former- Commissioner of Public Safety and CLOSE partner of Supervisor Carpenter

JOHN CARNEY

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Mr. carney lied under oath and Kept his Job! Also moved walking distance to supevisor.

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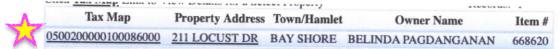
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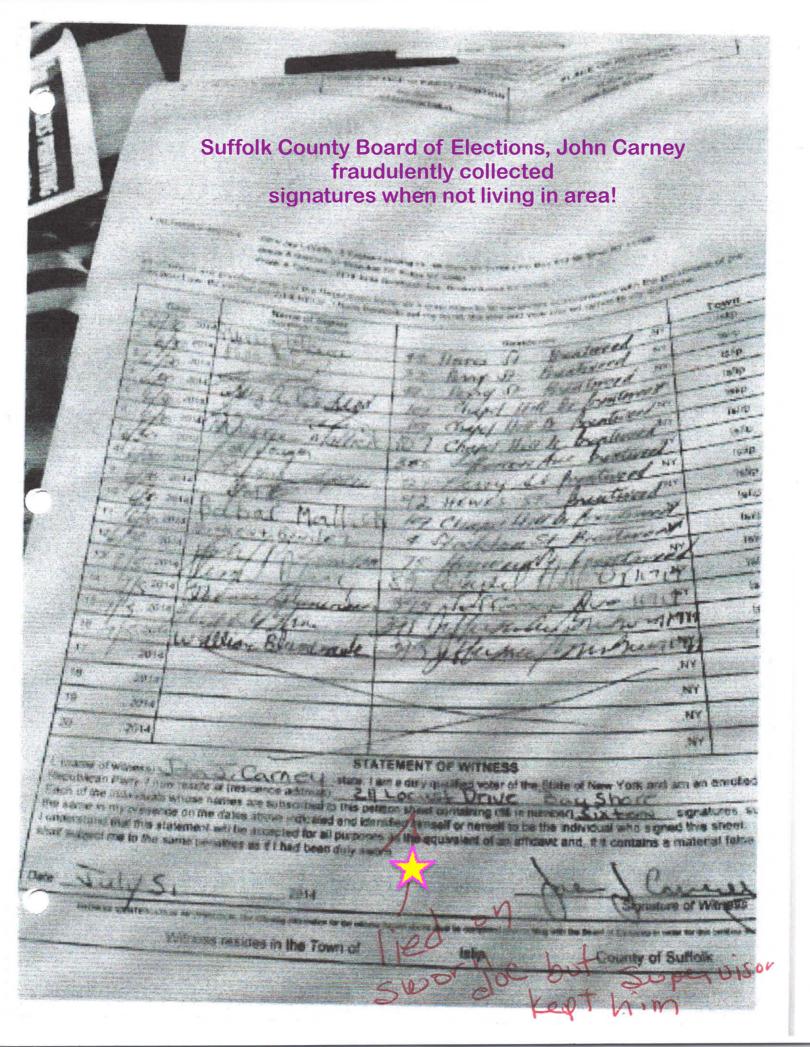


Belinda V Pagdanganan-

June Town Board Meeting



Whom actually lives at 211 Locust Drive, Bay Shore is now hired by Islip Supervisor Carpenter to cover for the lies of Indicted former Commissioner of Islip public Safety John Carney. Carney lived in Copiague, then moved when he was caught within walking distance of Islip Supervisor Carpenter in West Islip, as he was her then significant other and goffer.



Islip Town deputy supervisor resigns, keeps job as public safety commissioner



John J. Carney, shown on Dec. 28, 2007, will

remain the commissioner of the Public Safety Department after resigning as deputy supervisor from Islip Town. Credit: James Carbone

By SARAH ARMAGHAN sarah.armaghan@newsday.com July 8, 2015

The Islip Town deputy supervisor -- picked by Supervisor Angie Carpenter three weeks after her swearing-in on March 1 -- has resigned, Carpenter confirmed Wednesday.

