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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**GOVERNOR'S FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF PLEADS GUILTY**

MARYSVILLE, OHIO:

After investigation by the Ohio Ethics Commission, Union County Sheriff's Office, and Ohio Inspector General, Paul Mifsud, the former Chief of Staff of the Ohio Governor, pled guilty today to ethics and related violations, brought by Special Prosecutor Tony Heald, in connection with \$100,000 of home improvements provided by a contractor doing business with the state. The contractor, Thomas G. Banks, was also found guilty of an ethics violation. Mifsud, who will be sentenced on October 9, faces a possible maximum sentence of nine months in prison and a \$1750 fine. Banks faces a possible maximum sentence of six months in prison and a \$1000 fine.

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