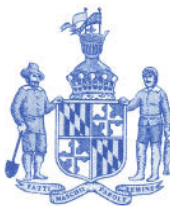


STATE OF MARYLAND

ROBERT A. ROHRBAUGH
STATE PROSECUTOR



OFFICE OF
THE STATE PROSECUTOR

Hampton Plaza
Suite 410
300 East Joppa Road
Towson, MD 21286-3152

Telephone (410) 321-4067
1 (800) 695-4058
Fax (410) 321-3851

For Immediate Release – Sentencing of Robert L. Thomas

May 11, 2006

The Office of the State Prosecutor announced that Robert L. Thomas of Prince George's County, Maryland was sentenced on bribery charges today in Prince George's County Circuit Court, to 12 years, 114 months of which was suspended in favor of 30 months (2 1/2 years) incarceration followed by 5 years of supervised probation, restitution in the amount of \$10,000.00, and 500 hours of community service.

Thomas, age 64, was the Deputy Director of the Prince George's County Department of Central Services from December, 2003 to April, 2005. He previously worked for the Internal Revenue Service and was also the Acting Inspector General for Washington, D.C. He was convicted in August, 2006 in connection with a scheme in late 2004 through early 2005 to obtain a bribe of \$250,000 in exchange for steering contracts to a favored bidder.

This conviction and sentence stems from a joint investigation by the State Prosecutor's Office, the Maryland State Police and the United States Postal Inspection Service.