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Lobbyist, employee will spend year in jail

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WILLIAMSBURG -- A lobbyist from Winchester and his employee were sentenced Monday to five years apiece in Williamsburg-James City County Circuit Court for defrauding an innkeeper last year. However, the pair will serve just one year of active time.

Michael Donovan, 31, is registered with the Virginia Public Access Project as a lobbyist. Co-defendant Richard Moore, also 31, is an employee, according to court testimony. Both pleaded guilty last July to obtaining more than \$200 by false pretenses, a felony.

Donovan is listed as part of True Vantage Management & Consulting Service. The firm's website reveals a focus on campaign services, including management, consulting and vetting of candidates.

Both Donovan and Moore were sentenced to five years, with four suspended. The pair also were given nine years probation.

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