

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY / Landlord Accused Of Defrauding HUD

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San Jose -- A Saratoga man who owns a 126-unit housing project in Pittsburg has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he defrauded the federal Department of [Housing and Urban Development](#) of \$1.3 million.

Nemat Maleksalehi, 57, was charged with 11 counts of mail and wire fraud and three counts of money laundering, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Maleksalehi, who also goes by the aliases of [Matt Madison](#) and [Matt Malek](#), allegedly defrauded the federal housing agency in 1996 by submitting fake invoices, tenant records and other documents in return for federal reimbursement to maintain the Pittsburg Plaza housing complex. Maleksalehi then allegedly used the funds for his own personal gain.

Maleksalehi faces a maximum five years in prison and \$250,000 fine for each count of mail and wire fraud. He faces 20 years in prison and a minimum \$500,000 fine for each count of money laundering.

Maleksalehi is scheduled to appear in federal court in San Jose on March 2.