EX-FEDERAL AIDE GETS FOUR YEARS IN ABSCAM CASE

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A former <u>Federal</u> immigration investigator from Long Island was sentenced to <u>four years</u> in prison yesterday for his bribery conviction stemming from the Government's <u>Abscam</u> inquiry into official corruption.

The term was imposed on 32-<u>year</u>-old Alexander A. Alexandro Jr. of Commack, after a Justice Department prosecutor contended in <u>Federal</u> District Court in Brooklyn that Mr. Alexandro knew of "corrupt acts" by other employees of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The prosecutor, John H. Jacobs, implied to Judge Mark A. Costantino, that the prospect of a "stiff sentence" might induce Mr. Alexandro to tell the authorities what he knew in the hope that his sentence would be lightened. Alexandro Jr, former *Federal* immigration investigator, is sentenced to 4 *years* in prison for bribery stemming from *Abscam* inquiry

Outside the courtroom, Mr. Jacobs confirmed that prosecutors wanted to bring Mr. Alexandro before a grand jury and question him further about state me nts he had made to <u>Federal</u> undercover agents indicating corrupt behav ior by others in the immigration agency.

Mr. Alexandro's 1979 meetings with the undercover men - from whom he took a \$2,000 payoff in an immigration deal - were surreptitiously videotaped.

Calls Term 'Pretty Harsh'

Mr. Alexandro later called the term "pretty harsh." His lawyer, Joel Winograd, termed it "coercive." Mr. Alexandro faced up to 15 *years*. He remained free pending the outcome of his appeal.

Mr. Jacobs reaffirmed earlier statements that the Government wanted to bring before a grand jury a Long Island businessman convicted of conspiring with Mr. Alexandro. Mr. Jacobs said that prosecutors wanted to investigate statements that the businessman, Alfred Carpentier, had made to the <u>Abscam</u> agents about what was said to have been corruption or potential corruption involving political figures whom Mr. Jacobs declined to name.

The sentencing of Mr. Carpentier, a 56-<u>year</u>-old East Meadow man, was postponed until Oct. 13. Mr. Jacobs said the Justice Department might ask that a hearing scheduled in connection with the sentencing be closed to the public because of the "nature of the allegations" that Mr. Carpentier had made.

Mr. Carpentier's lawyer, James A. Pascarella, said his client had simply been name-dropping in discussing the political figures with the undercover men.

Mr. Carpentier faces up to five *years* for his conviction in the immigration *case*.

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