



Examples of Public Corruption Investigations - Fiscal Year 2013

The following examples of public corruption investigations are written from public record documents on file in the court records in the judicial district in which the cases were prosecuted.

Maryland County Developer Sentenced in Extortion Scheme

On October 3, 2012, in Greenbelt, Md., Karl Granzow, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release for conspiring to commit extortion and cause false statements to be filed with the Federal Election Commission and income tax evasion. Granzow was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine and forfeit his financial interest in Greenbelt Metropark. Granzow and his co-conspirators had ownership interests in Greenbelt Metropark, which sought to design, develop and build a mixed-use project near the Greenbelt Metro Station, called Greenbelt Station. According to his guilty plea, from 1997 through September 11, 2008, Granzow and others provided money and other items to state and local government officials in exchange for approval letters for the Greenbelt Station Detailed Site Plan and other beneficial treatment. Further, Granzow and his co-conspirators concealed campaign contributions to the state and local officials that were above state and federal legal limits by using conduits and in-kind contributions. Additionally, Granzow prepared or caused to be prepared a federal income tax return for the calendar year 2004 which failed to report \$225,974 in taxable income, resulting in a tax loss of \$74,191.