

## Former state rep sentenced in felony

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DETROIT ? A federal judge **sentenced former state Rep .** Keith Stallworth to six months of home detention after pleading guilty to a **felony** .

The government indicted Stallworth, along with 13 others **in** June 2001, on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana. The government is seeking the death penalty against the lead defendant, Milton "Butch" Jones, who is awaiting trial. Jones also is charged with the drug-related murders of two men.

**In** 1996, Stallworth invested **in** "Tiger's Lounge," a Detroit strip club that the government charges was used to launder drug money.

Stallworth, 47, served **in** the **state** House from 1997 until 2002, when he could no longer run because of term limits. His mother, Alma, again was elected to the **state** House **in** November 2002.

Stallworth resigned as Wayne County commissioner **in** March shortly after he pleaded guilty to deliberately causing the filing of a false currency transaction report.

**In** court Tuesday, Stallworth took responsibility for making mistakes and entering "a life-changing and life-threatening entanglement."

"Some would call it reckless and I would call it careless," Stallworth said. He said he had suffered a "public flogging" as a result.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Allen said that as a result of Stallworth's actions, "drug traffickers took over that lounge."

He purchased five cashier's checks for \$5,000 each **in** an effort to evade the government's requirements that all transactions over \$10,000 be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. They also didn't identify the true source of the cash ? Allen said the money was from the proceeds of drug trafficking.

Stallworth then returned the money to the drug trafficker, the government stated **in** its 2001 indictment.

Judge John Corbett O'Meara rejected Allen's request that he order Stallworth to spend time **in** prison. Under the plea agreement, he could serve no more than seven months.

O'Meara ordered Stallworth to wear an electronic monitor and remain at home for six months. He must also pay a \$3,100 fine, be on probation for three years and perform 100 hours of community service.

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