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AUSTIN (Reuters) - A judge January 10 sentenced former U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leader Tom DeLay to up to five years in prison after a jury found him guilty of money laundering and conspiracy. DeLay, dubbed "The Hammer" for his hard-driving style, was found guilty on November 24 of conspiring to illegally funnel \$190,000 in corporate campaign donations to Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature in the 2002 elections. *AP is currently reporting DeLay will was sentenced to up to three years in prison, as opposed to five.*

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