

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO. 3:16cr52

VERSUS

* JUDGE TSL

IVON JOHNSON

* MAGISTRATE JUDGE LRA

BILL OF INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

A. CONSPIRACY:

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B. AT ALL TIMES RELEVANT HEREIN:

Hinds County, Mississippi, a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi, was a local government that received federal assistance in excess of \$10,000 during each one-year period beginning October 1, 2013, and ending September 30, 2015.

C. OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

The primary object of the conspiracy was to obtain money in exchange for favorable treatment in court proceedings in Hinds County, Mississippi.

D. OVERT ACTS:

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the object thereof, IVON JOHNSON, and others, committed or caused to be committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere:

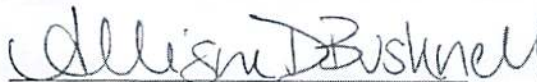
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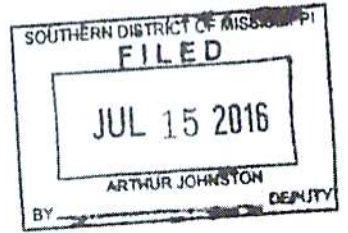
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Jackson Man Arrested for Conspiracy and Bribery of Public Official

Jackson, Miss.- Attorney General Jim Hood announced today that a Jackson man was arrested Friday for bribery of a public official and conspiracy following a joint investigation by the Attorney General's Office and the FBI.

Robert Henderson, 44, is accused of offering a former Hinds County assistant district attorney \$500 in exchange for dismissal of charges against three criminal defendants. Henderson is charged with one count of bribery of a public official and one count of conspiracy to bribe a public official. Henderson was booked into the Hinds County Jail. Hinds County Justice Court Judge Frank Sutton set Henderson's bond at \$5,000 for bribery of a public official and \$5,000 for conspiracy for a total of \$10,000.

Henderson is alleged to have offered the bribe to then-Hinds County Assistant DA Ivon Johnson on or about June 15 of this year. Henderson is accused of seeking Johnson's assistance in having cases dismissed involving three criminal defendants.

As with all cases, a charge is merely an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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