John J. Carney, a Republican who has worked for the town for about 22 years, "asked to be relieved of his duties," Carpenter said of his resignation on July 1 from the deputy supervisor's position. That role is unpaid. Carney, who was paid \$101,717 in 2013 as the town's public safety commissioner, will remain in that post, Carpenter said.

Bill Mannix, executive director of the town's Industrial Development Agency, was sworn in as the new deputy supervisor on July 2.

Neither Carney nor Mannix returned calls seeking comment.

Carney's resignation came after public questions were raised at a town board meeting on June 23 about Carney's residency status when he was sworn in as deputy supervisor.

Allegations were made at that meeting by <u>East Islip resident Patricia Montanino that</u>

<u>Carney was a resident of the Town of Babylon at the time he was appointed. The position requires its holder to be a resident within the Town of Islip at the time of appointment and throughout the term, according to Islip Town Code.</u>

Carpenter said the town attorney's office investigated those claims and said Carney "met the legal definition" of being a Town of Islip resident and was transitioning to an apartment in Bay Shore, where he had signed a lease within a week of his appointment.

"It may have been a matter of weeks when he was in a transitionary period," Carpenter said of Carney's residence, an issue she called "personal." She said she did not seek Carney's resignation.

"I didn't question his motives, why he was asking" to be relieved, Carpenter said in a phone interview Wednesday morning. "I said, 'Fine. If that's what you want.' "

Carney began his career with the town in 1993 as a hazmat team leader and spent 16 years as a mechanic at Long Island MacArthur Airport, according to his resume. He was

appointed by the town board in January 2013 to public safety commissioner days after

former Republican Supervisor Tom Croci, now a state senator, took office.

Islip job applicants reported pressure to turn down jobs

July 7, 2016 By David M. Schwartz david.schwartz@newsday.com

Islip Town Hall is seen in an undated image. (Credit: Erin Geismar)

Three job applicants said Town of Islip officials pressured them to decline fire marshal jobs by threatening them with code violations at their homes in order to hire preferred candidates, according to the head of Suffolk County Civil Service.

Investigator received complaints that the town used code enforcement and other "questionable practices," including not calling interested candidates for interviews, so it could hire five temporary fire marshals for permanent positions, Suffolk Personnel Director Alan Schneider wrote to Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter on May 27.

Schneider, who heads Civil Service, instructed the town to terminate fire marshal Michael Ippolito, who had scored 28th among the 32 Islip residents who took the civil service test, according to the letter.

Public records show that all five were hired as temporary employees in 2013, and that they received permanent jobs sometime after February. In 2015, the employees each made between \$44,378 and \$59,229.

Civil Service began its investigation after receiving complaints that job candidates who scored higher on the list "were coerced" into declining the jobs "by threats related to code violations," at their homes, Schneider wrote. Those who declined jobs told investigators that there was "pressure to decline based on alleged code violations."

A separate letter from Schneider on June 2 said the threats concerned

code violations "on their homes or the homes of their parents." Schneider said this week he could not comment because of an active investigation by Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota. Spota spokesman Robert Clifford did not respond to a request for comment.

Carpenter did not respond to requests for comment.

Ippolito, reached by telephone Thursday, said he had no comment. He currently works as a part-time Islip fire marshal, which is exempt from civil service rules, a town official said.

In a June 1 letter to Schneider, Islip Town Attorney Mea Knapp disputed that the town failed to contact interested candidates. She called the Civil Service investigation "seemingly groundless." MIA KNAPP GIVEN A \$72,000 RAISE!

However, Knapp confirmed that the four town employees who interviewed applicants raised the issue of potential code enforcement violations with applicants. Town officials since 2007 have issued memos saying town employees with code violations are subject to disciplinary action, she wrote. "Fire Marshals like all public safety personnel take an oath to uphold Town Code," Knapp wrote on June 1. However, Knapp said she would comply and terminate Ippolito.

