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**FIVE INDICTED FOR BRIBERY IN ROCKHURST CONTRACTS,  
LABOR RACKETEERING**

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bribes as part of a kickback scheme, and to filing a false tax return. **Conforti**, a Certified Public Accountant who performed professional services for ISW and IEM, allegedly advised his co-conspirators how to structure the financial transactions in the bribe payments to avoid detection. **Cacioppo III** allegedly conducted financial transactions which assisted in the payments of the bribes to Dunn.

From May 1998 to June 2001, ISW received \$697,215 in payments from Rockhurst. During this time, ISW paid approximately \$102,600 in bribes to Dunn. From June 1999 to June 2001, IEM received \$232,969 in payments from Rockhurst. During this time, IEM paid approximately \$21,200 in bribes to Dunn.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment are mail fraud charges. This mail fraud, the indictment alleges, was part of the bribery scheme to defraud Rockhurst. Count Two alleges that **Cacioppo, Jr.**, caused a letter to be mailed from ISW to Rockhurst University, concerning the demolition of a building located at 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, Mo. Count Three alleges that **Cacioppo, Jr.**, mailed a \$2,000 cashier's check to Dunn as the final payment in the fraud scheme.

The indictment charges 20 separate bribes paid to Dunn in the course of the conspiracy, ranging from \$1,500 to \$12,000, between Aug. 24, 1998, and June 12, 2001. Those bribes in (ra) Tjemo n

paperwork and under-counting the number of employees and the hours they worked.

According to the indictment, IEM was a party to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 264, Laborers International Union of North America. IEM was required to contribute to several benefit plans – the Laborers Fringe Benefits Office Health and Welfare Trust and the Laborers Fringe Benefit Pension Fund – a specific amount of money each year.

Summary Contribution Reports, which falsely stated the amount of contributions owed to the Kansas Welfare Fund and the Kansas Pension Fund, as part of the labor racketeering alleged in the indic