

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 09-  
 :  
 v. : 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) and § 2  
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 TOMMASO CALAUTTI : I N F O R M A T I O N

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

Attempted Obstruction of Commerce by Extortion

1. At all times relevant to this Information, defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI was the Project Coordinator and Engineer ("Project Coordinator") for the Department of Public Works in the Town of West New York, Hudson County, New Jersey. As the Project Coordinator, defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official duties included, among other things, (i) reviewing bids submitted for construction and maintenance projects in West New York; (ii) inspecting the work performed under such bids; and (iii) determining whether the work performed satisfied the bid specifications.

2. From in or about May 2003 to in or about November 2004, in West New York, defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI accepted a total of approximately \$10,000 in cash from Contractor 1, in exchange for defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official assistance in obtaining approval from the Town of West New York for Contractor 1 to engage in sidewalk and other construction projects in West New

York. During such period, through defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official assistance, Contractor 1 was awarded numerous construction projects in West New York worth approximately \$100,000 in total.

3. There was a lawyer and architect (Contractor 2) who purportedly represented the interests of a particular company, which was owed monies by the Town of West New York for services that it provided under a construction contract with the Town of West New York in or about 2008. From in or about February 2008 to in or about July 2008, in West New York, defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI accepted approximately \$1,000 in cash from Contractor 2 in exchange for defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official assistance to obtain approval for an approximately \$29,000 invoice submitted by the company to the Town of West New York.

4. From in or about January 2007 to in or about July 2008, in West New York, defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI accepted and agreed to accept a total of approximately \$24,000 in cash from Contractor 3, the owner of a construction company, in exchange for defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official assistance to Contractor 3, by, among other things, obtaining the yearly maintenance and sidewalks services contracts with the Town of West New York for 2008.

5. During all times relevant to this Information, Contractors 1, 2, and 3 conducted and engaged in business in interstate commerce.

6. From in or about May 2003 to in or about July 2008, in West New York, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

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knowingly and willfully did attempt to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extortion under color of official right - that is, by corruptly agreeing to obtain and obtaining money for the benefit of himself from Contractors 1, 2, and 3, in exchange for defendant TOMMASO CALAUTTI's official action and influence in assisting these contractors in obtaining contracts and/or payment under contracts with the Town of West New York, as specific opportunities arose.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) and Section 2.

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RALPH J. MARRA, JR.  
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