Schneider responded on June 2 that he was "just stating the facts as we found them" after complaints from town fire departments and an elected town council member whom a source identified as Republican Trish Bergin Weichbrodt. She declined to comment.

When the town told him that no one was interested in the jobs except for the five provisional employees, "I thought that highly unusual." He noted that three of the provisional scores placed them between 11th and 28th on the civil service tests.

In his June 2 letter, Schneider said the civil service department "accepted Islip's report that interview letters had been sent to all."

Three sources with knowledge of the investigation said three candidates, some of whom lived with their parents, were told that if they did not decline the jobs, they or their parents could face code enforcement violations. They were shown aerial photos of the homes from Google Maps, including images of sheds or pools not properly cited on certificates of occupancy, the sources said.

One of the sources said the applicants were told if they accepted the job and there was a code violation at their parents' homes, they could be terminated and permanently removed from the civil service list. The source said that the five temporary employees who received permanent positions

were not scrutinized for code enforcement violations.

Town spokeswoman Caroline Smith would not answer emailed questions about whether the homes of the five provisional employees who got the fire marshals jobs were examined for code enforcement violations.

"It's not our policy to discuss personnel matters," Smith said in an email.

Town Public Safety Commissioner John Carney, who oversees fire marshals, and Labor Relations director Arthur Abbate did not return requests for comment.

One of the provisional fire marshals who was hired full-time, David Monthie, said he had no comment when reached Thursday. The other three provisional candidates — John Lombardo, Ronald Walker and Matthew Marshall — did not respond to calls for comment.

Civil service tests are intended to keep political favoritism and cronyism out of most government hires by requiring municipalities to hire candidates based on written test scores. Towns can give preference to town residents. If there has been no recent test, municipalities can make "provisional" hires until a new test is administered.

Schneider wrote on June 2 that while Ippolito "may indeed be an innocent victim of all this, the basic fact that we are left with is that he did not score high enough on the exam to retain his position, and that there are clearly three willing acceptors who scored higher than he did."

Islip Commissioner of Public Safety resigns, citing health concerns

September 8, 2016 By Sophia Chang sophia.chang@newsday.com

Islip Town Hall is pictured in an undated image. (Credit: Erin Geismar)

The town's Commissioner of Public Safety has resigned, citing health concerns.

The fear of jail made him sick!

John Carney submitted his resignation to Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter Tuesday afternoon, according to a news release from the town. "We thank Commissioner Carney for his 26 years of service working for the Town of Islip in various capacities, most recently as Commissioner of

Public Safety. Commissioner Carney has brought his years of experience in the fire service and emergency management to his work within the Town of Islip," Carpenter said in the release.

Town spokeswoman Caroline Smith said the town could not comment on personnel matters or release further details.

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Deputy Commissioner Anthony D'Amico will become acting commissioner.

D'Amico is a lawyer and former New York City police officer, and has been deputy commissioner for three years.

Carney, 53, of Bay Shore, was appointed public safety commissioner in 2013 by then-supervisor Tom Croci. He first started working for Islip in 1993, beginning as a hazmat team leader and spending 16 years as a mechanic at Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma. His salary was \$100,999.98 according to 2014 payroll records. A message left for Carney was not immediately returned Tuesday.

DA: 2 Islip officials took bribes, threatened job applicants



John Carney

Mike Allen

Sep 13, 2016, 10:13pmUpdated on Sep 13, 2016

By: News 12 Staff

Two former Town of Islip officials are accused of accepting bribes and threatening job applicants.

The Suffolk District Attorney's Office says John Carney, 54, and Michael Allen, 41, are charged with four felonies and 12 misdemeanors.

Carney was the town's public safety commissioner before resigning three weeks ago for health reasons. Allen was the assistant fire marshal for Islip.

