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Former Des Moines, Iowa, Police Officer Indicted for Civil Rights Violation

DES MOINES, IA – Colin Boone, previously employed as an officer of the Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, was indicted on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, on the charge of deprivation of rights under color of law for assaulting a civilian during the course of an arrest on February 19, 2013, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Boone was arrested in South Dakota this morning, and is scheduled to have an initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at 3:15 p.m. this afternoon.

The charge of deprivation of rights under color of law, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242, carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The indictment specifically charges that Boone physically assaulted the victim by kicking him, resulting in bodily injury.

Today's indictment is the result of an investigation conducted by the Des Moines
Resident Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of this matter is being
handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa and the Civil Rights
Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The public is reminded that an indictment is only an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.