

THE CHARGES

COUNT 1: RICO Conspiracy – Prosecutors allege Fattah and his co-defendants engaged in a pattern of criminal behavior – including theft, fraud and falsifying documents -- to promote his career and benefit his political liability.

CHAKA FATTAH SR.: Guilty
HERBERT VEDERMAN: Guilty
ROBERT BRAND: Guilty
KAREN NICHOLAS: Guilty
BONNIE BOWSER: Not guilty

SCHEME 1 (COUNT 2): Charges tied to alleged \$1 million campaign loan – Fattah is accused of accepting an illegal \$1 million campaign loan in from then-Sallie Mae CEO Albert Lord in hopes of saving his ailing 2007 mayoral campaign. Prosecutors say when Lord called in the debt suddenly last year, the congressman and co-defendants stole \$600,000 in charitable donations and federal grant funds from a non-profit he created, the Educational Advancement Alliance, to pay Lord back.

COUNT 2: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BRAND: Guilty
NICHOLAS: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

SCHEME 2 (COUNT 3): Charges tied to attempted Blue Guardians appropriation – To pay off a debt owed from the 2007 mayoral campaign, Fattah allegedly encouraged a campaign operative to set up a sham non-profit called Blue Guardians for oceanic education to which the congressman could funnel federal grant money.

COUNT 3: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HONEST SERVICES WIRE FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

SCHEME 3 (COUNTS 4-10): Charges tied to the payment of Chaka Fattah Jr.’s college debts – The congressman allegedly funneled money from his federal campaign coffers to a political operative with instructions to use the funds to pay off the college debts of his son, Chaka “Chip” Fattah Jr.

COUNT 4: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 5: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 6: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 7: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 8: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty
BOWSER: Not guilty

COUNT 9: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 10: MAIL FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNTS 11-15: Charges tied to the falsification of state and federal records – Fattah and his former campaign treasurer, Bonnie Bowser, stand accused of filing false information on campaign finance reports from January 2010 to January 2014 to hide the illegal \$1 million loan and efforts to repay that and other debts.

COUNT 11: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 12: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 13: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 14: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

COUNT 15: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS:

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Not Guilty

SCHEME 4 (COUNTS 16-22): Charges tied to bribery – Fattah allegedly accepted bribes from a wealthy fundraiser, Herbert Vederman, who was seeking appointment to an ambassadorship from the Obama White House. In exchange, Fattah is accused of presidential aides and a senator on Vederman’s behalf and providing a “make-work” job in his district office for Vederman’s girlfriend.

COUNT 16: CONSPIRACY

FATTAH: Guilty

BOWSER: Guilty

VEDERMAN: Guilty

COUNT 17: BRIBERY

FATTAH: Guilty

COUNT 18: BRIBERY

VEDERMAN: Guilty

COUNT 19: BANK FRAUD

FATTAH: Guilty

VEDERMAN: Guilty

BOWSER: Guilty

COUNT 20: FALSE STATEMENTS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

FATTAH: Guilty
VEDERMAN: Guilty
BOWSER: Guilty

COUNT 21: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS

FATTAH: Guilty
VEDERMAN: Guilty
BOWSER: Guilty

COUNT 22: MONEY LAUNDERING

FATTAH: Guilty
VEDERMAN: Guilty
BOWSER: Guilty

COUNT 23: MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY

FATTAH: Guilty
VEDERMAN: Guilty
BOWSER: Not Guilty

SCHEME 5 (COUNTS 24-29): Charges tied to 2012 Fattah Conference on Higher Education – A former Fattah aide, Karen Nicholas, is accused of misappropriating federal grant money meant to support an annual conference on higher education that prosecutors allege never occurred.

COUNT 24: WIRE FRAUD
NICHOLAS: Not Guilty

COUNT 25: WIRE FRAUD
NICHOLAS: Guilty

COUNT 26: WIRE FRAUD
NICHOLAS: Guilty

COUNT 27 REMOVED BEFORE TRIAL

COUNT 28: FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS
NICHOLAS: Guilty