



Philpot hires additional attorney in upcoming federal fraud case

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HAMMOND | Lake County Coroner Thomas Philpot has hired an additional attorney to represent him in his federal fraud case, court records show.

Philpot faces three counts of mail fraud and two counts of theft from a federally funded program, according to an indictment that was handed down in September. He is accused of illegally paying himself federal grant money between 2004 and 2009, when he was county clerk.

Chicago-based attorney Theodore Poulos filed his appearance Tuesday in Philpot's case. He told The Times he will be joining the team of attorneys already in place.

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