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Shady Character Behind Cuomo's Anti-Astorino Smear Ads Indicted For Federal Fraud

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NEW YORK -- The man behind the ridiculous civil RICO suit filed against Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino -- the suit is the basis for Andrew Cuomo's multi-million-dollar TV smear campaign against Mr. Astorino -- has just been indicted on federal fraud and other charges, the Astorino campaign today announced.

"Westchester businessman Selim "Sam" Zherka was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday on allegations he falsified loan applications and committed tax fraud, wire fraud, and witness tampering," Westchester's Journal News writes in a breaking news story. Full story link below.

<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/crime/2014/09/18/sam-zherka-indicted-federal-fraud-charges/15832679/>

The second person behind the civil RICO suit is New York State Independence Party Vice Chairman Giulio "Doc" Cavallo, who was under investigation by the Moreland Commission for a no-show job and pension swindling scheme. Governor Cuomo abruptly shut down the Moreland Commission before the investigation on Mr. Cavallo was concluded. Mr. Cavallo was refused a job by County Executive in 2010 because of Cavallo's reputation of accepting no-show jobs. Story links below.

<http://nypost.com/2014/07/24/political-dissident-says-cuomo-got-endorsement-after-moreland-disbanded/>

<http://nypost.com/2014/07/26/astorino-independence-party-leader-tried-to-shake-me-down-for-job/>

"Andrew Cuomo has run the most negative TV ad campaign in state history based on a lawsuit filed by two highly dubious individuals," said Astorino spokeswoman Jessica Proud. "Now, the first of them has been indicted for federal fraud, while the other one was let off by the governor personally when he abruptly shut Moreland. Here again we see why New York State government is ranked the most corrupt in America. Mr. Cuomo's deceitful ads must be pulled down."

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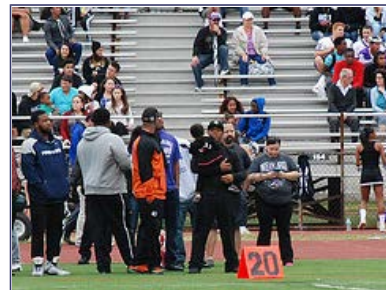
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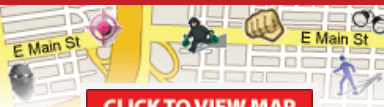
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