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The Grand Jury for Baltimore City has indicted David J. Clemons, of Bel Air, Maryland, and Harriet E. Fostervold, of Owings Mills, Maryland, both stemming from the ongoing investigation into corruption in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Mr. Clemons, 59, is the owner of Polar Bear Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. located on Liberty Road in Randallstown, Maryland. The company did heating and air conditioning work in the Baltimore city schools. Mr. Clemons was charged with bribing and conspiring to bribe Rajiv Dixit, the facilities manager who has been previously convicted of Theft, Bribery and Conspiracy and is currently serving a 5 year jail sentence. Each of the two charges against Mr. Clemons carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000 in fines and/or up to 12 years in jail.

Ms. Fostervold, 55, is an employee of the Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. which is located on Lord Baltimore Drive in Baltimore. Siemens Building Technologies is another company that also did work in the Baltimore city school facilities. The three count indictment alleges that Ms. Fostervold stole, and conspired to steal, more than \$500.00 from the Baltimore City Schools, and bribed Rajiv Dixit. On the charges of Theft and Conspiracy to commit Theft, the maximum penalty is \$25,000 in fines, up to 15 years in jail, or both, and restitution. The maximum penalty for Bribery is \$5,000 in fines and/or up to 12 years in jail.

Although Mr. Clemons and Ms. Fostervold have been charged, both are presumed innocent unless and until they are convicted. No court dates have been set for either defendant at this time.

Mr. Clemons and Ms. Fostervold are the 10th and 11th persons to face criminal charges stemming out of this office's investigation into corruption in the Baltimore City Public Schools. In the previous 10 months, the following people have been charged and convicted: Melvin Duklewski, James Duklewski, Gilbert Sapperstein, Rajiv Dixit, Arthur Lester Holtz, Ida Marie Beran, Cecil Thrower, Gonzalo Garcia, and William West.

Most recently convicted was William West, a retired Baltimore City police officer who later worked for Rajiv Dixit. On March 13, 2006, Mr. West pled guilty in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to 3 counts of filing false Maryland State income tax returns, a violation discovered in the investigation of the corruption within the city school system. Mr. West was sentenced to 18 months in jail, with all but 7 days suspended, and was ordered to perform community service upon his release from incarceration. Mr. West's conviction brought the total of convicted people to nine.

The State Prosecutor, Robert A. Rohrbaugh, stated, "While the present cases may not be as significant as some of the other cases previously prosecuted, there is no case that is insignificant when it involves the public school children in Baltimore. This investigation has not been concluded and will continue."