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MAYS LANDING – Calling the acts of two Atlantic City men “despicable and sleazy” for their roles in arranging and videotaping a sexual encounter between Atlantic City Councilman Gene Robinson and a prostitute in an attempt to ruin Robinson politically, Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo sentenced Ronald Callaway and Floyd Tally to lengthy prison terms today, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

On Oct. 21, 2009, Callaway and Tally were each convicted 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.

During a hearing today, Judge Garofolo sentenced Ronald Callaway, 53, to a total of nine years in prison for conspiracy and invasion of privacy. Callaway must serve at least four years before becoming eligible for parole. Tally, 39, received an extended term because of his extensive criminal record and was sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison for conspiracy and invasion of privacy. Tally must serve at least six years before becoming eligible for parole.

Prior to the imposition of sentence, the Judge stated both men had lengthy criminal records when they were young, but as they grew older, they left the streets to go into politics. The Judge further noted that, unfortunately, when they went into politics they brought the streets with them.

David Callaway was scheduled for sentencing today but was granted a postponement due to a family matter. He was present for today’s hearing, sitting with family in the courtroom gallery. He will be sentenced next month, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor James McClain

Prior to imposing sentence, the Judge heard from Robinson in a 16-minute videotape. Robinson stated that the defendants ruined his reputation; as a consequence he can no longer act as a minister or receive communion at his church. He also spoke of difficulty sleeping and the fear that someone will try to harm him. The ailing man said what makes him the most upset is that he may not be remembered for the good work he has

done in the Atlantic City community, but rather for the incident at an Absecon motel in November of 2006.

During the October trial jurors listened to testimony from Robinson, former prostitute Kristyn Haino and John Schultz. 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. That man turned out to be Eugene Robinson.

Haino further testified she had no idea that he was a councilman or that their act would be videotaped. Schultz testified that he was approached by Craig and David Callaway, who requested the name of a person who could perform video editing on a computer. Schultz referred the Callaways to a video editor he had previously used in his private business enterprises.

Craig Callaway pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit invasion of privacy and was sentenced to three years in state prison. This state sentence is to run concurrently with a federal sentence Craig Callaway is serving as the result of a federal undercover sting operation. During the sentencing hearing, McClain noted that federal and state corrections authorities have indicated to his office that Craig Callaway will be released from federal custody in February 2010, at which time he will be turned over to the State of New Jersey so that he can serve the remainder of his state sentence. Craig Callaway will not be released from state custody until at least March 2011.

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