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## PENNSAUKEN MAN CHARGED WITH LYING AND USING A FALSE IDENTITY TO OBTAIN A JOB WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

CAMDEN, N.J. – A man who used an alias to get a job as a census taker has been charged with providing false statements to the U.S. Census Bureau and fraudulently using a social security number not assigned to him, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

According to the Complaint filed late yesterday in Camden federal court:

Frank Kuni, 47, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, applied for and obtained a job with the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau in connection with the 2010 Census. In his application for a position with the U.S. Census Bureau, Kuni used the alias "Jamie Shepard" and submitted a social security number which was assigned to someone else.

Kuni was arrested on May 5, 2010, by Officers of the Pennsauken Township Police Department and is currently in custody on state charges. He will appear on the federal charges before a United States Magistrate Judge at a date to be determined.

If convicted, Kuni faces a maximum potential penalty of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each of the two counts with which he is charged.

In determining an actual sentence, the judge to whom the case is assigned would, upon a conviction, consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Fishman credited the Federal Protective Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate; the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General; Pennsauken Township Police Department; and Camden County Prosecutor's Office with the ongoing investigation which led to these charges.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason M. Richardson of the Criminal Division in Camden.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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