

# Cooperator in Galleon Insider-Trading Case Given Probation

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The cooperator who played a key role in the investigation and prosecution of Galleon Group founder Raj Rajaratnam and former Goldman Sachs Group Inc. director Rajat Gupta was sentenced to probation recently. Anil Kumar was one of the government's most valued sources in its probe into the prevalence of insider trading on Wall Street, according to [Reuters](#).

Even though he committed "quintessentially dishonest criminal conduct" in the eyes of the judge and was facing 25 years in prison, he was sentenced to two years probation. Judge Denny Chin is the same judge who sentenced Bernie Madoff to 150 years for his misdeeds.

As previously highlighted on this [Arizona white-collar crime blog](#), the SEC and other agencies are often more lenient toward individuals who cooperate and assist their investigations. The benefit of cooperating often depends on the type of information provided as well as the culpability of the individual. In this case, Kumar's sentence of probation was likely influenced by the significance of the evidence he was able to provide.

Any decision about whether to cooperate with investigators should be made on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with an experienced white-collar [criminal defense](#) attorney who can help you weigh your options and decide what is in your best interests.

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