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## BACKUP

*Editor's Note:* In 2006, Marlinga was [acquitted](#) of these charges by a jury.

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- **Marlinga allegedly swapped favors in two rape cases in exchange for contributions to his 2002 congressional campaign.** “Marlinga’s candidacy comes 15 years after he was acquitted of federal corruption charges. The former Macomb County prosecutor had faced up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for allegedly swapping favors in two rape cases for contributions to his failed 2002 congressional campaign. The charges prompted him to step down as Macomb County’s prosecutor in 2004 after 20 years on the job.” (Robert Snell, “Macomb judge in running to lead U.S. Attorney’s Office that once indicted him,” [The Detroit News](#), 3/31/21)
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