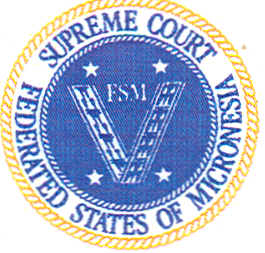
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**Legal Briefs – Feb. 4, 2019**  
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Hawaii businessman pleads guilty to bribes over FSM contracts. The federal government on Jan. 16 filed a lawsuit against Hawaii businessman Frank James “Jim” Lyon on accusations that he bribed officials from the Federated States of Micronesia with at least $200,000 in order to obtain approximately $7.8 million in contract payments.  
   
Lyon is the owner of engineering company Lyon Associates Inc. The lawsuit stated the contracts included an airport improvement project largely funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and project management.  
   
The two officials Lyon allegedly bribed were “a government official in the FSM Department of Transportations, Communications and Infrastructure” and “a government official in the FSM Congress who served on a Congressional committee with oversight over Lyon Associates’ FSM contracts.” The bribes occurred between 2006 and 2016, according to the lawsuit.  
   
The feds also accused Lyon of bribing unnamed “co-conspirators” in Hawaii with at least $240,000 to gain a $2.5 million contract from a state agency.  
   
Lyon on Jan. 23 pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA and to pay a bribe to an agent of an organization receiving federal funds. His sentencing is set for May 13.  
   
Lyon also has an office on Guam and is listed as active in the Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors.

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