Investigators says the duo is accused of coercing four people to decline job offers from the Town of Islip so that Carney and Allen could hand-pick candidates they wanted for the jobs. They say the hand-picked candidates scored lower on the civil service exam.

Suffolk officials say Carney and Allen told the four job candidates that if they didn't decline the job positions, they would slap them with code enforcement violations on their homes.

Both men were arraigned Tuesday in Suffolk County Court.

Carney's attorney James Pascarella says the allegations stem from political vendettas.

Both men pleaded not guilty and will be back in court next month.

Ex-Islip Town commissioner, assistant fire marshal indicted





Michael A. Allen, assistant chief fire marshal, left, and former Islip Town Public Safety Commissioner John Carney were indicted Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, on felony and misdemeanor charges. Carney and Allen were each charged with four felonies and 12 misdemeanors. Credit: SCPD

By Sarah Armaghan sarah.armaghan@newsday.com September 13, 2016

Former Islip Town Public Safety Commissioner John J. Carney, who resigned one week ago citing health reasons, was indicted Tuesday along with an assistant chief fire marshal on felony and misdemeanor charges.

The indictment charges that Carney and Michael A. Allen, in their official town capacities, coerced four individuals to pass up job offers from the Town of Islip so that the pair could reach candidates lower on the civil service list, Suffolk Assistant District Attorney Kevin Ward said.

Carney and Allen were each charged with four D-class felonies of third-degree bribe receiving and 12 class A misdemeanors — four counts of official misconduct and eight counts of second-degree coercion — before State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho in his Central Islip courtroom.

Carney, 54, and Allen, 41, who turned themselves in Tuesday morning, pleaded not guilty, said Robert Clifford, a spokesman to Suffolk District Attorney Thomas Spota. Neither defendant has a prior criminal record, Clifford said.

The felony charges each carry a maximum prison sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years, if convicted, according to the district attorney's office.

Outside of court, Carney's attorney, James Pascarella of Mineola, said: "Mr. Carney is and has been a hardworking, dedicated public servant for years. We believe that these allegations are politically motivated, and we'll have our day in court and we're confident he'll be vindicated."

Pascarella declined to comment further.

Allen's attorney, Stephen G. McCarthy Jr. of Manhattan, declined to comment.

The indictment says that Carney and Allen acted in concert on or about two days in late March when they committed the alleged crimes.

Alan Schneider, the head of Suffolk County Civil Service, said he was "shocked" when he saw earlier this year that five provisional employees among 32 Islip residents who took the civil service test — were hired over others who scored higher.

"All the notations on the list indicated that the remaining 27 or 28 candidates had all either not showed up for the interview or turned the job down either during the interview or after," Schneider said Tuesday.

Schneider said that Spota began his investigation soon after being contacted by Islip Town Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt, who reported complaints that centered on alleged threats that Islip officials had made to candidates who scored higher that code violations would be filed on their homes if they did not decline fire marshal jobs.

Ward said in court that the district attorney's office is "ready for trial" on both indictments. Carney and Allen were released on their own recognizance and are due back in court on Oct. 12.

An Islip Town spokeswoman, Caroline Smith, said officials were notified of the alleged wrongdoing on April 19. She said Allen has been placed on modified administrative duty while town officials "evaluate the situation." She said the town did not force Carney to resign last week.

When Carney's resignation was made public in a news release issued by the town, Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter thanked Carney for his 26 years of service.

"We're saddened to learn about the issue and hope that at the end of the day he will be exonerated of these charges," Smith said Tuesday.

Allen was hired by the town in March 2007, according to 2015 town payroll records. Last year, his base salary was \$91,342, the records state, and he was paid an additional \$11,002

in overtime, bringing his total compensation to \$102,344. Carney has been employed by the town since June 1990, records show. He has worked as a hazmat team leader and a mechanic at Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma

before he was appointed by the Islip Town Board, then led by Supervisor Tom Croci, who lauded Carney's leadership after superstorm Sandy, to public safety commissioner in 2013.

