



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Subject: Commercial bribery arrest

A Humboldt County Planning and Building inspector was arrested Tuesday following an ongoing bribery investigation dating back to last year.

The investigation originated in November of 2017 when the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received complaints about County Inspector Patrick William Mctigue, 47, of Fortuna. The complaints alleged that Mctigue was receiving money from members of the public for expedited permit approval on building and grading projects. Multiple victims came forward to the Sheriff's Office alleging that Mctigue had defrauded them. Mctigue is believed to have received over \$100,000 from the victims.

On May 29, 2018, at about 2:15 p.m., sheriff's deputies arrested Mctigue in the Old Town Eureka area on a felony warrant. Mctigue was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the following charges: commercial bribery, grand theft and state official asking for or receiving a bribe.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

