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Mary, Our dear Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, and friend passed gently and peacefully at her home on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. She was surrounded by her family and friends continuously throughout her illness. Mary came to America from Croatia and lived in New York before settling in Fairview 46 years ago. She dedicated her life to working and helping the ill and elderly and spent over working 25 years working as a nurse at Hudson View Nursing Home. She was a parishioner at Our Lady of Grace Church, Fairview. She is survived by her son Peter, daughter Helen, son-in-law Mark, granddaughter Jessica, numerous nieces and nephews, and lifelong friends. Funeral from McCorry Brothers, 780 Anderson Ave., Cliffside Park, NJ, on Saturday July 25, at 9:15 AM. Funeral Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Church at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Grace Church, 395 Delano Pl., Fairview, NJ 07022. Visiting hour from Friday, from 2-4 and 7-9PM.

IN MEMORIAM

Karen P. Davis
7/24/1955-11/30/2002
Happy 54th Birthday
Remembering, Missing and
Loving you daily.
Love Your Family

IN MEMORIAM

JACQUELINE MORTORANO DAGLE
It has been five years since God has called you home. We thought of you with love today as we always do. We think of you in silence, but always speak your name. We miss you dearly, for our lives will never be the same.
Love always, Mother Mildred, daughter Michele E. husband Ryan and brothers, Patrick & Michael and sister Linda & husband Steve

IN MEMORIAM



WILLIE E. BRENNON
3/30/1936-7/24/2008
You will always be in my heart. Thinking of you today and always.
I Love You, Wife Carol, sister Vermeil & Family

Immediate Concerns
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Who they are

A closer look the public officials and others arrested Thursday as part of a corruption and international money laundering conspiracy probe.

Public corruption

ANTHONY R. SUAREZ, 42: Mayor of Ridgefield and chairman of the Ridgefield Democratic Club's executive committee. Suarez became a Borough Council member in 1998 and was first elected mayor in 2003. Suarez, an attorney at Dario & Yacker in Fort Lee, graduated from Ridgefield Memorial High School and Saint Peter's College in Jersey City and earned his law degree from Fordham University. His Web site says he is a Deputy Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus and is a past member of the parish council for Saint Matthew's Church. He is charged with accepting \$10,000 for promising help get approvals for developments in Ridgefield.

VINCENT TABBACHINO, 68: Fairview resident and head of Tabbachino Associates, a Guttenberg real estate agency. Tabbachino allegedly kept the cash bribes paid to Ridgefield Mayor Anthony Suarez and in turn wrote checks totaling \$10,000 to a legal defense fund Suarez set up after an allegation made by a political opponent. Tabbachino is also accused of laundering \$100,000 in cash from a cooperating witness's purported knock-off handbag business.

This is not Tabbachino's first arrest. He was a member of the Guttenberg Town Council in the 1980s when he was indicted on corruption charges after allegedly firing two special police officers who refused to do election work for him and the mayor. He was convicted, but that was later overturned on appeal. "I'm one happy puppy today," Tabbachino said when the conviction was reversed. He filed for bankruptcy in 1996.

PETER CAMMARANO III, 32: Mayor of Hoboken. Until May, the Democrat worked for the politically connected law firm Genova, Burns & Veronia in Livingston, where he concentrated in election law. Cammarano has been a city councilman since 2005. When he took office on July 1, he became the youngest mayor in the city's history. Cammarano was charged with accepting \$25,000 in bribes — including \$10,000 just last week — in exchange for supporting a building project.

DENNIS ELWELL, 64: The Democrat has served as mayor of Secaucus for nearly a decade and is president of a family-owned trucking company. He is a former Secaucus Board of Education member and a decorated Vietnam combat veteran. A councilman who is running against Elwell in November's election, said earlier this year: "A majority of people in the town have the same issues — pay-to-play ... political patronage." Elwell was charged with taking \$10,000 in exchange for his help getting approvals for plans to build a hotel in Secaucus, investigators said. Ronald Manzo, another defendant, allegedly took \$5,000 from the witness as a reward for bringing Elwell to him.

JEFFREY WILLIAMSON, 57: Housing inspector for Lakewood Township in Ocean County. The Democrat ran unsuccessfully in 2007 for the state Assembly's 30th District, which covers parts of Burlington, Monmouth, Mercer and Ocean counties. He is accused of taking more than \$16,000 in bribes in regular payments beginning in May 2007 in exchange for lenient inspections. In one instance, authorities say, he took a \$500 bribe after a meeting in a restaurant ladies' room.

CHARLES AMON a.k.a. Shaull Amon, 53: A Lakewood resident who managed properties throughout the township. Investigators said Amon helped in a Lakewood pay-off scheme by introducing the local housing inspector, Jeffrey Williamson, to the cooperating witness who offered bribes. Amon allegedly described how he made payoffs to Williamson so he would go light on housing inspections.

