

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY COURT**

ONEIDA COUNTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Against

Bruce Karam and Louis LaPolla,

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

IND. NO. I 2023-289

Filed November 20, 2023

FIRST COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF ONEIDA COUNTY, do hereby accuse Bruce Karam, defendant, of the offense of **Corruption of Government in the Third Degree** in violation of Section 496.03, of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class E felony, committed as follows: The said defendant, from on or about March of 2021 through and including June of 2022, in the County of Oneida, City of Utica, being a public servant, engaged in a scheme constituting a systematic ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud the state or one or more political subdivisions of the state or one or more governmental instrumentalities within the state, to wit: the Utica City School District, to obtain property, actual services, or other resources and thereby wrongfully obtained such property, actual services or other resources with a value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

SECOND COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF ONEIDA COUNTY, do hereby accuse Bruce Karam, defendant, of the offense of **Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree** in violation of Section 155.30, subdivision 1, of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a felony, committed as follows: The said defendant, on or about March of 2021 through and including June of 2022, in the County of Oneida, City of Utica, did steal property from the Utica City School District, the value of which exceeded one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

THIRD COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF ONEIDA COUNTY, do hereby accuse Bruce Karam, defendant, of the offense of **Public Corruption** in violation of Section 496.06, subdivision 1, of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a felony, committed as follows: The said defendant, from on or about March of 2021 through and including June 2022, in the County of Oneida, City of Utica,

being a public servant, did commit Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree as a Public Corruption crime when through the use of his public office he did steal property the value of which exceeded one thousand dollars and the state or any political subdivision thereof or any governmental instrumentality within the state was the owner of said property, to wit: the Utica City School District.

FOURTH COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF ONEIDA COUNTY, do hereby accuse Bruce Karam and Louis LaPolla, defendants, of the offense of **Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree** in violation of Section 155.30, subdivision 1, of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a felony, committed as follows: The said defendants, acting in concert with one another, from on or about January of 2022 through and including May of 2022, in the County of Oneida, City of Utica, did steal property from the Utica City School District, the value of which exceeded one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

FIFTH COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF ONEIDA COUNTY, do hereby accuse Bruce Karam and Louis LaPolla, defendants, of the offense of **Public Corruption** in violation of Section 496.06, subdivision 1, of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a felony, committed as follows: The said defendants, from on or about January of 2022 through and including May of 2022, in the County of Oneida, City of Utica, both being public servants, and acting in concert with one another, did commit Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree as a Public Corruption crime when through the use of their public offices they did steal property the value of which exceeded one thousand dollars and the state or any political subdivision thereof or any governmental instrumentality within the state was the owner of said property, to wit: the Utica City School District.

/s/ Scott D. McNamara : Oneida County District Attorney,

/s/ Denise Walsh : Foreperson, Oneida County Grand Jury.