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### **GEORGIA COUPLE GUILTY OF USING FICTITIOUS NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN CLUB PROMOTIONS SCHEME**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W.

Walter Wilkins stated that Rhonda Jeffers, 28, and her husband, Jerrimie Jeffers, 34, both of Newman, Georgia, pled guilty in federal court in Columbia to using fictitious names and addresses to apply for introductory rates as first time members to various clubs promoting books, magazines, DVDs, compact discs, and videos, by means of U.S. mail. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie will sentence Rhonda and Jerrimie Jeffers at a later date.

From about March 2005 through April 2006, Rhonda and Jerrimie Jeffers admitted to using fictitious names and variations of their

addresses in order to appear to be first time members so as to obtain the introductory rates from various clubs promoting the order and sale of items such as books, magazines, DVDs, compact discs, and videos, by means of the U.S. mail. Once they received the free items and items at reduced rates as a result of their club memberships, they would subsequently sell those items at higher prices to others, using the U.S. mail. Authorities estimate the fraud caused losses to the clubs totaling \$120,000.00.

Rhonda and Jerrimie Jeffers both face a maximum possible penalty of five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by Postal Inspectors of the U. S. Postal Inspection Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Hunter Young of the Columbia office is prosecuting the case.

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