

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 13-  
 :  
 v. : 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(1)(A)  
 : and (C)  
 HITESH DESAI :  
 : I N F O R M A T I O N  
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The defendant, having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
  - a. Defendant HITESH DESAI was a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey and was a contractor who had worked on various United States Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") construction projects. DESAI was affiliated with two businesses that were applying to be placed on a VA list known as MATOC. Certain VA construction projects would only be made available to businesses that were placed on the MATOC list.
  - b. There was a cooperating witness (the "CW") who was employed as a Supervisory General Engineer at the VA's East Orange, New Jersey medical campus. The CW was responsible for, among other things, identifying contractors to work on VA construction projects at the VA's East Orange medical campus, and serving on a committee, which would determine which contractors were placed on the MATOC list.
2. From as early as in or about October 2012 to in or

about February 2013, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere,  
defendant

HITESH DESAI

did knowingly and corruptly give, offer and promise a \$5,000 cash payment to a public official, that is the CW, with the intent (i) to influence official acts of the CW, and (ii) to induce the CW to do and omit to do acts in violation of the CW's lawful duties.

3. It was part of this bribery scheme that defendant HITESH DESAI offered and promised to make a \$5,000 bribe payment to the CW in exchange for the CW's official assistance in placing two businesses with which defendant HITESH DESAI was affiliated on the VA's MATOC list.

4. It was a further part of this bribery scheme that, between on or about October 18, 2012 and on or about December 6, 2012, in Essex County, New Jersey, defendant HITESH DESAI made two cash payments totaling \$1,000 to the CW in exchange for the CW's official assistance in placing two businesses with which defendant HITESH DESAI was affiliated on the VA's MATOC list.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 201(b)(1)(A) and (C).

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