

## Ex-Oregon prison administrator, wife, accused of taking &#36;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 â€œFredâ€• 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 â€œFredâ€• 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 â€œFredâ€• 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 â€œFredâ€• 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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