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LOCAL NEWS Pawlowski prison sentencing

Scandal unfolded in public over 3 years

Here is a timeline of how the Allentown federal corruption cases unfolded in the public eye:

2015

July 2: Federal agents raid Allentown City Hall and Mayor Ed Pawlowski's home.
July 8: Mike Fleck, Pawlowski's campaign manager, abruptly moves from his Allentown home.
Sept. 10: Developer Ramzi Haddad pleads guilty in federal court to conspiracy to commit bribery.
Nov. 30: Former assistant solicitor Dale Wiles pleads guilty in federal court to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.

2016

Jan. 5: Controllor Mary Ellen Koval resigns.
Jan. 17: Former Finance Director Garret Strathearn pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.
Jan. 14: Koval pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit honest services fraud.
Jan. 20: City Council unanimously votes no confidence in the mayor and calls on him to resign.
April 18: Managing Director Francis Dougherty submits his resignation.
April 21: Fleck pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion and bribery offenses, and tax evasion.
April 28: Matthew McTish, president of an Allentown engineering firm, pleads guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery offenses.
July 10: In court filing, Pawlowski asks government to release his two frozen campaign accounts; motion is later denied.



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U.S. Attorney Louis Lappen talks to the media in front of the Edward N. Cahn Federal Courthouse in Allentown after former city Mayor Ed Pawlowski was sentenced. He said prosecutors were 'extremely pleased' with the sentence, adding it was a day Allentown residents had been awaiting for a long time.

2017

March 22: Dougherty pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit mail or wire fraud.
April 3: Mark Neisser, a former executive with city contractor T&M Associates pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery offenses.
June 12: Patrick Regan, a former executive with The Efficiency Network, also a city contractor, pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.
July 25: Pawlowski is charged with 54 counts including extortion, bribery and fraud. In the same indictment, Allentown attorney Scott Allinson is charged with bribery and conspiracy; and business con-



Defense attorney Jack McMahon

sultant Jim Hickey is charged with conspiracy.
July 27: Pawlowski and Allinson plead not guilty.
Aug. 1: Hickey pleads not guilty.
Sept. 13: Regan is the first person sentenced, ordered to serve six months home deten-



U.S. Attorney Michelle Morgan

tion, pay \$5,000 in restitution, forfeit another \$5,000 and perform 40 hours of community service.
Nov. 1: Pawlowski files a motion asking for the charges against him to be dismissed; the motion is later denied.
Nov. 7: Pawlowski is elected to



Sam Ruchlewicz

a fourth term.
Dec. 7: A court filing reveals Sam Ruchlewicz, who worked with Fleck's consulting firm, recorded Pawlowski for the FBI in 2014. Ruchlewicz has not been charged.
Dec. 12: Hickey pleads guilty to two federal corruption

charges and is later sentenced to 1½ years in prison.

2018

Jan. 16: Pawlowski goes on trial in federal court in Allentown with Allinson.
Feb. 28: Case wraps up and jury begins deliberating.
March 7: Jury finds Pawlowski guilty of 47 of the 54 counts against him. Finds Allinson guilty of bribery and conspiracy; he's later sentenced to two years in prison.
Oct. 23: Pawlowski sentenced to 15 years in prison on 38 charges. U.S. District Judge Juan R. Sanchez denies bail, and Pawlowski is led away in handcuffs.

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