

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 13-
 :
 v. : 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2)
 :
 THOMAS BRADEN : I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
 - a. Defendant THOMAS BRADEN was the Vice President and Secretary of PPW Contracting, Inc.
 - b. PPW Contracting, Inc. ("PPW") was a Lakewood, New Jersey company that conducted, among other things, professional powerwashing.
 - c. There was another individual who was the President of PPW ("the President").
 - d. New Jersey Transit ("NJT") was a state government agency, administering New Jersey's public transportation service. NJT received federal funds assistance in excess of \$10,000 for each year in 2011, 2012 and 2013.
 - e. There was a witness who was cooperating with the federal authorities ("CW"), who worked for NJT. CW began cooperating with federal authorities in or about April 2012, after CW was recorded participating in a bribery and mail fraud scheme.
 - f. There was a supervisor with NJT (the "NJT Supervisor").
2. From in or about September 2011 to in or about March

2012, defendant THOMAS BRADEN and the President agreed to give CW approximately \$20,000 in exchange for CW's assistance with securing the 2011-2012 NJT snow removal contract for the NJT station located in Trenton, New Jersey. From in or about September 2011 to in or about March 2012, in Toms River, New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant THOMAS BRADEN and the President gave CW approximately \$20,000 in cash bribe payments in connection with that corrupt arrangement.

3. From in or about October 2011 to in or about March 2012, PPW removed snow from the NJT station located in Trenton, New Jersey. NJT paid PPW for its snow removal services.

4. From in or about September 2012 to in or about April 2013, defendant THOMAS BRADEN and the President agreed to give CW another \$20,000, \$8,000 of which was to go to the NJT Supervisor, in exchange for CW's and the NJT Supervisor's assistance with securing the 2012-2013 NJT snow removal contract for the NJT station located in Trenton, New Jersey.

5. From in or about November 2012 to in or about March 2013, PPW removed snow from the NJT station located in Trenton, New Jersey. NJT paid PPW for its snow removal services.

6. In or about April 2013, defendant THOMAS BRADEN agreed to give CW \$1,000 for CW's assistance with securing for PPW \$5,000 worth of powerwashing work for NJT. On or about May 3, 2013, defendant THOMAS BRADEN provided CW with a \$1,000 cash bribe payment in Toms River, New Jersey in connection with that corrupt

arrangement.

7. From in or about September 2011 to in or about May 2013, in Ocean County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

THOMAS BRADEN

did knowingly and corruptly give, offer, and agree to give things of value to an agent of a State government agency, with the intent to influence and reward the agent, in connection with a business, transaction and series of transactions of such agency involving a thing of value of \$5,000 and more.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(2).

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