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ROCHESTER MAN INDICTED FOR FILING FRAUDULENT DISABILITY DOCUMENTS

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--A Federal Grand Jury in Rochester has returned a two count Indictment charging MICHAEL ALLEN LEE, 45, of Rochester, New York, with Social Security Fraud and making a False Statement to the United States Veterans Administration. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who presented the evidence to the Grand Jury, stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with providing false documents in applications for disability benefits from both the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Edward Ryan and the Department of Veterans Affairs - Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey G Hughes.

The defendant will be arraigned before the Honorable Jonathan Feldman in United States Magistrate Court.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.