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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

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

Foreign Nationals Charged with Illegal Re-entry. OSCAR GONZALEZ-MONTOYA, MIGUEL ANGEL CHAN, and FRANCISCO FRANCISCO-JUAN, were each charged in one-count Indictments with illegal re-entry to the United States, a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326. The maximum penalty each could receive, depending on their prior criminal history, is two to twenty years imprisonment. These cases were investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents and are assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Max Cauthen of the Greenville office for prosecution.

Foreign National Charged with False Use of a Social Security Number.

FELIPE DE JESUS DIAZ-ARAIZA, was charged in a one-count Indictment with false use of a Social Security account number, a violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B). The maximum penalty he could receive, depending on his prior criminal history, is five years imprisonment. This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Max Cauthen of the Greenville office for prosecution.

Spartanburg Residents and Hilliard, Ohio, Residents Indicted for Conspiracy, Selling of Counterfeit Goods and the Use of Unauthorized Coupons and/or Authorization Cards. Issa M. Saba, age 55, Hany Samir Nagib, age 46, and Samer Hayel Issa Alamat, age 32, all of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Azmi Azzam Al-Hamouri, age unknown, Ahmad T. Al-Mahmoud, age 29, and Mahmoud T. Al-Mahmoud, age 33, all of Hilliard, Ohio, were charged in a six-count Indictment with conspiracy, selling of counterfeit goods and the use of unauthorized coupons or authorization cards, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 2320(a) and a violation of Title 7, United States Code, Section 2024(b)(1). The maximum penalty Issa M. Saba, Hany Samir Nagib, and Samer Hayel Issa Alamat, could receive is 5 years imprisonment for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 371; 10 years imprisonment for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320(a); and 20 years imprisonment for violating Title 7, United States Code, Section 2024(b)(1). The maximum penalty Azmi Azzam Al-Hamouri and Ahmad T. Al-Mahmoud could receive is 5 years imprisonment for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, and 10 years imprisonment for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320(a). The

maximum penalty Mahmoud T. Al-Mahmoud could receive is 5 years imprisonment for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney William J. Watkins, Jr., of the Greenville office for prosecution.

Liberty Resident Indicted for Social Security Fraud. Deborah Fendley, age 54, of Liberty, South Carolina, was charged in a one-count Indictment with social security fraud, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. The maximum penalty Deborah Fendley could receive is 10 years imprisonment. The case was investigated by agents of the Social Security Administration and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney William C. Lucius of the Greenville 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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