

Green Box: Owner Ron Van Den Heuvel jailed for witness intimidation, unauthorized spending



GREEN BAY - A federal judge has ordered De Pere businessman Ron Van Den Heuvel jailed for violating the terms of his bond.

Van Den Heuvel has been convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud for using straw borrowers to obtain loans under false pretenses for personal use and to keep his business, Green Box NA, and associated businesses afloat. He was sentenced in January to three years in prison, but he was allowed to

remain free under certain conditions while additional federal charges — wire fraud and money laundering — remain pending.

U.S. District Court Judge William Griesbach had required Van Den Heuvel to notify the government of any financial transactions larger than \$500, file monthly reports disclosing income and bank statements and disclose his

legal and financial troubles to potential investors.

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Prosecutors alleged that Van Den Heuvel in May paid \$3,500 in cash to

Oneida Golf and Country Club without the government's approval and had previously paid nearly \$15,000 to the club between September 2017 and February 2018.

The government also alleged that Van Den Heuvel failed to submit bank account statements as required, even though prosecutors believe that Van Den Heuvel has numerous accounts under his control but not in his name.

“It seems highly implausible that the Van Den Heuvels could maintain their high-end lifestyle without using any bank accounts,” prosecutors wrote in a court filing this week.

Van Den Heuvel also was accused of engaging in "subtle intimidation of witnesses in recent contacts," selling a van without authorization and attempting to sell a pyrolysis machine that is the subject of claims from multiple creditors.

Van Den Heuvel is charged in federal court with 14 counts of wire fraud and money laundering related to \$9 million collected from investors in his now-bankrupt Green Box recycling business. The case is scheduled to go to trial on Nov. 13.

Van Den Heuvel maintains Green Box and the related limited liability

corporations he created are legitimate and can convert food-contaminated waste into reusable paper products.