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MAYS LANDING – Former Atlantic City Council President Craig Callaway, charged in connection with arranging and videotaping Atlantic City Councilman Gene Robinson in a sex act with a prostitute in April of 2007 in a Absecon motel room, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy and was sentenced to three years in prison Friday, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

The prison term will run concurrent to a federal prison sentence Callaway is serving for an unrelated bribery case. In accordance with the plea agreement, the prosecution agreed not to call Callaway to testify at the trial of any remaining defendants about their roles in the crime, Chief Assistant Prosecutor James McClain said.

In laying the factual basis for the plea however, Callaway admitted to Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo that he conspired with his brother Ronald Callaway and Floyd Tally to videotape Robinson in a sexual act without Robinson's knowledge, McClain stated. Callaway also told Judge Garofolo that in furtherance of the conspiracy he obtained two motel rooms in Absecon.

In August of 2007 an Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted Callaway, Tally, Ronald and David Callaway, as well as Atlantic City Councilman John Schultz, for the alleged crimes.

Craig Callaway was indicted on two counts of conspiracy to commit criminal coercion; two counts of conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy, one count of criminal coercion, two counts of invasion of privacy and one count of tampering with witnesses. Schultz was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit criminal coercion, one count of conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy, one count of criminal coercion, and one count of invasion of privacy.

Ronald Callaway, David Callaway and Tally each were indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit criminal coercion, one count of conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy, one count of criminal coercion and two counts of invasion of privacy. Floyd Tally is also charged with one count of tampering with witnesses.
The remaining defendants are scheduled for status conferences Jan. 13, 2009.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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