Former Las Vegas Lawyer Who Fled the Country Sentenced to Prison

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On Monday, Lawrence Davidson of Las Vegas, an attorney disbarred following the famous “Operation G-Sting” in 2006, was sentenced to eight years and nine months in federal prison and ordered to pay more than $936,000 in restitution to clients he defrauded.

Davidson had pled guilty in May to twenty mail fraud and four money laundering charges, and also for making a false statement in application of passport, identity theft, and willful failure to appear at court hearings as also failure to notify change of address to probation officials. Davidson had fled to Israel in 2006 to avoid facing two criminal trials that sent four Clark County commissioners and a strip club owner to prison in 2007. He returned to USA last year and had since then been in federal custody.

Davidson, who was previously a personal injury and medical malpractice lawyer in Nevada, was indicted in 2005 on charges of negotiating 17 settlements without the permission of clients. The settlements happened over a period of 14 months and totaled to about $936,300.

Davidson’s malpractice and criminal tendencies seem to be a family affair as both he and his father were charged in a conspiracy of trying to bribe City Councilman Michael McDonald for getting a chain pharmacy approved in the commission district of Erin Kenny, former county commissioner. While in that particular case the federal jury failed to reach a verdict on charges over Kenny or McDonald, the senior Davidson was sentenced to two years in prison. Later Kenny pleaded guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud, testified for the prosecution and went to prison for 30 months.

The senior Davidson was then convicted of conspiracy and wire fraud over paying Kenny $200,000 for pushing through the necessary zoning charges for the pharmacy. Lawrence Davidson was accused of creating the bank accounts required to conceal the illegal payments.

Lawrence Davidson was the last defendant in the criminal cases that stemmed from “Operation G-Sting” in which Clark County commissioners Lance Malone served six years, Erin Kenny served 30 months, Dario Herrera, a one-time Democratic Congressional candidate, served 50 months, and Kincaid-Chauncey, a flower shop owner served 30 months in prison.

Even though his father went to prison, Lawrence, though being a lawyer, fled the country thinking he could evade the law.