

# PennDOT corruption investigation: 10 charged in massive fraud and kickback scheme

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*Nearly \$5 million in fraud exposed by ongoing Attorney General investigation of District 6*

HARRISBURG – Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane today announced that ten individuals were charged for their alleged roles in a widespread overbilling scheme that defrauded at least \$1.2 million from Pennsylvania taxpayers.

The conspiracy involves two former managers in the PennDOT’s District 6, who allegedly took kickbacks from highway inspectors in exchange for turning a blind eye to fraudulent time sheets and mileage reports.

A statewide investigating grand jury delivered a presentment recommending today’s charges after it heard testimony from dozens of individuals and saw evidence obtained in a joint investigation of the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office and the U.S. Department of Transportation Inspector General’s office.

“The citizens of Pennsylvania expect state employees and contractors to perform the work they are paid to do,” Attorney General Kane said. “Those who accept kickbacks and falsify documents are stealing from the taxpayers. My office will continue to uncover and diligently pursue public corruption across the Commonwealth.”

The investigation began in March of 2013 when agents in the Attorney General’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation obtained evidence of widespread abuse within the Highway Occupation Permit Program (HOP) in District 6, which comprises Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Chester and Bucks counties.