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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County jury convicted three men of arranging and videotaping a sexual encounter between City Councilman Gene Robinson and a prostitute in an attempt to embarrass Robinson politically and induce him to resign his seat on City Council, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

Floyd Tally and Ronald Callaway were found guilty of 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. David Callaway, Ronald's brother, was convicted on all counts except one count of invasion of privacy, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor James McClain, who represented the State.

During the trial, which began Oct. 8, jurors listened to testimony from Robinson, former prostitute Kristen Haino and Atlantic City Councilman John Schultz, who was charged in the scheme but entered into Pre-Trial Intervention. Robinson testified that he had no idea when he met Haino and went back to an Absecon motel room in November 2006, that she was a prostitute. He told the jury that he later was confronted by a person he did not know who told him he should step down from city council or else a video of his sex act with the woman would be made public. Robinson went to the authorities and told them what had happened. Haino testified that she was told to meet with a particular man and seduce him. She had no idea that he was a councilman or that their act would be videotaped. When she discovered that Robinson was a councilman she realized that the men involved her in a very serious scheme to harm him. Schultz testified last week that he referred Former City Council President Craig Callaway, who pled guilty to the scheme in November, to a video editor he had previously used in his business enterprises, because he thought Callaway was making his request in furtherance of his role as a federal informant, McClain stated.

Callaway, the brother of co-defendants Ronald and David Callaway was sentenced to three years in prison in accordance with the a plea agreement to one count of conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy. He is serving that term concurrently with an unrelated federal bribery conviction.

Jurors deliberated for approximately five hours over two days. After the verdict was returned shortly after 3 p.m., the State made a motion to have the bail revoked in the convictions of Ronald Callaway and Floyd Tally and bail set in light of the conviction of David Callaway who had been released on his own recognizance. Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo revoked bail on the two defendants and set David Callaway's bail at \$50,000/10%. All were taken into custody.

The defendants face up to five years in prison on each count. They will be sentenced on Dec. 10 before Judge Garofolo.

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