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Retired FBI special agent pleads guilty to concealing information from bureau

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Charles McGonigal, a former counterintelligence chief for the FBI, leaves a federal courthouse as a protestor carries a sign and a Russian flag behind him after a hearing related to his arrest in New York in February. File Photo by Justin Lane/EPA-EFE © Provided by UPI News

Sept. 24 (UPI) -- The former special agent in charge of the FBI's field office in New York pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of concealing information from the bureau.

By pleading guilty, Charles F. McGonigal admitted he had failed to disclose that he received \$225,000 in cash from a person who had business interests in Europe, the Justice Department said [in a news release](#).

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McGonigal, who was supervising counterintelligence efforts at the time, had concealed that he received the cash from the former foreign security officer and traveled abroad with them, together meeting with foreign nationals.

"The individual later served as an FBI source in a criminal investigation involving foreign political lobbying over which McGonigal had official supervisory responsibility," the Justice Department said.

McGonigal retired from the FBI in 2018. Last month, he [pleaded guilty](#) in a separate case to working with a sanctioned Russian oligarch

Oleg Deripaska, once considered Russia's richest person, was sanctioned by the United States in 2018 in connection to the Kremlin's 2014 illegal annexation of Crimea from Ukraine.

Prosecutors said that starting in 2021, McGonigal violated those sanctions by providing services to Deripaska, specifically agreeing to investigate a rival Russian oligarch. He is scheduled to be sentenced in that case on Dec. 14.

U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has scheduled McGonigal to appear for his sentencing hearing on Feb. 16, 2024, for the concealing information case. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison for that charge.

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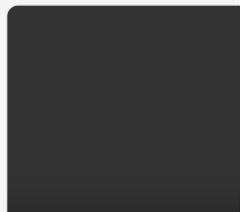
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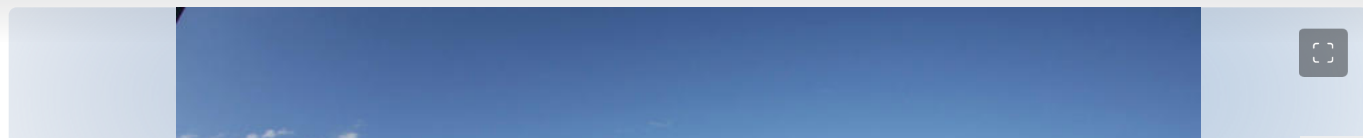
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STATE COLLEGE, PA - SEPTEMBER 10: General view of the Alabama Crimson Tide and Penn State Nittany Lions game during the second half at Beaver Stadium on September 10, 2011 in State College, Pennsylvania. (Photo by Rob Carr/Getty Images)
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Penn State had its way with Iowa during a primetime showdown on CBS on Saturday night.

The Hawkeyes continue to struggle on offense and the fan base appears to be fed up.

Many are calling for longtime head coach Kirk Ferentz to be ousted, due to his refusal to part ways with his son, offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz.

"We just witnessed the end of the Ferentz era tonight. It's over. Kirk won't ever fire his son. Iowa still may win 8-9 games but it's over in terms of championships and winning anything of significance," one fan tweeted.

Other fans are weighing in.

"Let's just get ahead of the game and fire both Ferentz's now," one fan added.

"How pathetic is Brian Ferentz and his offense? Daddy Ferentz is gonna have to fire junior because if he doesn't, there will be two Ferentz's looking for work," one fan added.

"You do realize Kirk Ferentz is 68...right? Even if you don't fire him he's not lasting much longer and even if he did he's on a major downhill slide with his age," one fan added.

What do you think the Hawkeyes should do right now?

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