

Grand Jury Script

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Video	Audio
Hart walking	Chris Hart became the fourth Hillsborough county commissioner ordered to testify before a federal grand jury ... on matters involving Tampa General Hospital.
SOT: CHRIS HART	PREVIOUSLY I TOLD YOU I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL POLITICS. I WILL TELL YOU NOW THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS INVESTIGATION.
Hospital hallway, nurses, shot of security mirror, hospital employees	Hart says he was questioned about the commission's delay in considering Tampa General's request to restore the hospital's right to collect insurance settlements for medical bills before other creditors.
Jan Platt walking	Jan Platt appeared before a grand jury before, when three fellow commissioners were indicted in a bribery scandal in the early 80's. She has questions of her own about Tampa General's money problems, and says a grand jury investigation is the best way to sort out the suspicion.
SOT: JAN PLATT	IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FACTS COME OUT AND IF THERE IS CRIMINAL WRONGDOING THEN THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.
Busansky walking	Former Hillsborough commissioner Phyllis Busansky also appeared today, but declined to discuss her testimony. But Commission Chairman Tom Scott says it was Busansky who introduced him to medical equipment salesman David Bekhor.
SOT: TOM SCOTT	DAVID BEKHOR AT NO TIME, AT NO TIME, OFFERED ME ANY KIND OF REMUNERATION, ANY KIND OF CONTRIBUTION FOR MY CAMPAIGN OR ANYTHING.
ON CAMERA	Scott believes he is the grand jury target, but denies pressuring Tampa general to do business with Bekhor in exchange for a pro-hospital vote on the insurance issue.
SOT: TOM SCOTT	I CANNOT BE BOUGHT. NOBODY OWNS ME. I DO WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT FOR THIS COMMUNITY.
Prosecutors leaving courthouse	Prosecutors left the courthouse today without hearing from Scott, who says he was excused from testifying for now. For NewsLab, I'm Deborah Potter.