

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS AS REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS**

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Events</i>
2001	Sen. DeLuca’s Italian-American Legislative Caucus honored Galante as its Italian-American Man of the Year (Hartford Courant, June 3, 2007)
2002-2004	<p>Campaign finance records show that Sen. DeLuca’s Senate campaign and Political Action Committee (32 GOP PAC) received a total of about \$10,000 in campaign contributions from James Galante’s companies and at least two employees and others related to or living with them.</p> <p>Sen. DeLuca’s 32 GOP PAC received \$6,000 in checks from employees affiliated with James Galante’s Danbury garbage companies or their relatives. Just a month before, eight of Galante’s businesses purchased advertisements at \$250 each for a program booklet distributed at a fundraiser that Sen. DeLuca’s Senate campaign was holding. During that same period, records show that Galante’s companies gave \$500 to the senator’s campaign from Galante’s home district (Hartford Courant, June 16, 2007; New London Day, June 17, 2007)</p> <p>The ad purchases stopped in 2006, the same year Galante and his businesses were indicted by federal authorities in an alleged racketeering conspiracy to fix prices for trash hauling in part of Connecticut and New York (Hartford Courant, June 16, 2007)</p>
February 14, 2005	Mark Colella marries Casey Riley after three-week courtship. (iConn 8/5/2007 and Hartford Courant article of the same date)
Early 2005	Sen. DeLuca and his wife spoke at least twice with Police Chief O’Leary about their granddaughter (Hartford Courant, June 7, 2007)

	Sharon Reilly and Len and Maribeth Mecca (Casey Riley's aunts and uncle) met with the chief to learn more about Colella (Hartford Courant, June 8, 2007)
April 5, 2005	Sen. DeLuca met with Galante at Philip's Diner in Woodbury to ask him to have someone pay Colella "a visit," according to an affidavit filed in State Superior Court (The New York Times, June 2, 2007; iConn, August 5, 2007)
April 2005	FBI tells Colella that the mob is looking to physically harm him (Hartford Courant, August 5, 2007)
April 9, 2005	FBI and police thwart planned visit to Colella (Hartford Courant, August 5, 2007)
July 2005	During a raid on Galante's office, FBI finds a note passed between Sen. DeLuca and Galante. The note read: "Do you want me to have someone pay him a visit?" To which, the authorities said, Sen. DeLuca wrote back: "Yes." (New York Times, June 2, 2007)
June 2006	James Galante and 28 others were indicted by the U.S. attorney for involvement in an alleged racketeering scheme (Hartford Courant, August 6, 2007)
September 5 and 7, 2006	Sen. DeLuca met with an undercover agent at Phillips Diner in Woodbury. Agent is unsuccessful in attempt to bribe Sen. DeLuca. Sen. DeLuca agrees to agent's suggestion to lie to FBI about his April 5, 2005 meeting with Galante. In taped conversations, Sen. DeLuca said he'd protect Galante's interest at the Capitol, according to the affidavit. Sen. DeLuca said that "anything Galante needs anything, within my power, that I can do, I will do, and anything that could hurt Galante, I'll try to blunt it as best I can," according to the affidavit. (Hartford Courant, June 2 and 3, 2007)
January 3, 2007	Sen. DeLuca introduces Colella, Riley, and their son, Rocco, on Senate floor on opening day (iConn, August 5, 2007)
March 21, 2007	Richard Caccavale, an employee of James Galante, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to violate federal racketeering laws.

	Caccavale was the person Galante asked to “pay a visit” to DeLuca’s grandson-in-law (Hartford Courant, July 12, 2007).
June 1, 2007	<p>During the morning Sen. DeLuca told the governor and Republican leaders of his impending arrest.</p> <p>Sen. DeLuca was arrested by state prosecutors at about 2 p.m. and charged with conspiracy to commit second-degree threatening</p> <p>Arrest warrant affidavit made public (Hartford Courant, June 3, 2007; The New York Times and Republican American, June 2, 2007 )</p>
June 1, 2007	U.S. Attorney Kevin J. O’Connor said that although the federal investigation is continuing, federal and state law enforcement officials agreed they do not have enough evidence to file a corruption charge against Sen. DeLuca at this time. He called Sen. DeLuca’s actions in the case “troubling, it’s disturbing conduct,” and refused to rule out future corruption charges (New Haven Register, June 2, 2007).
June 4, 2007	Sen. DeLuca pled guilty to charge of conspiracy to threaten. He received a six-month suspended sentence and was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and donate \$1,000 to charity as apart of the plea deal. (New Haven Register and Republican American, June 5, 2007)
June 4, 2007	<p>Impromptu News Conference—Sen. DeLuca repeatedly emphasized the Galante matter involved a “personal problem.” “It was a tough day...I acknowledged that I made a mistake in judgment. I take full responsibility.”</p> <p>“I can’t continue to talk about the case because the federal government said I could be called as a witness and upon advice of ... my lawyers, they said if you’re potentially a witness at any time you can’t talk about a case,” said Sen. DeLuca. “So I respect that.” (New Haven Register and Republican American, June 5, 2007)</p>

