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## Bromwell sentenced to seven years for fraud scheme

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Former state Sen. Thomas L. Bromwell was sentenced Friday to seven years in federal prison for taking bribes from a Baltimore construction company, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Maryland District's office.

His wife, Mary Patricia Bromwell, was sentenced to a year and a day in prison for her involvement in a minority-contracting fraud scheme.

U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz on Friday morning handed down the sentence, which also required the Bromwells to forfeit more than \$2 million, including their home in Baltimore County. Thomas Bromwell was charged with racketeering conspiracy and filing a false tax return.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, the Bromwells, Poole and Kent Corp. President David Stoffregen and others conspired to provide the Bromwells benefits in exchange for then-Senator Bromwell's intervention in business disputes on Poole and Kent's behalf.

Bromwell, 58, a well-known and powerful state politician, had long maintained his innocence, but he and his wife pleaded guilty in the case July 24.

Prosecutors had argued in the case that Bromwell accepted \$80,000 a year from Stoffregen to stay in the Senate and steer business to Poole and Kent, which was disguised as \$193,000 salary to Mary Patricia Bromwell for a no-show job in a minority-contracting scheme.

Poole & Kent also did \$85,000 worth of construction on the Bromwell's home for free, prosecutors said.

Seven other people, including Stoffregen, have pleaded guilty in cases related to the Bromwell investigation.

Late last year, Bromwell stepped down as head of Maryland's Injured Workers Insurance Fund, or IWIF.

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