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TEGA CAY WOMAN INDICTED FOR BOGUS COUPON SCHEME

COLUMBIA, South Carolina - - United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins announced that a Federal Grand Jury indicted Janice Marie Carlisle, 46, of Tega Cay, South Carolina, on five counts of fraud related to the sale of bogus coupons. The Indictment alleges that in 2005, Carlisle defrauded companies, such as Staples, Chick-fil-A, Outback Steakhouse, and Kroger, by printing unauthorized discount coupons and selling them without the permission of the companies represented on the coupons, and by using email communications and an internet site to promote and sell the coupons. The Indictment further alleges that Carlisle used the United States Mail to correspond with purchasers regarding the sale and delivery of the unauthorized coupons.

The maximum penalty for each count is a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for 20 years.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service and is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Hunter Young of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are merely accusations and that defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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