

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

JOSEPH DENTE,

Defendant

CRIMINAL NO.

3:06CR431

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT I

WIRE FRAUD

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A. INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. Joseph Dente was an adult individual residing in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
2. Joseph Dente was a licensed attorney practicing in Luzerne County.
3. Joseph Dente represented Susan Nelson and her husband in the sale of their residence

to Joseph Mattioli.

B. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME AND ARTIFACT TO DEFRAUD

4. In November and December 2004, in the Middle of Pennsylvania,

JOSEPH DENTE

willfully and knowingly devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money belonging to the Nelsons which had been deposited into Dente's escrow account following a sale of real estate by failing to remit the monies to the M&T Bank to satisfy the Nelsons mortgage, instead converting the monies to his own use and benefit.

C. THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE

5. In November 2004 Dente represented the Nelsons in the sale of their residence in

Larksville. The buyer, John Mattioli, wired a total of \$201,470.81 to Dente's escrow account at the Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank. On the same date as the wire, Dente was to pay off the Nelsons mortgage with the M&T Bank in the amount of \$142,288.84. Dente failed to do so, converting that amount to his own use and benefit.

D. THE WIRE

6. On November 30, 2004 in the Middle District of Pennsylvania,

JOSEPH DENTE

for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud, did willfully and knowingly cause to be transmitted by means of wire \$142,288.84 from John Mattioli to Dente's escrow account at the Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank, Kingston, for the purpose of paying off the existing mortgage, which Dente failed to do, instead converting the monies to his own use and benefit.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

A TRUE BILL

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