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Former Montreal executive convicted of bribing Philippine officials gets community sentence

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The Montreal courthouse is seen in a file photo. John Mahoney *Montreal Gazette*

A former executive with a Montreal company who was recently convicted of bribing officials in the Philippines has received a sentence he will be able to serve in the community.

On Wednesday, Superior Court Justice Yvan Poulin sentenced Philip Timothy Heaney, 65, of Montreal to a conditional sentence of two years less a day. One condition is that Heaney is required to carry out 180 hours of community service during the first 18 months of the sentence.

In December, a jury at the Montreal courthouse found Heaney guilty of all three of the charges he faced in a case that alleged he and two other former executives with a company that was first called Forensics Technology Inc. and later called Ultra

Electronics Forensic Technology Inc. (UEFTI) offered or had given benefits between 2013 and 2018 to public officials in the Philippines, or to other individuals who could influence public officials who made decisions on contracts. The technology was purchased for the Philippine National Police.

Heaney was found guilty of two counts under Canada's Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act. He was also convicted of fraud under the Criminal Code.

The two other men who went to trial last year, including company founder Robert Andrew Walsh, 82, were acquitted by the same jury.

In 2023, Michael McLean, 58, of Beaconsfield, another former UEFTI executive charged in the case, pleaded guilty to a section of the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act. He received a 12-month sentence he could serve in the community.

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