

# LOBBY WATCH



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Tipping the Dorman:

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## Mayor's Alleged Bribes Match GOP Donations

**Prosecutors Say Ex-Melissa Mayor David Dorman Took \$30,000 in Bribes. Should GOP Candidates & PACs Repay Dorman Funds to that Dallas Suburb?**

Federal prosecutors indicted David E. Dorman last week on charges that the ex-mayor of the Dallas suburb of Melissa extorted Frisco developer John Christie in 2007. The indictment alleges that Christie paid then-Mayor Dorman \$30,000 in bribes—including \$10,000 stuffed into a Crown Royal whiskey sack—to get the City of Melissa to annex some of Christie's land. Dorman's attorney pledged to "vigorously fight" the charges.<sup>1</sup>

When news of the indictment hit *Lobby Watch's* supercomputer, it noticed that the amount of the political contributions that Dorman has made since 2001 virtually matches the value of his alleged bribes. If Dorman is convicted, should these GOP PACs and politicians repay this money to the City of Melissa?



Melissa officials say no tax dollars were lost in the alleged scheme. Yet 47 percent of Melissa's citizens "believe the government has a responsibility to care for them"<sup>2</sup> and believe that they are entitled to un-bribed government.

### Following the Money From Melissa's Indicted Ex-Mayor David Dorman

Amount	Recipient
\$9,839	Collin Co. Republican Party
\$3,000	Rep. Jodie A. Laubenberg
\$3,000	Rep. W. Kenneth Paxton, Jr.
<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>America's Mayor/Pres. Rudy Giuliani</b>
\$1,000	Gov. Rick Perry
\$1,000	Attorney General Greg Abbott
\$1,000	Judge Gregory T. Brewer
\$1,000	Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst
\$1,000	Scott O'Grady (lost Senate Race)
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Rep. Ralph Hall</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Sen. Kay B. Hutchison</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Rep. Sam Johnson</b>
\$500	Kay Bailey Hutchison
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Tom Leppert (lost Senate Race)</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Nat'l Rep. Campaign Com.</b>
\$500	Stars Over TX PAC (Tom Craddick)
\$360	Collin Co. Conserv. Republicans
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Nat'l Rep. Campaign Com.</b>
<b>\$250</b>	<b>TX Rep. Campaign Com.</b>
<b>\$29,249</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Note: Federal PACs and candidates in **Bold**.

*Lobby Watch* expects Attorney General Greg Abbott, who administers the state's Crime Victims' Compensation Program, to lead the way on restitution. His campaign took \$1,000 from Dorman in 2008.

Excluding any funds delivered in velvet sacks, the Dorman political contributions tracked here fall \$751 short of full restitution. Fortunately, indicted developer John Christie backed many of the same politicians, making \$4,775 in political contributions since 2004.

Good citizens of sweet Melissa, help is on the way. •

## Following the Money From Indicted Developer John Christie

Amount	Recipient
<b>\$2,250</b>	<b>Republican National Com.</b>
\$500	Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst
\$500	Friends of the University PAC
<b>\$500</b>	<b>TX Rep. Campaign Com.</b>
\$250	Judge Gregory T. Brewer
<b>\$250</b>	<b>Rep. Sam Johnson</b>
\$200	Rep. Jodie A. Laubenberg
<b>\$200</b>	<b>Sen. John McCain</b>
\$125	TX Assn of Realtors PAC
<b>\$4,775</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

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## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> "Ex-Mayor Charged in Bribe Plot," *Dallas Morning News*, September 14, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Data courtesy of Mitt Romney.