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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS**

**Columbia, South Carolina** ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that a Federal Grand Jury in Columbia, South Carolina, returned Indictment(s) against the following:

**Graniteville Man Charged with Defrauding the Department of Energy.** Jeffrey Richardson, age 59, of Graniteville, was charged in a 1-count Indictment with Theft of Government Funds, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. The maximum penalty Richardson could receive is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. The case was investigated by the United States Department of Energy and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office for prosecution.

**Lexington Man Charged with Trafficking in Counterfeit Merchandise.** Orrian J. Anders, age 40, of Lexington, was charged in a two count Indictment trafficking in counterfeit goods, violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320(a). The maximum penalty Anders could receive is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000,000. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office for prosecution.

**Mexican Man Charged with Illegal Entry into the United States.** Jose Angel Estrada Salazar, age 41, of originally of Mexico, was charged in a one count Indictment with illegal entry into the United States after commission of an aggravated felony, violations of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b)(2). The maximum penalty Estrada Salazar could receive is 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs

Enforcement and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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