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**York County Judge Indicted For Fraud, Tampering With A Witness, And
Obstruction Of Justice**

SCRANTON - The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced today that Steven Stambaugh, age 61, of York, Pennsylvania, was indicted by a federal grand jury in a 31-count indictment with wire and mail fraud, as well as witness tampering and obstruction of justice.

According to United States Attorney Gerard M. Karam, the indictment charges Stambaugh with twenty-six counts of wire fraud, two counts of mail fraud, two counts of tampering with a witness, and one count of obstruction of justice. It is alleged that from March 19, 2020 to on or about May 18, 2020, Stambaugh devised a scheme to defraud the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to obtain money through materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises. The indictment charges that Stambaugh instructed his employees to file and collect unemployment compensation benefits with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the COVID-19 pandemic, while at the same time directing and requiring his employees to continue working for Stambaugh Law, P.C. In furtherance of the scheme to defraud, it is alleged that Stambaugh caused the use of interstate wire communications, as well as the delivery of mail matter via interstate mail deliveries.

The indictment further alleges that beginning in April 2021 through November 2022, Stambaugh attempted to intimidate and corruptly persuade a government witness to offer false testimony before a federal grand jury and to lie to federal law enforcement officers, and also attempted to obstruct justice while serving as a judicial officer for the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas for York County.

"An important part of the mission of the Office of Inspector General is to investigate allegations of fraud involving unemployment insurance programs. We will continue to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and our law enforcement partners to investigate these types of allegations," stated Syreeta Scott, Special Agent-in-Charge, Mid-Atlantic Region, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.

The charges stem from a joint investigation involving the U.S. Department of Labor – Office of Inspector General (USDOL-OIG), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – Harrisburg. Assistant United States Attorneys Michelle Olshefski and Sean Camoni are prosecuting the case.

The maximum penalty under federal law for mail/wire fraud and witness tampering is 20 years of imprisonment. The maximum penalty for obstruction of justice is 10 years of imprisonment. A term of supervised release follows any term of imprisonment and a fine. A sentence following a finding of guilt is imposed by the Judge after consideration of the applicable federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Indictments are only allegations. All persons charged are presumed to be innocent unless and until found guilty in court.

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