<p>June 2007</p>	<p>Sources close to the case said Sen. DeLuca’s plea and the sentence were part of a negotiated settlement between him, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office, which prosecuted the matter based on evidence collected by the FBI.</p> <p>Judge Alexander said in court Monday that she was initially reluctant last week to sign Sen. DeLuca’s arrest warrant, having recognized that the statute of limitations had expired.</p> <p>The misdemeanor threatening charge to which he pleaded guilty is a state crime and carries a one-year statute of limitations that expired on April 6, 2006, the first anniversary of the breakfast meeting with Galante.</p> <p>In return for Sen. DeLuca’s agreement to waive the statute of limitations and plead guilty, the U.S. attorney’s office has agreed not to prosecute Sen. DeLuca for other crimes that could arise from his conversations with Galante or the undercover agent. In addition, he may have to testify if the 72 – count indictment against Galante goes to trial. (Hartford Courant, June 5, 2007)</p>
<p>June 7, 2007</p>	<p>Craig Raabe, Sen. DeLuca’s attorney, stated Sen. DeLuca and his wife spoke at least twice with Waterbury Police Chief Neil O’Leary about their granddaughter, including a “specific discussion with the chief of physical domestic abuse.” However, he said the DeLucas never filed a complaint. Sen. DeLuca said the chief stated “he couldn’t help them without a complaint from his granddaughter” (Hartford Courant June 7, 2007 and Republican American June 8, 2007)</p>
<p>June 7, 2007</p>	<p>Police Chief O’Leary denied that domestic abuse was ever mentioned in three conversations he had with Sen. DeLuca or other family members. O’Leary also stated that Sen. DeLuca is a “seasoned politician” and knew very well that state law requires</p>

	<p>police to investigate reports of domestic abuse even without a victim's complaint. O'Leary also stated that if he had truly given Sen. DeLuca the erroneous information that Sen. DeLuca claims he did, the senator could have gone elsewhere with his concerns. (Hartford Courant June 8, 2007)</p>
June 7, 2007	<p>In reference to the undercover agent, Sen. DeLuca states "I thought I was talking to a tough guy. I realized I was in a bad situation. I was afraid, and I said some stupid things" (Republican American, June 8, 2007)</p>
June 7, 2007	<p>Sen. DeLuca states that he photographed bruises his granddaughter suffered, but destroyed them at her request. (Republican American, June 8, 2007)</p>
June 8, 2007	<p>Sen. DeLuca's attorney, Craig Raabe, said the FBI can confirm that O'Leary advised Sen. DeLuca that he couldn't do anything without his granddaughter's complaint. Raabe asked the U.S. Attorney's office to provide the confirmation. U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Connor declined, citing an ongoing investigation (Hartford Courant, June 8, 2007)</p>
June 8, 2007	<p>O'Leary said Sen. DeLuca and his family had expressed informal concerns, including that the granddaughter was involved with a much older man and had shut herself off from her relatives. He said they declined his offer to look into the situation. (Hartford Courant and Republican American, June 8, 2007)</p>
June 8, 2007	<p>Sharon Reilly states "at no time did we [Reilly and Mecca] talk to him [O'Leary] about abuse. Mecca stated she "never heard allegations of abuse until she read them in the paper" (Republican American, June 8, 2007)</p>
Week of June 10, 2007	<p>In an indictment this week, one of the additional charges against Galante is an allegation that members of his "criminal enterprise" and their associates "bundled campaign contributions to (unnamed) politicians, and on occasion, provided unlawful favors to politicians</p>

	<p>to establish a corrupt relationship in the hope of improperly influencing or controlling these politicians.”</p> <p>“Bundling” means orchestrating campaign contributions, federal law enforcement officials said in a press release.</p> <p>Federal authorities would not acknowledge that Sen. DeLuca is one of the politicians referred to in that charge. (Hartford Courant, June 16, 2007)</p>
June 14, 2007	Sen. DeLuca resigned as Senate minority leader (New London Day June 17, 2007)
Mid June 2007	State Democratic Party chairwoman Nancy DiNardo filed a complaint with the Office of State Ethics against Sen. DeLuca. She asked the office to determine if Sen. DeLuca misused his office for his own private benefit (Hartford Courant, June 21, 2007)
July 11, 2007	In reference to Richard Caccavale, Sen. DeLuca states “There was never any indication of any monies, favors or anything else....I never even heard of this man until yesterday” (Republican American, July 12, 2007)
July 12, 2007	Caccavale sentenced in U.S. District Court on racketeering charges (Republican American, July 12, 2007)
August 22, 2007	Senate passes resolution (33-0) establishing Bipartisan Committee of Review
August 23, 2007	Bipartisan Committee of Review committee members named
August 28, 2007	Bipartisan Committee of Review held its first meeting
September 6, 2007	Bipartisan Committee of Review’s second meeting scheduled to be held