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State Grand Jury Judge

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

State Grand Jury

Number SGJ720-18-9

Superior Court

Docket Number 18-07-00122-5

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

v.)

RONALD GOLDEN)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Theft by Deception - Third Degree)

RONALD GOLDEN

between on or about May 7, 2014 and on or about October 20, 2014, at the City of Newark, in the County of Essex, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely obtain the property of another in an amount in excess of \$500, by deception; that is, the said RONALD GOLDEN, while working as a Housing Advisor on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, did purposely obtain monies in an amount in excess of \$500 by creating or reinforcing false impressions to

individuals whose identities are known to the Grand Jury that:

(i)an application fee was required to apply for Superstorm Sandy grant benefits; (ii)the said RONALD GOLDEN could expedite the processing of the individual's Superstorm Sandy grant application or increase the grant amount; or (iii)the said RONALD GOLDEN was an attorney who could represent an aforementioned individual in a lawsuit against an insurance company;

WHEREAS IN TRUTH AND IN FACT, as the said RONALD GOLDEN then and there well knew, (i)an application fee was not required to apply for Superstorm Sandy grant benefits; (ii)he could not expedite the processing of Superstorm Sandy grant applications and increase the grant amount; and (iii)he was not an attorney who could represent an individual in a lawsuit against an insurance company, all contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4(a), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT TWO

(Attempted Theft by Deception - Third Degree)

RONALD GOLDEN

between on or about June 24, 2014 and on or about October 20, 2014, at the City of Newark, in the County of Essex, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely attempt to obtain the property of another in an amount in excess of \$500, by deception; that is, the said RONALD GOLDEN, while working as a Housing Advisor on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, did purposely attempt to obtain monies in an amount in excess of \$500 by creating or reinforcing false impressions to an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury that he could expedite the processing of the aforementioned individual's Superstorm Sandy grant application;

WHEREAS IN TRUTH AND IN FACT, as the said RONALD GOLDEN then and there well knew, he could not expedite the processing of Superstorm Sandy grant applications, all contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4(a), N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT THREE

(Bribery in Official and Political Matters - Second Degree)

RONALD GOLDEN

between on or about June 24, 2013 and on or about October 20, 2014, at the City of Newark, in the County of Essex, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did solicit, accept or agree to accept from another a benefit valued in excess of \$200 as consideration for the performance of official duties; that is, the said RONALD GOLDEN, while working as a Housing Advisor on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, did solicit, accept or agree to accept monies valued in excess of \$200 from Superstorm Sandy grant applicants in order to expedite the processing of their Superstorm Sandy grant applications or increase the grant amount, all contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:27-2(d), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

(Identity Theft - Fourth Degree)

RONALD GOLDEN

between on or about June 24, 2013 and on or about October 20, 2014, at the City of Newark, in the County of Essex, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did impersonate another or assume a false identity and do an act in such assumed character or false identity for the purpose of obtaining a benefit for himself in an amount less than \$500; that is, the said RONALD GOLDEN did knowingly impersonate his father by providing his father's date of birth and social security number as identification on an employment application in order to evade the disclosure of certain information during a background check for employment, all contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-17(1), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.



Christine Hoffman
Deputy Director

A TRUE BILL:



, Foreperson

Dated:

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ORDER OF VENUE

An Indictment having been returned to this Court by the State Grand Jury in the above captioned matter,

IT IS ORDERED on this 20th day of July, 2018, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the State Grand Jury Act, that the County of Essex be and hereby is designated as the County of venue for the purpose of trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit forthwith the Indictment in this matter and a certified copy of this Order to the Criminal Division Manager of the County of Essex for filing.



Peter E. Warshaw, P.J.S.C.