVAN**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 666.

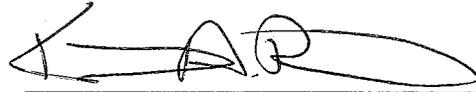
3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

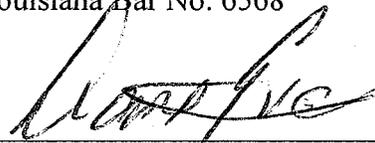
All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 666 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).



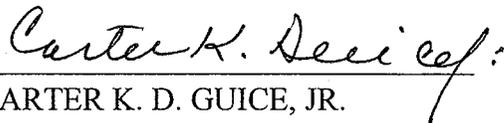
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