James A. Traficant Jr.

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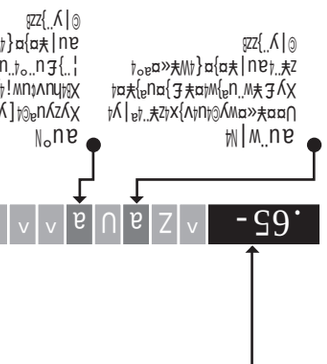
A look back at the life and career of James A. Traficant Jr. of Poland, who rose from humble beginnings to become a popular and controversial U.S. congressman. Traficant's career ended when he was indicted on charges of racketeering, bribery, obstruction of justice and tax evasion in 2002. He was scheduled to be released today after serving seven years and one month in prison.