



## United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

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### **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ADMITS RECEIVING BRIBES FOR STEERING CONTRACTS, FILING FALSE TAX RETURN**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that KEVIN J. MALARNEY, age 55, of Branford, Connecticut, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to one count of bribery of a public official, and one count of filing a false federal tax return.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, in 1991, MALARNEY began working at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") in West Haven, Connecticut, as a plumber. In the late 1990s or 2000, MALARNEY became a contracting officer's technical representative (COTR). As a COTR, MALARNEY oversaw construction projects for his supervisor. In pleading guilty to the bribery charge, MALARNEY admitted that, in his role as a COTR, he steered VA construction, maintenance, and supply contracts to two corporations in exchange for things of value from the corporations. MALARNEY admitted that he had an agreement with an individual who controlled and managed both of the corporations that the individual would pay for MALARNEY's personal expenses, such as credit card payments, mortgage payments, auto loan payments, student loans, and various insurance policy payments. The individual would issue checks directly from the business checking accounts of the two corporations in order to pay MALARNEY's personal expenses. MALARNEY admitted that he never revealed to anyone at the VA that his personal expenses were being paid in exchange for steering contracts to the two corporations.

MALARNEY also admitted that he willfully and knowingly filed a materially false income tax return for the calendar year 2004, as he failed to report to the Internal Revenue Service the illegal payment of personal expenses as income.

U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated that the investigation is ongoing.

Judge Thompson has scheduled sentencing for September 7, 2007, at which time MALARNEY faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 years and a fine of up to \$350,000.

This matter is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, the United States General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the VA Police Services. The case being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys William M. Brown and Douglas P. Morabito.

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