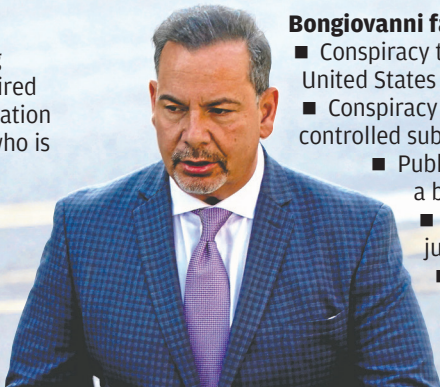


BONGIOVANNI TRIAL

A jury will begin deliberating Wednesday in the trial of retired Drug Enforcement Administration agent Joseph Bongiovanni, who is accused of accepting more than \$250,000 in bribes to protect drug dealers he believed were associated with organized crime.



Bongiovanni faces these charges:

- Conspiracy to defraud the United States (2 counts)
- Conspiracy to distribute controlled substances (2 counts)
- Public official accepting a bribe (2 counts)
- Obstruction of justice (7 counts)
- Making a false statement to an agency of the United States (2 counts)