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Former Schneider Hospital CEO Sentenced to 10 Years; Cohorts Receive 1 Year Each

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Schneider Regional Medical Center

ST. THOMAS — A Superior Court judge on Friday sentenced former Schneider Regional Medical Center CEO Rodney Miller to 10 years in prison for his role in defrauding the hospital of millions of dollars a decade ago.

Mr. Miller's co-conspirators — Peter Najawicz, the ex-chief financial officer and Amos Carty, the former counsel and chief operating officer — were each sentenced to one year behind bars.

The trio was [convicted last month](#) on a combined 44 counts of embezzlement, fraud, grand larceny and violations of the Criminally Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and other related charges.

Mr. Narowitz and Mr. Carty were given 15 days to begin their sentences. Mr. Miller was immediately locked away.

The three men were convicted in November of conning the hospital by paying themselves more than \$3 million in raises, bonuses and cash allowances beyond their contractual pay, without obtaining approval from the hospital board.

They were first arrested in 2008, after an audit and joint investigation by the Inspector General's Office and the U.S. Department of the Interior. As a result of the audit, criminal charges were filed.



Peter Najawicz



Amos Carty



Rodney Miller

They were tried in 2011, but the trial jury was unable to reach a verdict.

In the latest trial, prosecutors showed how the men hatched an elaborate plan to enrich themselves by directing more than \$3 million from hospital accounts at the Bank of Nova Scotia to their personal accounts.