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**FORMER CHIEF IN FDNY'S BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES
--Second defendant to be sentenced as a result of this investigation--**

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of ANTHONY SACCAVINO, 60, a former New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") Chief in the Bureau of Fire Prevention to 36 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release for his role in providing expedited plan reviews and priority inspections in return for bribes. U.S. District Judge Lewis J. Liman in the Southern District of New York also ordered Saccavino to pay \$150,000 in fines and \$57,000 in forfeiture. In January 2025, SACCAVINO [pled guilty](#) to Conspiracy to Solicit and Receive a Bribe. This investigation began in 2023, when the FDNY notified DOI of a possible scheme involving improper payments to two high-ranking leaders of the Bureau of Fire Prevention ("BFP"). The case was investigated by DOI, the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, which is handling the prosecution.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, "Today's sentence sends a strong message that City officials who monetize their positions and give preferential treatment in exchange for bribe payments will face serious consequences, including criminal prosecution and imprisonment. This defendant participated in a corrupt scheme to expedite plan reviews and inspections for clients of a former FDNY colleague in exchange for \$50,000 in bribes, placing personal financial gain above his duty to provide fair and equitable service to all New Yorkers. I thank the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the FBI for their continuing partnership to promote integrity and accountability in government. And I thank the FDNY for promptly reporting this matter to DOI."

SACCAVINO, of New York, N.Y., and co-defendant BRIAN CORDASCO, 50, of Staten Island, N.Y. [were charged in September 2024](#) with repeatedly abusing their positions of trust as high-ranking officials in the FDNY. Between 2021 and 2023, the defendants solicited and accepted tens of thousands of dollars in bribe payments in exchange for providing preferential treatment to certain individuals and companies with matters pending before the BFP. The BFP oversees and approves the installation of fire safety and suppression systems in commercial and residential buildings in the City, ensuring that these systems comply with fire safety regulations. In many cases, BFP approvals are required before a building can be occupied or opened to the public.

CORDASCO and SACCAVINO were charged with one count each of conspiracy to solicit and receive a bribe, solicitation and receipt of a bribe, honest services wire fraud, conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud; and making false statements.

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CORDASCO pled guilty in October 2024 to Conspiracy to Solicit and Receive a Bribe and was sentenced in March 2025 to 20 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release. He was fined \$100,000 and ordered to forfeit \$57,000. DOI's statement on his sentence can be found by clicking [here](#).

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn Strauber thanked Jay Clayton, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York for his office's partnership on this investigation, and the New York Field Office of the FBI for its dedication and partnership on this significant investigation. Commissioner Strauber also thanked FDNY Commissioner Robert S. Tucker and his staff for their cooperation on this investigation.

At DOI, the investigation was conducted by Investigative Attorney Jasmine Harris and Investigative Auditor YingTong Yu, and was supervised by Director of Audits Laila Yu, Deputy Inspector General Arturo Sanchez, Inspector General Audrey Feldman, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella.

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