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MIDLANDS RESIDENTS CHARGED IN COUNTERFEIT CHECK RING

Columbia, S.C. – United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins announced today that ten people were indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiring to make and pass counterfeit checks to various merchants across South Carolina.

Named in the Indictment were:

Rafael Dominic Christopher Williams, age 23, Kizzie Lee Washington, age 30, David Shelton Mackey, age 25, Matthew Allen Ager, age 25, Ki Yutonda Joyner, age 25, and Lakeisha Nicole Robinson, age 28, all of Columbia, Shaquan Lamonte Lovely, age 39, of Hopkins, Shanda Trenesa Mack, age 24, of Florence, Byron Kendall Brown, age 34, of Glenville, West Virginia, formerly of Columbia, and Darryl Steven Cockrell, age 33, of Beaver, West Virginia, formerly of Hopkins.

The maximum penalty offense each defendant faces is a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for five years.

This case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Nathan S. Williams of the

Columbia office for prosecution. The United States Attorney stated that all charges contained in the Indictment are merely allegations, and that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty.