

JEFFREY H. STAYTON, U.S. Department of the Army

Jeffrey H. Stayton was the former chief of the Aviation Division for the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command (“ATEC”).¹ While in that position, Mr. Stayton misused his authority to direct a \$4.7 million contract to Maverick Aviation (“Maverick”) to procure and modify two Russian helicopters in direct exchange for a \$61,000 bribe he received from Maverick’s owner, William Childree.²

In his capacity as technical representative for the contract, Mr. Stayton took actions that favored Maverick’s selection as the contract recipient, including substituting Maverick in place of another prospective bidder whose name Mr. Stayton removed.³ Subsequently in December 2001, Mr. Stayton falsely certified that the contract was fully completed, which triggered a premature payment to Maverick of \$1.1 million.⁴

Approximately two weeks after Maverick received this payment, through a Maverick account, Mr. Childree gave Mr. Stayton \$61,071.75, which Mr. Stayton used to pay off the mortgage on his Spotsylvania, Virginia home.⁵ Messrs. Stayton and Childree then took steps to conceal the nature and purpose of the payment. Mr. Stayton failed to disclose his solicitation or receipt of the payment to ATEC or Army personnel and failed to disclose the payment on his personal financial disclosure statements.⁶

On March 1, 2006, a federal grand jury indicted Mr. Stayton on two counts of honest services fraud and one count each of bribery and obstruction of justice.⁷ Mr. Childree was also charged with two counts of honest services fraud and one count of bribery.⁸

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Press Release, Army Test And Evaluation Chief And Enterprise Alabama-based Private Contractor Charged with Bribery, Honest Services Wire Fraud, March 1, 2005 [hereinafter “DOJ Press Release”]. (Exhibit 1)

² U.S. v. Stayton, Crim. No. 06-66-MEF, Indictment, ¶¶ 6, 8 (M.D. Ala. March 1, 2006) [hereinafter “Indictment”] (Exhibit 2); DOJ Press Release.

³ Indictment, ¶ 9a.

⁴ Id., ¶ 9b.

⁵ Id., ¶ 9c.

⁶ Id., ¶¶ 9d(ii)-(iii).

⁷ DOJ Press Release.

⁸ Id.