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Dem Mayor Faces Decades In Prison For Corruption



A Democratic Pennsylvania mayor faces decades in prison after he was convicted on nearly 50 charges of corruption in court Thursday.

Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski was found guilty on 47 of the 54 charges against him which included bribery, conspiracy, fraud, attempted extortion as well as lying to federal officials. Pawlowski also changed city contracts in order to raise money for his campaigns for Mayor, The Morning Call [reported](#).


After the verdict was announced, Pawlowski [reportedly](#) cried in the courtroom, his wife collapsed in the hallway. A date has not yet been set for Pawlowski's sentencing, but the Democratic mayor who has been in office for since 2006 will be free on bail until his court date.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Wzorek blasted Pawlowski's behavior after the hearing and said he will continue to search for corruption in an interview with The Morning Call.

"This type of behavior is not acceptable," Wzorek said. "If they don't have



the FBI will be doing investigations and will root out corruption.”

 ALLENTOWN, PA - NOVEMBER 22: Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown, PA. speaks at the Lehigh Valley Conference Of Churches #RefugeesWelcome Thanksgiving In Allentown, PA on November 22, 2015 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. (Photo by Paul Zimmerman/Getty Images for MoveOn.org)

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The front of the local paper, The Morning Call, featured a photo of Pawlowski leaving the courtroom with cameras following him. **[\(RELATED: Democratic Mayor May Face Criminal Charges After Nude Cellphone Photos And Deleted Chats Surface\)](#)**



If found guilty, Pawlowski faces 20 years in prison on each count of corruption.

