

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 ) No. 4:15CR00001-1 BSM  
v. )  
 ) 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B)  
MICHAEL A. MAGGIO )

**INFORMATION**

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT, at all times material to this Information:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. Defendant MICHAEL A. MAGGIO was a circuit judge for the State of Arkansas, Twentieth Judicial District, Second Division. MAGGIO was appointed to this position in or about 2000, elected to this position in or about 2002, and re-elected to this position in or about 2008. MAGGIO held this position until on or about September 11, 2014. During his tenure as a circuit judge, MAGGIO was an agent of the State of Arkansas and the Twentieth Judicial District, and he presided over criminal, civil, domestic relations, and probate cases filed in Faulkner, Van Buren, and Searcy counties.

2. On or about June 27, 2013, MAGGIO announced his candidacy for the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the nonpartisan general election to be held on May 20, 2014. MAGGIO formally withdrew his candidacy on or about March 6, 2014.

3. Individual A was a stockholder in numerous nursing homes located in Arkansas. Individual A owned Company A, a nursing home located in Faulkner County.

4. Individual B was a lobbyist and political fundraiser. Individual B assisted MAGGIO's campaign to be elected to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

**COUNT ONE**  
**Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds**  
**(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B))**

5. Paragraphs 1 through 5 are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

6. In each of the calendar years 2013 and 2014, the State of Arkansas, Twentieth Judicial District received in excess of \$10,000 from the United States government under Federal programs involving grants, subsidies, loans, guarantees, insurance, and other forms of assistance.

7. From in or about February 2013 and continuing until in or about mid-2014, in the Eastern District of Arkansas and elsewhere,

MICHAEL A. MAGGIO,

defendant herein, an elected circuit judge for the State of Arkansas, Twentieth Judicial District, Second Division—a part of the judicial branch of government for the State of Arkansas—did knowingly and corruptly solicit and demand for his own benefit and the benefit of others, and accept and agree to accept, a thing of value from Individual A—that is, campaign contributions—provided through an intermediary, that is, Individual B, for MAGGIO and his campaign intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of the State of Arkansas, Twentieth Judicial District, Second Division, that involved \$5,000 or more.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

Respectfully Submitted,

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TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 515



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