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6 Months' Detention

Former lawmaker sentenced

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Former Nassau County Legis. Patrick Williams, who admitted that he fraudulently inflated the incomes of 11 prospective minority homeowners, was sentenced yesterday to 6 months' home detention, 5 years' probation and fined.

After he resigned in July, Williams pleaded guilty to charges that he fraudulently obtained about \$2.2 million in home mortgages for his clients whose incomes were too low to qualify for them legally.

With two dozen of his supporters packed into U.S. District Court in Central Islip, Williams was sentenced by Judge Joanna Seybert, who could have

given him up to 12 months in jail. He was also fined \$51,023.03, the amount he earned in commissions.

But before sentencing Williams, Seybert questioned why a man with "a stellar record" as a mortgage broker and community servant would "start to fudge" financial documents for clients.

"It is not my intention to send you to jail," Seybert told Williams. "But I can't fathom why you did it. And I really can't put that aside. You have harmed the community you served."

With his wife, Hazelin, and three children listening in the courtroom, Williams told the judge, "I am ex-



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Patrick Williams, right, with lawyer Fred Brewington outside court in Central Islip