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Federal prosecutors said they have obtained a guilty plea from another person in the government's ongoing probe of illegal payments in the record industry.

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William Craig, an independent record promoter, pleaded guilty to payola and criminal tax charges, according to a statement issued by Gary Feess, the U.S. attorney here.

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Payola is the practice of making illegal, undisclosed payments to radio station personnel in return for getting the stations to play certain songs over the air.

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As part of his plea agreement with the government, the 44-year-old Mr. Craig faces a maximum of three years in prison.

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In return, Mr. Craig agreed to cooperate in the government's continuing payola probe, says a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office.

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Mr. Craig and three others were indicted last year as part of that payola probe.

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Two other defendants previously pleaded guilty, and charges against the third were dropped.