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Former Manchester mayor pleads guilty to conspiracy

Staff report

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Daugh K. White, former mayor of Manchester, appeared in U.S. District Court in London Monday, where he entered a guilty to plea to a racketeering conspiracy charge. He could be sentenced to 20 years in prison.

According to Courtney Yopp Norris, public affairs officer for the U.S. Attorney representing the Eastern District of Kentucky, White, who was indicted in May along with former Manchester Assistant Police Chief Richard Todd Roberts and Manchester City Council member Darnell Hipsher, 47, extorted kickbacks from several companies that were bidding for city contracts.

“As part of the conspiracy, the contract would not be awarded unless cash payments were made by the contractor to the city manager, a position White created and awarded to his son, Kennon D. White,” Norris said.

In this manner, White obtained approximately \$67,000 from B and B Excavating, Inc.

In addition, White admitted to attempting to gain public favor by using asphalt purchased by the city to pave 32 private driveways in the fall of 2005. Norris said this totaled about \$30,000.

White is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 19. Norris said unlike when a plea agreement is reached in the local court system, there is nothing stating the exact sentence the defendant will receive in exchange for a guilty plea.

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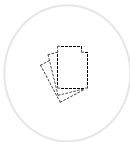


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