

ALLENTOWN CORRUPTION TRIAL

# There's more going on here than meets the eye'

## TWO EXCHANGES

Federal prosecutors played for the jury a secretly recorded conversation among Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski and FBI agents the day authorities raided City Hall. Here are two exchanges from that conversation:

### ■ FBI agent Carmen

**DIMarío:** "There's more going on here than meets the eye and I think you know there's more going on here than meets the eye. I think you have knowledge of this."

### ■ FBI agent Scott Curtis:

"I think you know about campaign contributions coming to you and coming to other people in Allentown City Hall in return for steering contracts to certain people."

### ■ Mayor Ed Pawlowski:

"That's not the case."

### ■ FBI agent Carmen

**DIMarío:** "Ed, you've had conversations where you've told people that a certain vendor is not to get a contract anymore because they didn't provide you with a large enough campaign contribution. You've had that conversation, Ed."

■ **Mayor Ed Pawlowski:** "I don't ever remember having that conversation, and I've never acted, listen there's ..."

■ **DIMarío:** "Ed, the only thing you're doing by lying, to continue to lie, is hurting yourself."



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Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski enters the Edward Cahn Federal Courthouse for the start in day 14 of his trial on Tuesday. The jury heard testimony from one of the FBI agents in the investigation.

## Agent testifies about day he confronted Pawlowski with FBI's allegations

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FBI agents investigating alleged corruption in Allentown City Hall tried to flip Mayor Ed Pawlowski after the probe became public, telling him he could minimize his exposure in the case by cooperating in an ongoing investigation of pay-to-play politics.

"Let's cut the bull now and just be honest. We didn't just start this investigation yesterday. We have thousands of hours of conversations with you in your office, in your home, in your car," FBI agent Scott Curtis said in a covert recording played for jurors Tuesday in Pawlowski's public corruption trial.

After more than an hour of questioning Pawlowski about city business during which

Pawlowski denied involvement in the bidding process, Curtis told the mayor they had recordings of him steering contracts to campaign contributors.

"We're giving you the chance to take the initiative to be cooperative and reduce the ramifications of this investigation," Curtis said. "We're human, you're human, we don't want to

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