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HEADLINE: DOC FACES SCAM RAP 2ND TIME< ACCUSED OF AIDING INSURANCE FRAUD

BYLINE: Dave Racher, Daily News Staff Writer

BODY:

The court ruling had to be a bitter pill to swallow for the Center City osteopathic physician, accused of doctoring medical records for a crooked lawyer.

But the district attorney's office said last week's decision by the state Superior Court reinstating fraud charges against Dennis B. Zaslow was the appropriate cure for a lower court's decision killing the charges in 1994.

Common Pleas Court had dismissed the case against Zaslow, who has offices on 12th Street near Locust, ruling he had not been brought to trial within the required 365 days of his arrest.

Appeals Court Judge Peter Paul Olszewski said that the lower court "abused its discretion" by dismissing the case. He ordered court officials to now list Zaslow for trial.

Olszewski said the DA's office "has met its burden of establishing that it acted with due diligence and that the circumstances occasioning the procedural delay [in the trial listing] were beyond its control."

In 1993, an investigating grand jury accused South Philadelphia lawyer A. Terry Daly of masterminding a scheme in which fraudulent insurance claims were filed, to the tune of \$1.3 million in illegal gains.

The jury said Zaslow worked with Daly to help Daly rip off insurance companies.

Daly was charged with 16 counts of fraud and is also awaiting trial. His case is currently on appeal on a separate legal issue.

The grand jury said Zaslow supported Daly's bogus insurance claims by supporting fake injuries claimed by Daly's clients.

Olszewski said Zaslow should be tried at the same time as Daly, "given his pervasive conspiracy with Daly in the crimes alleged"

Zaslow is charged with insurance fraud, false swearing, perjury, corrupt

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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prosecutors do not appeal, Cohen said he would sentence Daly next month. Daly remains free on bail.

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HEADLINE: GUILTY PLEA BY LAWYER IS DELAYED A. TERRY DALY WAS READY TO PROCEED IN THE INSURANCE-FRAUD CASE. THE HEARING WAS CONTINUED UNTIL AUG. 10.

BYLINE: Linda Loyd, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

BODY:

A guilty plea by Philadelphia lawyer A. Terry Daly, expected yesterday in Common Pleas Court, was delayed because of a last-minute glitch in the plea arrangements.

Daly had expected to plead guilty to numerous criminal charges that he turned his South Philadelphia law office into an insurance-fraud ring, said one of his attorneys.

But after a 45-minute closed-door session among lawyers and Judge Gene D. Cohen, the plea was continued until Aug. 10.

Emerging from the meeting, Daly's lawyer, Richard A. Sprague, said the matter "was continued at the request of the District Attorney's Office."

Chief Deputy District Attorney Arnold Gordon said he had no comment except that the hearing had been continued.

Bill Wolf Jr., another of Daly's lawyers, said later that Daly was still "going to plead guilty. That hasn't changed. It just didn't get off the ground. Little things had to be taken up that weren't quite complete or solid."

"But nothing as major as the charges, or the sentence," Wolf added. "He's going to plead guilty. That you can be sure of. The rest is detail."

Daly is charged with 85 criminal counts. He has agreed to plead guilty to a lesser number, sources in the case said, and his sentence would be left up to the judge.

Wolf said the plea had been continued because Cohen would be out of town attending a judge's school in Reno, Nev.

"There were some things that had to be worked out in the broad sense," Wolf said. "Not everybody was ready for it to happen today. . . . Mr. Daly came to court, ready, willing and able to plead to the charges that the district attorney was demanding he plead to - a variety of charges."

"He is not only willing to plead guilty - he has indicated to the prosecutors, through his counsel, Mr. Sprague, that he will testify in open court against those who participated in these crimes with him," including Center City osteopath Dennis B. Zaslow, Wolf said.

In another courtroom yesterday, Zaslow was ordered to stand trial by Municipal Court Judge Georganne V. Daher on 31 counts of perjury, corrupt organization, false swearing, tampering with public records and related charges.

Daly, Zaslow and two other defendants were scheduled for preliminary hearings on Monday. Daly waived his hearing, as did his former secretary, Jannette Lawsin.

The other defendant, Sheldon Bennett, Lawsin's friend and a former client of Daly's, waived his hearing Thursday after the District Attorney's Office permitted him to enter a non-trial probationary program.

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said: "We have no problem with Judge Cohen taking the case and with the indication the court will impose a sentence of 18 to five. We have no problem with that."

Rayborn also said, according to the transcript: "If (Daly) cooperates, and that's the sentence, we will be happy to point out to the parole board his cooperation" after the 18 months in prison.

The District Attorney's Office has contended that Daly's lawyers were trying to get a favorable sentence from the judge, rather than negotiating directly with the prosecution.

Gordon testified yesterday that he had several conversations with Sprague about the Daly case in the last year, and that the district attorney's recommendation was, and is, for five to 10 years in prison.

The judge gave the District Attorney's Office until Oct. 27 to decide whether to appeal his ruling. Gordon said his office would have to review the matter. If