His salary for 2015 was listed at \$102,942.

Plea deals offered to 2 indicted in Islip Town bribe case



Michael A. Allen, an assistant chief fire marshal, left, and former Islip Town Public Safety Commissioner John Carney were indicted Sept. 13, 2016, on charges that the men, in their official capacities, coerced four individuals to pass up Islip Town fire marshal job offers in March, prosecutors said. Credit: SCPD

By Sarah Armaghan sarah.armaghan ewsday.com November 30, 2016

Prosecutors offered plea deals Wednesday morning to two men indicted on charges they led a bribery scheme while working as Islip Town officials to steer civil service positions to favored candidates.

John J. Carney, a former Islip Town public safety commissioner, and Michael A. Allen, who was an assistant chief fire marshal at the town, were indicted Sept. 13 on charges that in their official capacities, they coerced four individuals to pass up Islip Town fire marshal job offers in March so candidates lower on the civil service list would get the jobs, prosecutors have said.

Both men face four class-D felonies of third-degree bribe receiving, and 12 class-A misdemeanors — four counts of official misconduct and eight counts of second-degree coercion.

Carney, 54, and Allen, 41, pleaded not guilty to the charges and were released on their own recognizance on Sept. 13. Carney resigned a week before his indictment, citing health reasons. Allen was demoted to his previous title of Fire Marshal II and placed on administrative duty after the indictment, a town spokeswoman said.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho, who is overseeing the case, on Wednesday met with Kevin Ward, a Suffolk County assistant district attorney with the special investigations bureau, along with Carney's attorney, Stephen G. McCarthy Jr. of

Manhattan, and Allen's lawyer, James Pascarella of Mineola, in his chambers for a brief conference.

In court, Camacho instructed the defense attorneys to discuss the offers with their clients and to reach a decision by Jan. 17, when all parties are due back to his Central Islip courtroom for another conference. If a decision is not reached by then or the defendants reject the plea offers, "we will gear up for trial," Camacho said.

Provisional employees were hired earlier this year over other Islip residents who took the civil service test and scored higher, Alan Schneider, the head of Suffolk County Civil Service, said when the two were indicted in September.

Schneider said Islip Town Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt had gone to Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota with complaints she received that candidates who had scored higher on the test were threatened by Islip officials with code violations on their homes if they did not decline the jobs.

Pascarella previously denied the allegations and said the charges against his client are "politically motivated."

Outside court Wednesday, Pascarella said: "I'm under an obligation to speak to my client about the offer. I'll do that, and I can't really comment too much further."

McCarthy said the meeting in chambers was "productive" and that he and his client are "continuing to engage in the process."

Ward referred comment to Robert Clifford, a spokesman for Spota's office. Clifford did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

Ward, McCarthy and Pascarella all declined to publicly disclose the terms of the offer made in Camacho's chambers.

The town declined to comment on the plea offers.

The felony charges each carry a maximum prison sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years, prosecutors have said.

Ex-Islip Public Safety head John Carney convicted of coercion

April 26, 2017 By Sarah Armaghan sarah.armaghan@newsday.com

John Carney arrives in court for the start of his trial in Central Islip, April 18, 2017. (Credit: Ed Betz)

A jury on Wednesday convicted former Islip Town Public Safety
Commissioner John J. Carney of three misdemeanor coercion
charges in a case involving Civil Service hiring in the Town of Islip.
Jurors in State Supreme Court in Central Islip acquitted him on the top four felony bribe-receiving charges as well as nine misdemeanor charges, including four official misconduct and five other coercion counts.
Testimony was given over the course of three days beginning on April 18 and included nine witnesses introduced by the prosecution and one by the defense. Jurors spent nearly four full days in deliberations, which began Friday, and several times requested that witness testimony as well as definitions of the charges against Carney be re-read to them. The verdict was returned Wednesday just after 3 p.m.

