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FOLSOM FATHER AND SON CHARGED WITH ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS CRIMES

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DONALD WOODWORTH PARKER, 69, and his son STEVEN WOODWORTH PARKER, 42, both of Folsom, Calif., appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd for their arraignment on a four-count indictment charging them with conspiracy, unlawful transportation of archaeological resources removed from public lands, unlawful interstate transportation of archaeological resources removed in violation of state law, and possession of stolen property belonging to the United States.

This case is the a product of joint investigation by the United States Bureau of Land Management, United States National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Sacramento County Parks Department.

The charges are based on the PARKERS' alleged unlawfully collecting of archaeological resources that were at least 100 years of age and were of archaeological interest, including Native American projectile points, bifaces, stone tools, and flaked or ground stone from the state of Nevada and transporting those artifacts to their home in Folsom where the artifacts were stored. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture to the United States of the artifacts involved.

The defendants face a potential prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of up to \$850,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in an indictment are only allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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