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Former North Miami Beach Mayor Myron Joel Rosner Charged with Unlawful Compensation and Campaign Finance Violations

Miami (September 21, 2012) – An arrest warrant has been filed announcing the charging of former North Miami Beach Mayor, Myron Joel Rosner with Unlawful Compensation and a variety of campaign finance violations all relating to his re-election efforts in 2011. This joint investigation was undertaken by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, the Miami-Dade Police Department Public Corruption Investigations Bureau, and the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics.

The violations uncovered all involve the use and payment for advertising bus benches placed throughout the City of North Miami Beach. In one instance, personal advertising messages were paid for from funds donated to the Myron Rosner Campaign Account which constitutes felony Grand Theft from the campaign account.

In another instance, advertising was to be extended without cost to Myron Rosner so the company would avoid "losing" the city bus bench contract, all the while recognizing that Myron Rosner never intended to pay for the advertising. This benefit constituted the crime of felony Unlawful Compensation.

Additionally, various movements of checks throughout this process constituted such election finance crimes as extending a worthless check and extending a campaign check with insufficient funds as outlined in the arrest warrant.

Myron Joel Rosner is specifically charged with:

- 2 counts Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior (3rd Degree Felony)
- 1 count Grand Theft (Felony)
- 1 count Illegal Expenditures/Campaign (Misdemeanor)
- 1 count False Report of Expenditure (Misdemeanor)
- 1 count Knowledge of Unlawful reporting of Contributions and Expenditures (Misdemeanor)
- 1 count Illegal Contribution (Misdemeanor)
- 1 count Worthless Check (Felony)
- 1 count Insufficient Funds/Campaign Expense (Misdemeanor)

"All of our campaigns and elections need to follow the laws outlined by the Florida Statutes," commented Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle.

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Joseph M. Centorino, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust stated, "I am proud of the work our investigators put into this case. It involved a lot of painstaking research and legwork to assemble the pieces necessary to prove it up, and that would not have occurred without teamwork among the three offices involved."