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# Attorney Matthew Conroy acquitted in massive auto insurance case

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Garden City lawyer Matthew Conroy was acquitted on Monday in federal court in Manhattan of charges that he was a key player in a massive no-fault auto insurance conspiracy.

Conroy, 45, was charged in 2012 with being the "principal legal adviser" in the scheme, which allegedly bilked insurers out of \$113 million in what U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called "the largest no-fault insurance fraud in history."

He was found not guilty by U.S. District Judge Paul Oetken, who heard the case without a jury last year.

"Matt Conroy is a good and decent man who did not deserve to go through this," said his lawyer, Bruce Barket. "The judge found Matt did not know crimes were being committed, and did not knowingly participate."

Prosecutors had charged that the fraud ring recruited patients from auto accidents to go to bogus medical clinics it controlled and get unnecessary treatments to collect the \$50,000 in no-fault medical coverage available in New York.

One of the alleged leaders of the scheme, Mikhail Zemlyansky of Hewlett, was acquitted by a jury on several counts of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering in 2013, but faces a new trial on other charges beginning next month.