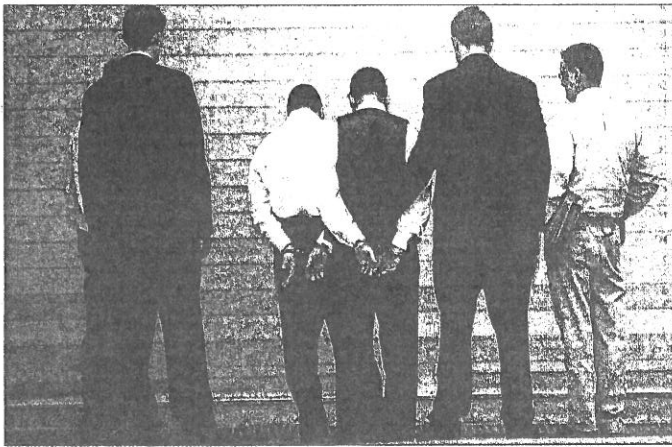
DANIEL M. VAN PELT, 44: The Republican state assemblyman from Forked River has represented the 9th District since 2008. Van Pelt has been mayor of Ocean Township since 1998 and has been the Lambert township administrator since 2006. He is charged with accepting a \$10,000 bribe to help get permits from the Department of Environmental Protection for a project in Waretown. Van Pelt majored in criminal justice at the College of New Jersey and earned a master's in public policy and government from Regent University.

MARIANO VEGA JR., 59: Jersey City's Council president and director of the Hudson County Department of Parks, Engineering and Planning. He has been on the council since 1997, is the former chairman of the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and a former member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Association and the state-appointed Jersey City Board of Education. Vega has been an adjunct professor of sociology at Essex County Community College. The Democrat is accused of accepting three bribes of \$10,000 each, two of which he instructed an intermediary to have broken down and converted into individual contributions for his reelection campaign. He allegedly received the third bribe after his recent election victory.

LAVERN WEBB-WASHINGTON, 60: Ran unsuccessfully this year for the Jersey City Ward F City Council seat. She has been head of the Webb-Washington Community Development Corp. She is a former custodian in the Jersey City Public Schools. She allegedly accepted \$15,000 in three cash installments for her political campaign.

L. HARVEY SMITH, 60: The Jersey City resident is a Democratic state assemblyman for the 31st District and undersheriff of Hudson County. He was a three-term Jersey City councilman from 1993 to 2005, serving as council president from 2001 to 2005 and acting mayor in 2004. He ran for mayor of Jersey City this year, but lost. Smith is accused of taking two cash payments totaling \$15,000 in exchange for approaching state Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation contacts to clear the way for approvals of developments in Jersey City and Bayonne.

RICHARD GREENE, 45: An aide to Assemblyman L. Har-



Two men being led into custody in Newark on Thursday.

AMY NEWMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

is not related to Louis and Ronald Manzo.

DENNIS JASLOW, 46: An investigator for the Hudson County Board of Elections and, formerly, a senior corrections officer with East Jersey State Prison, Department of Corrections. The Wall resident is also listed in public records as an agent at Tabbachino Associates in Guttenberg. The owner of that real estate agency, Vincent Tabbachino, was also arrested in Thursday's sting. Jaslow is accused of accepting \$2,500 in exchange for helping smooth approvals for a development in Jersey City. He complained to a witness that he wanted \$5,000, not \$2,500, authorities said.

JOSEPH CASTAGNA, 68: The health officer with the Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services. He is accused of taking \$5,000 to pass to Michael Manzo to help smooth approvals for a development in Jersey City.

MAHER A. KHALIL, 39: Deputy director of the Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services and a former member of the Jersey City Zoning Board of Adjustment. He is also listed as a supervisor with the city's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Arab American Institute lists him as a "confidential aide to the mayor of Jersey City." Khalil is accused of taking \$30,000 in bribes for promising a witness who wanted to develop property in Jersey City that he would make introductions only to "players" who would "do the right thing" by approving the development plans.

JAMES P. "JIMMY" KING, 67: The Jersey City resident made an unsuccessful bid this year for a City Council seat. The head of the Jimmy King Civic Association, he is the former executive director of the Jersey City Parking Authority, the former chairman of the Jersey City Incinerator Authority and once served as a Hudson County undersheriff. He is accused of accepting two payments of \$5,000 each for his political campaign from a cooperating witness posing as a developer.

LOUIS MANZO, 54: Unsuccessfully ran this year for mayor of Jersey City after losing three prior bids for the post. He was also previously a state assemblyman from 2004 to 2008, from the 31st legislative district. Manzo served on the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1990 to 1993. He is accused of taking \$27,500 in corrupt cash payments for his campaign. A cooperating witness posing as a real estate developer was told that giving the money was "insurance" to secure Manzo's influence if he won.

RONALD MANZO, 65: The Bayonne resident served political adviser to former Louis Manzo. In June 2004, he pleaded guilty in federal court to insider trading and perjury during his testimony before the Securities and Exchange Commission. At the time, he was employed as an insurance broker. In 2007, he was sentenced to 3 years probation, and ordered to pay a \$250,000 fine. He had hundreds of thousands of dollars in judgments filed against him in the 1990s. He is listed as the owner of two insurance agencies in Jersey City and a Jersey City realty agency. He is accused of accepting bribes intended for his brother's mayoral campaign.

