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Ex-NY pol in corruption case: I'm a Xanax addict

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YONKERS, N.Y. — A former Yonkers city councilwoman convicted of corruption is pressing to start her time behind bars in a drug treatment program. But prosecutors say she may just be malingering.

Federal prosecutors said in court papers Friday that Sandy Annabi's claim of being addicted to the anti-anxiety drug Xanax "may well be an attempt to game the system."

Defense lawyer Edward Sapone has asked a judge to recommend putting Annabi in a drug-abuse program once she begins her six-year prison term. She's due to surrender March 4.

Sapone says Annabi became addicted to Xanax after her 2010 arrest.

Annabi was convicted of accepting nearly \$200,000 to change her vote on real estate deals. Her defense said she changed her votes because the developers made concessions to help the city.

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