

# **INDICT BOSS IN SCAFFOLD FALL DEATHS**

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A Long Island contractor was **indicted** on five counts of manslaughter yesterday in a horrific **scaffold** collapse in Manhattan that killed five immigrant workers last year.

Phillip Minucci, 42, was **indicted** along with his company, Tri-State **Scaffold** & Equipment Supplies Inc. of Deer Park, in the collapse on Park Ave. South last Oct. 24.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Minucci designed and constructed the 13-story **scaffolding** "in violation of building codes, engineering requirements and common sense."

He said Minucci does not have an engineering license and didn't bother to have the **scaffolding** examined by an engineer. City building codes require that any **scaffolding** taller than 75 feet must be designed by a licensed engineer or architect.

Morgenthau said the 90,000-pound **scaffolding** collapsed under its own weight. Sixteen men - many of them illegal immigrants - were working on it at the time. Manuel Barariso, Ivan Pillacela, Efrain Gonzalez, Donato Conde and Fabian Cesar Tenesaca, all of whom were from Mexico or Ecuador, were killed. They were either crushed by the **scaffolding** or asphyxiated by the debris, Morgenthau said.

Minucci pleaded not guilty before Justice Arlene Goldberg and was released after agreeing to post \$150,000 bond.

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Phillip Minucci

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