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♦ David Laufer, the former chief of the Prosthetics and Orthotics Department at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, was charged with making false statements, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland said [1] Feb. 5. The indictment alleges that Laufer didn't report financial benefits he got from Person B and Company B, which provided prosthetics and orthotics materials to Walter Reed, in exchange for payments from the government. His job required him to disclose outside income above a certain amount. Laufer also allegedly lied to federal agents about receiving gifts and money from vendors doing business with his department.

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