

Ex-Oregon prison administrator, wife, accused of taking \$1-million in bribes

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Complaint alleges former Oregon Department of Corrections Administrator, and wife, received more than \$1,000,000 in bribes and kickbacks

PORTLAND, Ore. - A United States Magistrate Judge signed a criminal complaint Wednesday charging Farhad "Fred" Monem and Karen Monem, both of Salem, Oregon, with one count of conspiring to commit bribery.

The maximum penalty on the conspiracy count is five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Fahad "Fred" Monem is the former Food Services Administrator for the Oregon Department of Corrections.

According to the allegations in the complaint, the Monems received more than \$1,000,000 in bribes and kickbacks between 2000 and 2006. Arrest warrants were issued for the arrest of Fahad "Fred" Monem and Karen Monem.

Karen Monem was arrested Wednesday by the FBI and appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Thomas Coffin in Eugene, Oregon. She is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing before Judge Coffin at 10 a.m. today. Farhad "Fred" Monem has not been arrested and his whereabouts are unknown. Anyone having information on the location of Fred Monem is asked to contact the FBI at 503-362-6601.

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