JOSEPH CARDWELL, 68: A political consultant and commissioner of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority. The Jersey City resident is accused of accepting two cash payments of \$10,000 in exchange for helping a witness posing as a developer with local government officials in Jersey City and other towns. Another \$10,000 payment was used primarily to buy fund-raising tickets.

JACK M. SHAW, 61: A Hudson County political consultant. The Jersey City resident is accused of taking \$10,000 from a cooperating witness posing as a real estate developer and asking the witness to give another \$10,000 for the reelection campaign of an unnamed Jersey City official.

EDWARD CHEATAM, 61: Affirmative action officer for Hudson County, a commissioner on the Jersey City Housing Authority and, until May, vice president of the Jersey City Board of Education. The Jersey City resident is accused of taking \$15,000 in bribes.

LEONA BELDINI, 74: Deputy Mayor of Jersey City and a real estate broker with Charles Swenson Realty in Jersey City. She planned to become the broker for a cooperating witness posing as a real estate developer and who was "planning" a 750-unit condominium project on Garfield Avenue, where units would sell for \$500,000 each. Beldi-

Illegal organ trafficking

LEVY IZHAK ROSENBAUM a.k.a. Isaac Rosenbaum, 58: The Brooklyn resident is accused of trafficking in human organs. Authorities say he brokered a deal to sell a human kidney for transplant, at a cost of \$160,000 to the transplant recipient. Rosenbaum told authorities he had been brokering the sale of kidneys for 10 years.

Money laundering

MOSHE ALTMAN a.k.a. Michael Altman, 39: A real estate developer based in Hudson County. The Monsey, N.Y. resident is accused of washing more than \$600,000 in dirty checks for a cooperating witness by passing the money through charitable, non-profit entities. Altman is also the intermediary who allegedly introduced the witness to Jersey City building inspector John Guarini, which led to the political corruption arm of the investigation.

ITZAK FRIEDLANDER a.k.a. Isaac Friedlander, 41: The Union City resident was an employee of Moshe Altman's real estate development company. He was charged with money laundering.

MORDCHAI FISH, a.k.a. Mordechai Fish, a.k.a. Martin Fisch, 56: A rabbi at Congregation Sheves Achim, a Brooklyn synagogue, Fish operated several tax-exempt charitable organizations. He and his brother, Lavel Schwartz, are accused of laundering \$585,000 by accepting dirty checks and exchanging them for cash — after taking a 15 percent fee. Twice, Fish allegedly gave the cooperating witness new cell phone chips to thwart any law enforcement attempts to wiretap.

LAVEL SCHWARTZ, a.k.a. Albert Schwartz, 57: A Brooklyn rabbi and the brother of defendant Mordchai Fish. He is charged in the money laundering scheme.

LEVI DEUTSCH, a.k.a. Levi Deutch, a.k.a. Levi Deute, 37: An Israeli citizen who operated a tax-exempt charitable organization called Tzedek Levi Yitzhak. He is an alleged supplier of cash for Mordchai Fish's money laundering transactions. For a fee of 2 or 3 percent, Deutsch is accused of supplying cash through intermediary Binyomin Spira's cash house and is charged with supplying \$200,000 in cash.

BINYOMIN SPIRA, a.k.a. Benjamin E. Spira, 28: A Brooklyn resident who worked at a bakery in the Flatbush section, which he is accused of using as a cash house to aid Mordchai Fish's money laundering scheme. He is charged with supplying \$200,000 in cash.

YOLIE GERTNER, a.k.a. Yoely Gertner, 50: A Brooklyn resident who allegedly acted as a cash courier for Mordchai Fish's money laundering transactions.

ELIAHU BEN HAIM, 58: Long Branch resident and principal rabbi of Congregation Ohel Yaacob, a synagogue in Deal. Haim operated several charitable tax-exempt organizations in conjunction with his synagogue, including Congregation Ohel Eliahu. He is accused of laundering \$1.5 million by accepting dirty checks and exchanging them for cash — after taking a 10 percent cut of each transaction. His alleged cash source was an Israeli who, for a 1.5 percent fee, supplied the money through cash houses. Haim allegedly said he once laundered between \$7 million and \$8 million in one year — earning \$1 million for his efforts.

SCHMULKIL COHEN, 35: A Brooklyn resident who worked at an electronics store and allegedly ran a cash house out of his home that supplied Eliahu Ben Haim's money laundering. Cohen is charged with supplying \$850,000 in cash.

ARYE WEISS, 34: A Brooklyn resident accused of operating a cash house from his residence that supplied Eliahu Ben Haim money laundering scheme.

YESHAYAHU EHRENTAL, 65: A Brooklyn resident who investigators say operated a cash house from his Brooklyn office, which supplied Eliahu Ben Haim's alleged money laundering.

ABRAHAM POLLACK, 40: Allegedly operated a cash house from his Brooklyn office, which he shared with defendant Natfoly Weber. Investigators said the cash house was a source of money for defendant Mordchai Fish's alleged money laundering transactions.

NAFTOLY WEBER, 40: A Brooklyn resident who operat-