The prosecution's case centered around the elements of power, which Suffolk assistant district attorneys Kevin Ward and Angelo Macaluso said Carney abused in his position of head of Islip Town's public safety department.

Carney's attorney, James Pascarella, of Mineola, repeated in his opening and closing statements that his client was "the victim of politics" and cross-examined witnesses about their ties to political events and donations to influential elected officials, and the Islip and Suffolk GOP parties.

"We feel like he wasn't guilty of anything, so in that respect, the verdict is disappointing," Pascarella said outside of court, adding that he "will seek whatever appropriate legal remedy we have after this" in terms of an appeal. He declined a request to speak with Carney.

Ward outside of court deferred comments to Robert Clifford, a spokesman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. Clifford did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Carney was indicted Sept. 13, as was Michael A. Allen, who was an Islip assistant chief fire marshal at the time the crimes allegedly were committed, for what prosecutors have called a scheme to coerce four Civil Service candidates into declining job offers for Islip Town fire marshal jobs

so that provisional employees — some who scored lower on the list — could be hired.

The charges included four class D felonies of third-degree bribe receiving, and 12 class A misdemeanors — four counts of official misconduct and eight counts of second-degree coercion. The felony charges each carry a maximum prison sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years, prosecutors have said. A week before he was indicted, Carney, citing health reasons, resigned from his commissioner position. Allen was demoted after his indictment to his previous title of fire marshal II and placed on administrative duty. Both pleaded not guilty and were released on their own recognizance. Allen, who will be tried separately from Carney, is due back in court May 18.

Plea deal offered in Islip Town fire marshal bribery case

May 18, 2017 By Sarah Armaghan sarah.armaghan@newsday.com

Prosecutors offered a plea deal on May 18, 2017, in the bribery case against Michael Allen, an Islip Town fire marshal. An indictment in September 2016 had charged Allen with bribe receiving, official misconduct and coercion and Allen had pleaded not guilty at the time. (Credit: SCPD)

Prosecutors offered a plea deal Thursday morning in the case against Michael Allen, an Islip Town fire marshal who was charged in a 16-count indictment last year alleging his involvement in a scheme to steer Civil Service positions to favored candidates.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho said that "having presided over the trial" against former Islip Town Public Safety Commissioner John J. Carney last month and "knowing the evidence" that prosecutors have, he considers the plea offer "to be a reasonable one, for what it's worth."

Camacho did not disclose the terms of the offer. He told Allen's attorney, Stephen McCarthy of Manhattan, to discuss the offer with his client and his client's family, and to return to court on June 6.

"The case is in negotiation. Mr. Allen is being fairly treated by the court and the DA's office," Allen's attorney, Stephen McCarthy of Manhattan, said outside court. He declined to say what terms were included in the plea offer.

felony charges each carry a maximum prison sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years, prosecutors have said.

Allen and Carney both pleaded not guilty at the time they were arraigned on the indictment and both had been released on their own recognizance. Plea offers were initially extended by prosecutors to both Carney and Allen during a conference on Nov. 30. Carney did not accept that plea offer,

On April 26, after three days of testimony and nearly four full days of

Jurors acquitted him on the top four felony bribe-receiving charges as well as nine misdemeanor charges, including four official misconduct and five

which his lawyer, James Pascarella of Mineola had said included misdemeanor convictions and no jail time but mandated community

<u>deliberations</u>, a jury in Camacho's courtroom in Central Islip convicted Carney of three misdemeanor coercion charges.

Robert Clifford, a spokesman for Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas

Allen, who was an Islip assistant chief fire marshal at the time the crimes allegedly were committed, was indicted Sept. 13, as was Carney, for what prosecutors have called a scheme to coerce four Civil Service candidates into declining job offers for Islip Town fire marshal jobs so that provisional

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Spota, did not respond to an emailed list of questions.

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A week before he was indicted, Carney, citing health reasons, resigned from his commissioner position. Sentencing for Carney is set for July 6.